

LUST IS THE WAY THAT OPENS THE DOOR TO SIN!

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NOTE: - All Bible texts are taken from the King James Version; and the compiler has supplied all emphasis throughout this Study Document.

James 1:15: - **"Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin:** and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

- The Greek word that is translated as "hath conceived" in the KJV, is the word "sullambano" – See Strong's Concordance; Greek, No. 4815. It is defined as "to conceive." – A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature; by Walter Bauer; pages 776 & 777.
- The Greek word that is translated as "bringeth forth" in the KJV, is the word "tikto" – See Strong's Concordance; Greek, No. 5088. It is defined as "to bear, give birth" – Bauer's Lexicon, pages 816 & 817.
- The literal translation of the first phrase that is highlighted in the above verse reads as follows: -
"Then lust having conceived gives birth to sin".

☞ Lust in all its various forms, is the germinating seed that conceives and gives birth to sin.

LUST IS KNOWN BY THE 10TH COMMANDMENT – "THOU SHALT NOT COVET": -

Romans 7:7: - "What shall we say then? [is] the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: **for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.**"

- The Greek word that is translated as "lust" in the KJV, is the word "epithumia" – See Strong's Concordance; Greek No, 1939. It is defined as "desire, longing, craving" – Bauer's Lexicon, page 293.
- In the context of sin, **LUST** should be defined as: - any unlawful desire or craving.

Exodus 20:17: - **"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that [is] thy neighbour's."**

THE FIRST SINS HAD THEIR SEEDS IN LUST AND COVETING: -

John has recorded the simple truth that the Devil committed sin from the beginning. He was the first sinner in the universe.

1 John 3:8: - "He that committeth sin is of the devil; **for the devil sinneth from the beginning**. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

NOTE: - Paul has made it clear that *"for where no law is, [there is] no transgression"* - Romans 4:15; *"sin is not imputed when there is no law"* – Romans 5:13. The apostle John has told us that the Devil sinned from the beginning (he defines sin as being *"the transgression of the law – 1 John 3:4"*), proving that God's Law was in existence in heaven from eternity.

The prophet Isaiah tells us that Lucifer in heaven wanted to be like God; he wanted to be worshipped as God. Isaiah 14:12 - 14: - **"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High."**

- Lucifer in heaven wanted to be *"like the most High"* – VS. 14. He wanted to be worshipped as God. In other words, he desired – or lusted after the position and worship that belonged to God alone. He thus violated the 10th Commandment – *"Thou shalt not covet"* – Exodus 20:17.

- And when a person violates the 10th Commandment, the apostle Paul has informed us that they have become an idolater, and they can have no place in the kingdom of God.

Ephesians 5:5, 6: - "For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, **nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.** Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience."

Colossians 3:5, 6: - "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, **and covetousness, which is idolatry.** For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience."

1 Corinthians 6:9, 10: - "**Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?** Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, **nor covetous,** nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, **shall inherit the kingdom of God.**"

- Therefore a covetous person is also violating the 1st Commandment – "*Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*" – Exodus 20:3; which truth tells us that Lucifer was also an idolater, and as such he could no longer be retained in the kingdom of God. He was thus expelled from heaven with his angels, because of their sin.
2 Peter 2:4: - "**For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast [them] down to hell,** and delivered [them] into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment."

We have specific further information concerning the sins that the Devil committed from the beginning in his rebellion in heaven. Jesus said he was a murderer and the first liar.

John 8:44: - "Ye are of [your] father **the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning,** and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. **When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.**"

- According to Jesus, the Devil transgressed the 6th and 9th Commandments from the beginning, namely – "*Thou shalt not kill.*" "*Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.*" – Exodus 20:13 & 16.
- This statement of Jesus' is conclusive proof that God's Law of Ten Commandments was in existence from all eternity. Remember what Paul has already taught us, that if there is no law, then there can be no transgression or sin (See Romans 4:15 & 5:13.) Therefore God had to have in heaven for his angels to live by, moral precepts that forbade murder and lying, for Jesus to charge the Devil with committing these sins from the beginning!
- Jesus was speaking to the unbelieving Jews in this passage from John's gospel. He stated concerning them, that "**the lusts of your father ye will do**". The lusts of the Devil in the context of this verse were murder and lying. And as we know from Romans 7:7, that lust is known by the 10th Commandment of the Law of God, the Devil must have lusted after or desired to take the life of Christ in heaven, just as the Jews wanted to take Christ's life on earth because he told them the truth, and they would not believe.
John 8:40, 41: - "**But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God:** this did not Abraham. **Ye do the deeds of your father.**"
- An interesting point concerning Jesus' statement that the Devil was a murderer from the beginning: - the Devil did **not** actually kill Christ or any of the holy angels in the war in heaven (See Revelation 12:7-9). Yet Jesus calls him "*a murderer*". Obviously he hated Jesus and the holy angels in his heart; he lusted or desired to take their lives, and according to the apostle John, "*Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer*" – 1 John 3:15. Therefore, God has from eternity considered his Ten Commandment Law violated, when thoughts and motives are cherished in the mind, which are contrary to the principles of the Law.

ADAM AND EVE'S SIN WAS CONCEIVED IN LUST AND COVETOUSNESS: -


God commanded Adam not to eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Genesis 2:16 & 17: - “And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

Eve believed the lies of the Serpent – the Devil, and when she saw that the forbidden tree, was “*a tree to be desired to make [one] wise*”, and thus to become like “god”, she disobeyed God’s express commandment, and ate of the forbidden fruit, and as a result of her sin, Adam fell with his wife also.

Genesis 3:4 - 6: - “And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, and that it [was] pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make [one] wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”

- Eve wanted to be “a god” – just like Lucifer’s rebellion in heaven. She desired or coveted after the fruit of the forbidden tree, and wanted to possess the knowledge that God had wisely withheld from our first parents. She then became the agent to cause Adam’s fall.
- They had broken the 10th and the 1st Commandments! And now as they were covetous idolaters, they had no place in the kingdom of God, and were thus cast out of Paradise. Just like Lucifer in heaven!
- They had also broken the 8th Commandment, “*Thou shalt not steal*” – Exodus 20:15, by taking from the tree that did not belong to them.

 **The seed of their fall can be traced to their unlawful lust in coveting the forbidden knowledge contained in the forbidden fruit.**