

Topical Study: *Always Be Ready to Give a Defense*

*Life application of the truths of God's Word as it applies
to us and our families today*

Part 9 – *What Does the Bible Teach about Heaven and Hell? (Part 1)*

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Matthew 25:41 (S-908-KL)

(All Scriptures are from the New King James Version unless otherwise indicated.)

Beginning at the Beginning – Genesis Chapter 1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:1, 2

- Day 1 – Created light
- Day 2 – Created the expanse/firmament
- Day 3 – Dry land appears, grass herbs and trees
- Day 4 – Created stars, moon, and sun
- Day 5 – Created all the sea creatures and birds
- Day 6 – Created all the animals and man

Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food”; and it was so. When God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Genesis 1:30, 31

Genesis Chapter 2

Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Genesis 2:1, 2

John Chapter 1

In the beginning was the Word [Jesus] and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. John 1:1-5

And the Word [Jesus] became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten [“begotten” does not meaning “came into being”] of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

Colossians Chapter 1

He [God the Father] has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation [does not mean he was “born”]. For by Him [Jesus] all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible,

*whether thrones or **dominions or principalities or powers**. All things were created through Him and for Him.*

And He [Jesus] is before all things, and in Him [Jesus] all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him [Jesus] all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. Colossians 1:13-20

Summarizing John 1 and Colossians 1 - The angels, including Satan and demons, were created by Jesus/God - either in the creation week or possibly before, but must have been created before Genesis Chapter 3.

The Fall of Satan

Luke Chapter 10

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:17-20

Isaiah Chapter 14

*"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer [**"Day Star" – Another name for Satan**], son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit. "Those who see you will gaze at you, And consider you, saying: 'Is this the man [**actually, as the power in the man, like the Antichrist**] who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities, who did not open the house of his prisoners?" Isaiah 14:12-17*

Ezekiel Chapter 28

*Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre [**the satanic power behind the King of Tyre**], and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord God: "You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you. You were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you. By the abundance of your trading, you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones.*

"Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you. Ezekiel 28:11-17

Summary

- **Jesus/God created all things including angels**
- **Everything was good**
- **But then Satan rebelled against God and led a third of the angels [Revelation 12] to join him.**

When/Why Was Hell Created?

Matthew Chapter 25

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Matthew 25:31-34

Verse 41: *“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels. Matthew 25:41*

The lake of fire [hell] was not part of the “good” creation. It was prepared for the devil and his angels when they fell. Then Satan and his angels [demons] deceived Adam and Eve and billions since then to join them in hell. But God made a way to avoid hell – through his Son Jesus.

“...for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.” Then they also will answer Him, saying, “Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?” Then He will answer them, saying, “Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me. And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” Matthew 25:42-46)

This is what happens to those who live through the Tribulation Period and are alive when Jesus begins to rule on earth. But what happens to those who died before He came? We will cover this in the next part (next week).

Summary

- People are deceived into blaming God for the conditions of the world, when it is our sin and the devil Satan who have corrupted the world.
- People reject God because he made hell and will be sending people there who He judges to be evil. But when God created the heavens and the earth there was no hell or evil.
- Angels were created with free will, and Satan rebelled against God and led other angels to do the same. Then hell was made for the devil and his angels. The devil then led created man (also created with free will) to join him in rebellion, and all those who join Satan in rebellion will join him in the lake of fire.
- If God is all powerful, why doesn't he stop all these troubles and sufferings? Because God has given angels and man free will, most of which used it for evil. But God is going to someday put an end to all evil and save those who have come to him by faith for salvation.