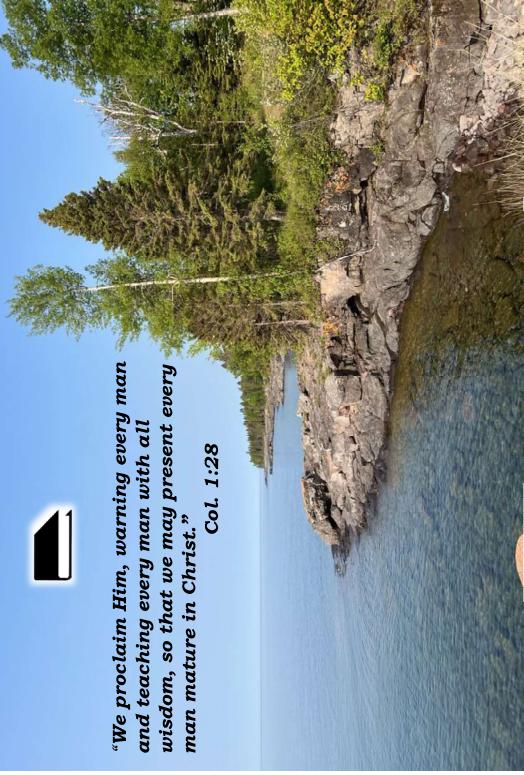


Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship



"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ."

Col. 1:28



“Satan and the Fall of Man Into Sin”

Gen. 3:1-7

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- 2 The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;
- 3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'
- 4 The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die!
- 5 "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
- 6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.
- 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

Gen 3:1-7

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Summary

1. Science contributes nothing to our understanding of **how** the universe was created, except to confirm what the Bible says happened. It can only observe what is already created. Science is in constant flux. Scientists abandon theories all the time.
2. Theories are formed to avoid ultimate accountability to and judgment by a Creator/Law Giver/Judge. (Rom. 1:18 – "who suppress the truth")
3. Why would I follow or believe anything fallen creatures postulate about the origin of the universe who are suppressing the truth.
4. A house is built from the foundation up, not from the roof down. Gen. 1-3 is the foundation for the rest of the Bible.
5. There are only 2 views of how the universe came into existence – 1. God did it according to Scripture. or 2. It evolved.

A day in the life for Adam & Eve

Work in the garden – trim, plant, cultivate, mine the minerals, domesticate some of the animals, build with trees.

Play with the animals - lion, or an alligator or an eagle or an elephant or a dragon fly – they are all your pets.

Prepare food – food in abundance for all – no death yet, so no eating each other for food. No competition for food, just to survive.

Conversations filled with joy, laughter, and everything positive. No time clock. No doctor appts. No disease, No aches or pains. No schedule.

Never catch a cold. Never get the flu. Never grow old.

Time to discover anything and everything good

Time with God. Hear His words (Bible Study) Talk to Him (prayer). Listen to His depth and knowledge on any subject. Ask Him about an elephant and how his trunk works or how many stars there are or how does my eyeball function?

Never go on vacation. They are on a continual one.

No sin. No arguing or fighting

No fear of weather – no hurricanes, earthquakes, tornados, hail storms, snow storms, flooding.

No bills to pay.

No competition.

No deadlines.

Nothing deteriorates. Nothing dies. Nothing ages.

Everything is in harmony

Everything goes right. Nothing goes wrong. Never any mistakes.

Everything works. All of your ideas work.

“have a good day” makes no sense. “Why wouldn’t you?”

Boring?? Hardly. Unending things to discover which bring happiness and joy. Heaven, for us, will be like that.

“Creation is the overflow of God’s exuberance in being God. The universe exists to showcase God’s greatness, beauty and worth.”

- John Piper

5 Clues That “Something is Up”

1. The fall of Lucifer.

Why was it allowed to happen?

Why wasn’t it immediately dealt with?

Rev 12:4

4 And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.

2. Man is to “protect” the garden.

From what?

Gen 1:28

28 God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; וְכֹבֵד kabash to conquer, to bring into subjection, to tread down, to disregard.

Gen 2:15

15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. תִּשְׁמַר shamar - to protect, to build a hedge around, to guard, to preserve, to be watchful.

3. The 2 trees.

Why put those in the garden?

Why make them a test?

Gen 2:9

9 Out of the ground the Lord God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

4. Adam and Eve’s inclination changes.

“Very good” Adam and Eve become very bad Adam and Eve.

How and why does that happen?

Gen 1:31

31 God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. 5 The Lord Jesus awaits in heaven, before sin occurs, to come and die for man’s sin.

Acts 2:23

23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God,

1 Peter 1:19, 20

19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

20 For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world.

Angelology – the study of angels.

2 kinds of angels – elect (those chosen who did not fall) and non-elect (those who did fall – Satan and demons).

2 kinds of fallen angels – those who are free, and those who are in bondage.

*All were created at once.

*They do not reproduce.

*They are eternal.

*All were created on first day of creation (1:3).

*Between chapters 2 & 3 was probably when Satan’s fall occurred, Took 1/3 of the angels with him. (Rev. 12:4)

Satan’s Fall

Isaiah 14:12-15

Ez. 28: 1-16

Rev. 12:4,9

Let’s look at these scriptures . . .

Isa 14:12-15

12 "How you have fallen from heaven,
O star of the morning, son of the dawn!
You have been cut down to the earth,
You who have weakened the nations!
13 "But you said in your heart,
'I will ascend to heaven;
I will raise my throne above the stars of God,
And I will sit on the mount of assembly
In the recesses of the north.
14 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High.'
15 "Nevertheless, you will be thrust down to Sheol,
To the recesses of the pit.

Ezek 28:11-16

Again the word of the Lord came to me saying,
12 "Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre
and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord God,
"You had the seal of perfection,
Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.
13 "You were in Eden, the garden of God;
Every precious stone was your covering:
The ruby, the topaz and the diamond;
The beryl, the onyx and the jasper;
The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald;
And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets,
Was in you.
On the day that you were created

They were prepared.

14 "You were the anointed cherub who covers,
And I placed you there.
You were on the holy mountain of God;
You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.
15 "You were blameless in your ways
From the day you were created
Until unrighteousness was found in you.
16 "By the abundance of your trade
You were internally filled with violence,
And you sinned;
Therefore, I have cast you as profane

Rev 12:3-4

3 Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems.
4 And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.

- Note: God permitted Satan's fall, not because He couldn't stop it, but because He had a purpose for it.

Satan's Profile

1. Deceiver

Rev 12:9

9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world.

2. Liar

John 8:44

44 and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

3. Aggressor

1 Peter 5:8

8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

4. Murderer (source of death and destruction)

John 8:44

44 "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning,

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made.

- There is really no reason to plant the garden as everything was very good, other than the fact that the garden will be the battle ground for who will control the earth.
- A part of creation has already fallen – Satan and his demons.
- So Adam and Eve are to protect and guard the garden.
- Satan was probably furious when God decided to give man dominion over the earth.
- Man's authority would now be challenged.

Application

1. Your environment is not the cause of your sin. Don't blame others or the world for the fact that you sin.

2. We are caught in a great battle on several levels:

*The angelic war between fallen and unfallen angels.
(Rev.12)

*The believer's war with the powers of darkness. (Eph. 6)

*The war for control over this earth. (2 Thes. 2)

*The war for the control of the mind of man.

2 Cor 10:5

We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every **thought** captive to the obedience of Christ,

*The war to destroy the believer. (Job 1,2)

3. God does have a purpose for sin entering the world.