

# THE DOCTRINE OF MAN: THE ORIGIN OF SIN

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*Where did sin come from? How did it come into the universe? If God, who is righteous, holy, and good, created a world where everything is good, how did sin happen?*

## I. \_\_\_\_\_ AND SIN'S ENTRANCE

### 1. God \_\_\_\_\_ that sin would come into the world.

**Ephesians 1:11** says, "In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will"

**Daniel 4:35** says, "He does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?""

**Revelation 13:8** says, "All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (NKJV).

### 2. God does not sin, does not delight in sin, nor can he be held \_\_\_\_\_ for sin.

**James 1:13** says, "Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.."

**Job 34:10** (Elihu) says, "Therefore, hear me, you men of understanding: far be it from God that he should do wickedness, and from the Almighty that he should do wrong.."

**Genesis 18:25** says, "Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?"

**Deuteronomy 32:4** says, "The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he."

**Psalms 5:4** says, "For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you."

## II. \_\_\_\_\_ AND SIN'S ENTRANCE

Problems with the free-will defense of sin's entrance:

1. It doesn't come from the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Logically, man's freedom is greater than \_\_\_\_\_.
3. It also follows that we'll \_\_\_\_\_ free-will in heaven.

### III. THE \_\_\_\_\_ AND SIN'S ENTRANCE

**Genesis 3:1–7** says, "Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So 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 to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths."

1. God created creatures with good \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Good desires can grow to become \_\_\_\_\_ behavior.

#### A. Consider Adam and Eve's Desires

**Genesis 3:6** says, "So 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 to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate."

**1 John 2:15–16** says, "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world."

#### B. Consider Satan's Desires

**Ezekiel 28:11–17** says, "Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me: <sup>12</sup>"Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord God: "You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. <sup>13</sup>You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were created they were prepared. <sup>14</sup>You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked. <sup>15</sup>You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you. <sup>16</sup>In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. <sup>17</sup>Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you."

**Isaiah 14:12–14** says, "How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! <sup>13</sup>You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; <sup>14</sup>I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'"