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TOPIC: “Group A. Group B.”

Good evening!!! Again, we are glad to have you with us for Thursday evening Bible study. We will pray, and then we will get right into our lesson.

There were two different groups; two separate groups, that went in the “*wrong*” direction around the beginning of time. Now, I am sure that you probably already know what two groups that we are talking about:

- **Group A- Angels**
- **Group B- Adam (Man)**

God referred to the human race as “Man”.

1). **Genesis 5:1-2-** This is the book of the generations of **Adam**. In the day that God created **man**, in the likeness of God made he him; ² *Male and female* created he them; and blessed them, and called their name **Adam**, in the day when they were created.

This is important to look at because God handled each group in a *different* way. Both groups *messed-up!!!* The angels went in the *wrong* direction. And so, did Adam.

FIVE STAR SENTENCE: Man was forgiven. The angels were not.

In all that I thought that I knew, and in all of my Bible reading, I would not have *thought* that God would *forgive some*, and **NOT** *forgive others*.

1). **II 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;

QUESTION: Why would God do such a thing?

Why is there “no forgiveness” for the angels? Once an angel decided to go wrong, God did not provide a way from them to get back right. Jesus did not come and die for the angels to be forgiven. He only did that for Adam (man).

Which means, that somewhere around the beginning of time, **two separate groups sinned**, but there were **two separate consequences**.

Group A discovered that there was **NO** forgiveness for what they had done.

Group B discovered and found that there was **AMAZING** forgiveness for what had done.

So, let's look at and compared **Angelic sin** and **Adam's sin**.

THE IMPORTANCE, REVELATION, AND APPLICATION: This is extremely *important* because God really wants us to know how much He loves *man*. And, once you *received* that *revelation*, then you will come to discover how much God **PERSONALLY** loves **YOU**.

- **Angelic Sin**

1). **Isaiah 14:12**- 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!

This is the biblical account of the very “first” sin that entered into the universe. This sin happened before Adam and Eve sinned.

Now, not only did Lucifer sin, **33%** of the (original) holy angels, individually and independently, decided to go along with him.

2). **Revelation 12:4a**- And his tail drew the **third part** of the stars of heaven, and did **cast** them to the earth:

Now let's look at an importance difference between what they did, and what Adam did.

Angelic sin was not caused by any “**external**” influence. No one “**tempted**” them. Their temptation came from “within”. Satan couldn't say that “the devil made me do it”!

Satan was not “tempted” to do wrong. He came up with the idea to do wrong. He *originated* wrong. He is the *Founding Father*, the *author* and *architect* of wrong.

1). **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***.

This means that sin on Satan's part, and that of the other 33% of (the original) holy angels, was a **TOTALLY FREE DECISION. NO INFLUENCE WAS INVOLVED.**

- **Adam's Sin**

Now, in the case of Adam (man), his decision to do wrong came from an “**external**” influence and “**force**”.

Adam (and Eve) was tempted by an “outside” force; to do the *same thing*, that the “outside” force, had *already* done.

Basically, Satan said to Adam, “Do what I did”! He *knew* the consequences, but he never told Adam those consequences.

Two things happened to *man*, that didn't happen to *Satan and his angels*. Man was:

1). **Deceived (tricked)**

a). **Genesis 3:13**- And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent **beguiled** me, and I did eat.

b). **I Timothy 2:14b**- ...but the woman being **deceived** was in the transgression.

e). **II Corinthians 11:3b- (GNT)-** But I fear, lest by any means, as the *serpent beguiled* Eve through his *subtilty*, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

2). Enticed

a). **Genesis 3:1-6-** Now the serpent was more *subtil* than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, **hath God said**, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? ² And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: ³ But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. ⁴ And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die:** ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.

So again, what was the difference between **Group A** and **Group B**?

Satan and his angels made a “**deliberate**” choice. Adam and Eve was “**influenced**” into making the wrong choice. The motivation behind one was “**intentional**”. It was an influence from “**within**”. The motivational force behind the other was “**temptation**”. It was an influence from “**without**”.

***** **FIVE STAR SENTENCE:** Because Lucifer and his angels sinned, and their decision was **intentional**, without any outside influence, they have **NO HOPE** of redemption or salvation. No possibility of forgiveness.

Why? Because, within themselves, they came up with the whole idea. Satan and his demons originated sin.

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PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Now, there is a HUGE lesson that we can learn from the sin of Satan (Lucifer).

And it may be the **GREATEST LESSON that a Christian can learn.** This is one time when we should learn from the mistakes of others, and not from our own.

- **The Greatest Lesson that a Christian Can Learn**

What do the following people and places in the Bible all have in common?

- 1). **King Nebuchadnezzar**
- 2). **Lucifer**
- 3). **Pharoah**
- 4). **Sodom and Gomorrah**

We need to know what the Bible says is the # **1 thing** that is **GURANTEED** to destroy us. It doesn't matter if a person is a Christian or a non-Christian. This one thing is **GURANTEED** to destroy anybody.

This is such a terrible thing, that the Bible says that God “**hates**” it!!!

Now again, what does these people and places all have in common?

- 1). **King Nebuchadnezzar**

a). **Daniel 4:37-** Now I *Nebuchadnezzar* praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in **pride** he is able to *abase*.

b). **Daniel 5:20-21-**²⁰ But when his heart was **lifted up**, and his mind hardened in **pride**, he was *deposed* from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him: ²¹ And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling

was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; **till he knew** that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.

2). Lucifer

a). **Isaiah 14:12**- 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!

b). **Ezekiel 28:15; 17 (TLB)**- ¹⁵ "You were **perfect** in all you did from the day you were created **until** that time when wrong was found in you. ¹⁷ Your heart was filled with **pride** because of all your beauty; you *corrupted* your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. Therefore, I have **cast you down** to the ground and **exposed** you helpless before the curious gaze of kings.

3). Pharaoh

a). **Exodus 10:3**- So Moses and Aaron requested another audience with **Pharaoh** and told him: "Jehovah, the God of the Hebrews, asks, 'How long will you **refuse to submit to me?** Let my people go so they can worship me.

4). Sodom and Gomorrah

a). **Ezekiel 16:49-50 (ERV)**- ⁴⁹ "Your sister **Sodom** and her daughters were **proud**. They had too much to eat and too much time on their hands, and they did not help poor, helpless people. ⁵⁰ **Sodom** and her daughters became too **proud** and began to do terrible things in front of me. So I **punished** them!

• How does Pride Affect Us?

1). **Proverbs 16:18**- **Pride** goeth before **destruction**, and an **haughty (arrogant)** spirit before a fall.

Here we have guaranteed destruction.

2). **Proverbs 11:2a**- When **pride** cometh, then cometh **shame (disgrace)**:

- **How Does God Feel About Pride?**

1). **Proverbs 8:13**- The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: **pride**, and **arrogancy**, and the *evil way*, and the *froward mouth*, **do I hate**.

Hate is a pretty powerful word, especially when you're talking about God.

2). **Proverbs 6:16-17a**- ¹⁶ These six things doth the LORD **hate**: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: ¹⁷ A **proud** look,

- **We Can Either Humble Ourselves, or God Will Do It.**

1). **Isaiah 13:11**- And I will **punish** the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the **arrogancy** of the **proud** to cease, and will lay low the **haughtiness** of the terrible.

2). **Ezekiel 7:24**- So I will bring the most evil of nations to take possession of their houses. **I will put an end to the pride of the strong**, and their sacred places will be profaned.

3). **James 4:1**- **Humble yourselves** in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

4). **1 Peter 5:6**- ⁶ **Humble yourselves** therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

5). **Matthew 23:12**- And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall **humble himself** shall be exalted.

