

The Covering Cherub

How?

How is it possible? How is it possible that a most beautiful angel created perfectly could fall?

Lucifer¹ was said to be the covering cherub. He outranked all the other angels. He was at one time the most beautiful of all God's creation. And yet he fell.

As we read of him and his fall in Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28, we see that he said, "I will exalt my throne above the stars."

What stars? We see in Scripture that angels are sometimes referred to as stars. It could not be the natural stars, the many suns in the universe. Why?

Where is above? Above in the geographical sense is higher than something that is closer to the center of the earth. But if one were to go a certain distance into outer space 'up' as being farther away from the center of the earth would no longer have any significance.

There might be this direction or that direction or another, but with the loss of gravity, there would be a loss of the sense of up and down and above or beneath.

No! It was not the physical stars that he wanted to be over. It had to be angel stars.

But wait! He was the covering cherub. He was already above all the stars/angels that God had created.

Why was there any need to exalt himself above that which he was already over?

I believe it is because God allowed him to see a glimpse of the future. That glimpse of the future showed that God intended to create a being called man who would be eventually equal to the angels (see Mark 12:25 and Matthew 22:30, Luke 20:36).

Lucifer would not be given the position of being in authority over these 'stars.'

In fact, they, those angels present at that time, were to become ministering spirits. That is serving spirits. Sent for to minister (serve) them that would become the heirs (see Hebrews 1:13,14).

How could Lucifer, the most beautiful angel, the one over all other angels in creation at that time, be reduced to serving a being that had not yet been created?

Lucifer had a free will choice. He could obey and serve God, the creator, or he could in theory rebel against His orders.

Not wanting to be reduced to a servant, pride was found in him. And he became angry without a cause. Envy swelled up in him at this new creation, this new child that would come in last in time and yet be first in importance.

“The first shall be last and the last shall be first.” (see Matthew 20:16).

From pride came envy and anger which lead to murderous intent. The intent to destroy God’s creation. In his anger, this jealous rage that he allowed to develop within him, he said “I will exalt my throne above the stars!”

He wanted to be above mankind that was yet to come.

“I will be like the most High!” he went on to say. He was refusing the position appointed to him by his superior who was God Himself.

He wanted to be the only one in his position but it became clear that God’s intent was to raise up others that would be equal to and even greater than Lucifer and those he was over.

He rebelled, others joined him in that rebellion and God had to remove them from that realm of authority in the heavens. The covering cherub had fallen.

No Fury Like . . .

I believe that as Lucifer was shown this glimpse of the future, he was enraged. Why?

It is because he learned that he would not be alone in his position, his power, his glory, and his beauty. For God intends to raise up others to similar positions.

“They which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead . . . are equal unto the angels . . .” (Luke 20:35,36)

“What’s this?” Lucifer must have thought. “How can it be? I thought I was to be the only one in my position!”

“No,” God must have explained, “I am a God of love. I am going to create and

raise up others to love.”

Lucifer must have then become enraged! Yet he was angry without a cause. See Matthew 5:20. He was in danger of judgment. But Lucifer’s pride was hurt.

“How could you?” he may have questioned.

He was furious. He was so furious he determined to lead a rebellion to take other angels with him and disobey his creator. He was so enraged that he wanted to destroy this new creation. He was angry. He became a murderer. (see 1st John 3:15).

There is a saying that “hell hath no fury like a woman scorned.” I believe that this is incorrect. I believe that the fury of a woman scorned is the reflection of Lucifer’s feeling scorned as God showed him that others would be in a position similar to his.

Lucifer could not take it and as such he became the adversary of God. He became Satan.

Like a scorned woman, he sought revenge!

Have you ever wondered why God says “Vengeance is mine, saith the LORD, I will repay.”

God does not want us to seek vengeance for ourselves, because when man does it is manifesting a carnal, natural, or sin nature that comes from Satan himself.

Since Lucifer was so much less powerful than our God who created him, there was no way he could attack God directly and win. The “best” recourse then he could do was to try in every way possible to destroy God’s creation.

Just as there are women who feel scorned that seek to destroy their husbands by using a man’s offspring, his children, against him. So Satan thought that he could bring down mankind and hurt God by capturing man as he his own.

This, Satan was able to do, apparently, or at least for a time. Nevertheless, what he did not realize is that God is the ultimate chess player, in that he sees the entire future and therefore knows all of his adversaries moves before he does them and He has prepared a defense and counter moves to every move of the enemy.

This is why the Scripture indicates that “Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God was slain from the foundation of the world.”

The Destruction of Man!

Hurt by the revelation that he would not be the only one in his position, Lucifer was angry. Notice that Matthew 5:22 says “he that is angry without cause is in danger of the judgment.”

There was no just cause for his hurt. God had never promised him that he would always be the only one in his position.

Nevertheless, like an only child who has been that for many years will sometimes resent the intrusion or even the possibility of another child entering the family, so Lucifer was hurt and angry.

He could not get back at an Almighty, all powerful God. Yet, perhaps, he could get to God’s creation.

When God created man and placed him in the Garden and gave him the dominion over the earth, Lucifer, now the adversary of God, came to Eve in the form of a serpent. Now Satan perfects the art of lying.

He apparently knows certain things. God can not lie. (see Titus 1:2).

But now he as the adversary of God will lie.

If he can use the lie to deceive and to cause this creation of God to yield to him and obey him he can remove mankind from God’s authority to his own.

Romans 6:16 says “Know ye not my brethren, to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey?”

He begins subtly with a question “Hath God said, ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”

The woman answers “and the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden, but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die” (Genesis 3:2,3).

The woman had already made one mistake. She added to God’s word.

The serpent answered “And the serpent said unto the woman, ye shall not surely die,” he lies, then adds temptation to the lie, “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.” this was what caused Satan (Lucifer) to fall. He desired to be like God! He said “I will exalt my throne above the stars.”

He desired to elevate his position above that for which God had made him. Through his pride came rebellion. Now he pushes Eve to make the same mistake. When one serves someone or something other than God, then that one commits adultery (See 1 Samuel 15:23 and compare to Jeremiah 3:6-9)

Since God had said on the day they partook of the tree of knowledge of good and evil they would surely die, Adam and Eve died spiritually when they partook of it in that same 24 hour day.

Their souls had been filled with light and life. Now they were filled with darkness and death.

They had been clothed with light. Now they were naked and knew it.

They also died within that 1000 year day. (See 2 Peter 3:8) Neither lived to be a thousand years old.

Satan (Lucifer) may have thought that he had won the victory through the destruction of man. Yet God in His wisdom and forethought had already made a plan to redeem man.

Lucifer's Idolatry

God's commandments to Moses included there is one God and thou shalt worship the Lord God . . . Exodus 20

God is against idolatry.

Lucifer had participated in Idolatry. How? He began to worship himself. How else?

He became rebellious and stubborn. The Bible says in 1st Samuel 15:23 “Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft and stubbornness is as idolatry.”

As Lucifer began to practice idolatry, he was essentially committing a form of adultery and therefore God was right in “divorcing” him and removing him.

We also know that the Scripture says “A little leaven, leaveneth the whole lump”

1 Corinthians 5:6 which means that if you allow a sinner in the midst, his sin will spread to others. Lucifer's rebellion obviously spread to other angels because others were also caught up in his rebellion and also sent out and kept in chains of darkness. See Jude verse 6.

We can learn from this that Idolatry is not only bowing down and praying before statues as some people do but it can be more than that.

It is not only when we put our business, or job, or profession, or car, or house, or possessions or wife or children before God as many people do, but it can be even more than that.

When we put our very selves before God and consider doing our own will before doing His will, we are committing idolatry.

If one wants to be first and foremost in another's life he or she is participating in idolatry by causing others to be idolatrous.

God hates idolatry. So should we.

Lucifer fell because of idolatry, the worship of himself and his desire to be the only one in that position with God!

The Seed of Satan

The seed of Satan was placed in the very essence of man's soul when mankind sold out to Satan.

Just as the DNA structure is in every cell of the body, and that DNA structure contains all the information in a blueprint of who we are, so in the spiritual dimension, the sin nature was placed in the very essence of our souls.

It is also called the carnal nature, or the "flesh" or the Adamic nature.

That which Lucifer became because of his fall was placed in Adam and Even and subsequently passed down to every boy and girl born on the earth except for one (Jesus Christ).

This is why we can see the carnal nature begin to manifest in two and three year old children. They don't have to be taught to be rebellious or selfish. That is built into the carnal fleshy nature of mankind.

They don't have to be taught to have temper tantrums, to try to get their own way, it is ingrained.

On the contrary, they must be taught to obey. They must be taught to be civil, to get along with others. When they have younger brothers or sisters come along they must be taught that they can not be the only center of attention.

This fleshy, carnal nature will naturally bring a child down to hell, unless it is resisted. The parents must help the child to resist by training him up properly. This is why the Scripture says in Proverbs "Train up a child in the way that he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

To train is more than teaching. To teach is to impart information. To train is to help form character. In training one sets an example, tells what must be done, and enforces that it is done. To enforce the right thing, corporal punishment (whipping) must sometimes be used.

Through the wiles (tricks) of Satan some intellectuals following so called "doctors" of child psychology began at one time to teach that all corporal punishment was bad. These people, being motivated by Satan (most likely without knowing it) began to teach a satanic doctrine that is in direct opposition to the word of God.

"Your child should be allowed freedom to do whatever he or she wants," they said.

"You should reason with your child," they said.

"To hit a child with an object is child abuse," they said.

Unfortunately many people who did not read and or did not believe their Bibles began to practice such nonsense and as a result we have a generation of rebellious, arrogant, selfish children. Children that will take guns to school and murder others.

Are these so called experts now coming out to say they made a mistake?

No!

And these generations of fleshly motivated people in the Unites States are now growing up and perpetuating the mistake by making it in to law and guaranteeing the ruin of another generation.

When the seed of Satan is allowed to run rampant then the works of the flesh which are his traits begin to predominate.

The Mini - War

The Spirit warreth against the flesh and the flesh against the spirit, and these two are contrary one to another - "The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other;" - Galatians 5:17. ". . . abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;" - 1 Peter 2:11.

Even within us there is a miniature reflection of the conflict between God and Satan.

"The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, lighting all the inward parts of the belly" (soul) - Proverbs 20:27.

"That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world" - John 1:9.

"The spirit goes back to God who gave it" - Ecclesiastes 12:7.

God has placed a small portion of Himself with each person to draw that person back to God Himself. Within that part of us called the spirit is a conscience which tells us right from wrong.

The battle is over the soul. Yes, there is a difference between one's spirit and one's soul. Hebrews 4:12 says "The word of God is sharper than any two edged sword, even to the dividing asunder of the spirit and the soul . . ."

The soul is a spirit in the sense that it is spiritual. Yet, there is a distinction between the spirit and the soul. God breathed the breath of life into man and man became a living soul. So the soul is the battleground and the soul is the prize that either God or Satan (Lucifer) will win.

The lost, dead soul (dead in the sense that it has no light and is separated from God) is full of darkness and is permeated with the satanic seed nature that is called the flesh or sin that works in us (see Romans chapter 7).

God through the spirit seeks to give life to the soul and "marry" the soul and bring it up to it's true home in heaven. Satan wants to retain the lost soul and bring it down to hell. The battle rages over each of us. Satan lies and God breathes truth.

We can choose to believe and follow the lies, or we can believe and follow the truth.

A natural picture of what takes place would be in a sense to see a woman (representing the soul). A good man is on one side, who wishes to marry her and do good by her. On the other side, though, is an evil and wicked man, a pimp, a procurer, who has no good intentions. His only real desire is to use and abuse her and destroy her.

She can choose to go one way or the other. The pimp, the bad man, is dressed well. He appears to be “an angel of light.,” He flatters and speaks sweet things, but only to the end that he can destroy her. He will lead her into adultery, fornication, lasciviousness and other things that will destroy her.

The good man on the other hand will marry her. He will cover her and he will provide food, clothing and duty of marriage, which are a part of his contract, otherwise known as his covenant. This is the mini - war that rages within each of us (see the Booklet *The Covenant Connection*).

The Right Choice

The right choice of course is to choose Jesus Christ by following the leading of the conscience in the spirit.

The right choice is to recognize the one true God who is the Creator of the universe and worship him and serve only him.

The right choice is to overcome the flesh by being led by the Spirit of God.

“There is now no more condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit.”

In Hebrews chapter 11 we read of the heroes of faith who made the right choice. It speaks of Abel and Noah and Abraham and Sarah and Israel and Joseph and Gideon and David and also others. This faith “hall of fame” shows how men and women in the Old Testament conquered Satan. It goes on to say “others were tortured . . .” that they might obtain a better resurrection.

These are ones who will eventually rise to the station that Satan once held and even above that.

They form a cloud of witnesses that encompass us and are cheering us on as it

were. “Come on,” they must be saying, “you can make it.” See Hebrews 12:1.

In making it we will conquer the works of the flesh, which are reflective of the mistakes, sin and nature of Satan.

The Works of the Flesh

The works of the flesh are uncleanness, adultery, fornication, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seductions, heresies, envying, murders, drunkenness, reveling and such like.

Almost every work of the flesh is a sin that Lucifer committed against God.

Adultery - we'll leave that for later.

Fornication - Some Bible students have made the mistake of claiming that Lucifer had sexual relations with Eve. The Bible does not say that. However, it is true that Lucifer through the serpent sought to usurp God's authority by seeking to deceive the woman into obeying him rather than God. So he in essence seduced her to be involved with his own idolatry. It is also interesting to note that the word porneia (Greek for fornication) also implies idolatry.

Idolatry - Since Idolatry is placing someone or something in a more important place in one's life than God, we know that Satan idolized himself.

Lasciviousness - This is defined as being lewd and lascivious, lusting and causing to lust. Usually there is a degree of nakedness involved. When we remove ourselves from our covering we are naked. Lucifer removed himself from God's covering by his rebellion and idolatry.

Witchcraft - This is the act of being involved with magic, including charms and spells to manipulate circumstances, events, or people. The Bible does say that rebellion is as witchcraft. There is no question but that Lucifer who became Satan is the ultimate villain and first rebellious entity of God's creation. In addition it is he, that is behind all witchcraft among mankind, both the rebellious type and the manipulation type.

Hatred - In 1st John: 3:15 we read that if you hate your brother you are a murderer. Jesus said in the gospel of John chapter 10 that Satan was a murderer from the beginning. I believe that he became a murderer because of his hatred of that which he saw God was about to create - mankind. Hating man, he sought to murder him.

Variance - This is the position of being at odds with one's superior. Lucifer became at odds with God his Creator and Superior, the one who he was created to worship and serve. He now seeks to create this type of disruption among mankind and even amongst God's people.

Emulations - This is the attempt to be like someone who you are not. Lucifer said "I will exalt my throne above the stars. I will be like the Most High." He sought to be like God. Then his temptation to Eve was that she would be like God knowing good and evil if she partook of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Eve fell for the temptation, and Lucifer was pleased.

Wrath - This is an intense anger. Apparently, Lucifer was angry that his position was to be lessened in that others would be brought to a place equal to if not greater than his own. See Hebrews 2:6-11 and Revelation 3:21.

Strife - This involves a struggling contention. It is born out of pride. Lucifer is Leviathan, who is referred to as the king of pride in Job 41:34. In addition, Proverbs says where there is no pride strife will cease.

Seditions - This means to break away, to rebel against authority. Lucifer is the first and ultimate rebellious being. He now perpetuates his sedition to other angels (see Jude verse 6) and pushed mankind to rebel through Adam and now he and his followers push us individually to engage in the sedition.

Heresies - means false doctrines or lies against God. There are many today but it is obvious that Lucifer began the first one when he convinced other angels that he was capable of exalting his throne above the stars or being like the most high. He then spread that heresy to Eve, saying "God knoweth that if you eat of the tree ye shall be as God." He now perpetuates many other heresies including the ones that say no one will end up in hell or the one that says the devil himself will eventually be saved.

Envy - This is a bad jealousy, a desire to be like someone else or to have what someone else possesses. Lucifer envied a position and a place that God created for another. Lucifer's envying is deeply embedded in mankind and many other sins are committed because of this powerful carnality in the flesh. Especially murder.

Murders - At the time of this writing a woman has just been convicted in the United States for running over her husband several times because he was seeing another woman. Envy (evil jealousy) motivates many to murder. And even in those who contain their emotions sufficiently that they won't murder someone

often are so enraged and angry that before God they are murderers (see 1st John 3:15). Lucifer was a murderer from the beginning as Jesus states in John 8:44. His envy led to anger which caused his rebellion and intention to murder mankind!

Drunkenness - The taking in of intoxicating substances can cause drunkenness. Drunkenness destroys one's ability to reason clearly. Lucifer obviously became drunk with power and pride. His beauty and position became an intoxicating to him and destroyed his reasoning. How else could he possibly believe that he could be like the most high? How could he possibly believe that he could lead a successful rebellion against his creator?

Revellings - is defined as a "letting loose" rioting. Is this what happened as Lucifer and his followers (angels) departed from the worship and serving of the true God? It is interesting to note that in mankind it is drunkenness that leads to rioting.

And Such Like - This indicates that there are others that are not mentioned. One of these might be selfishness, which is associated with envy sometimes. It is this nature that is evident even in small children. Lucifer was obviously selfish in his desire to be the one and only in his position.

The nature of carnality called "the works of the flesh" in man are a reflection of the essence of who Lucifer became in his fall.

Lucifer's Adultery

We have already said that Lucifer became stubborn against doing God's will and that stubbornness is as idolatry according to 1 Samuel 15:23. Idolatry is adultery according to Jeremiah chapter 3.

Still, let's look deeper.

Adultery by Hebrew definition is "a woman that breaketh wedlock."

On the surface it would seem that this certainly does not apply in as much as Lucifer is never referred to as a female nor does there seem to be any marriage involved. As least, so it seems on the surface.

Lucifer said, "I will exalt my throne above the stars."

What stars? Was he speaking of the billions of stars that are in the universe? Or was he speaking of something else?

Angels are sometimes referred to as stars. See Revelation 1:20: ". . .the seven stars are the seven angels of the seven churches."

Would Lucifer have more satisfaction being "above" some inanimate objects like the "suns" that burn and give off light, or would he prefer to be above intelligent beings? I think we can agree that it would be the latter!

But wait! He was already the covering cherub. He was already above all other angels. See Ezekiel 28:14. Even Michael the archangel would not bring a railing accusation against him because of his rank. See Jude verse 9.

So of whom was he speaking?

There is another group coming. They shall be equal to the angels (see Luke 20:36). If they will be equal to the angels they will be stars. In fact they will be given to sit with Christ in His throne! (see Revelation 3:21). This is an even higher position than Lucifer had. This is not every believer but a select group of believers. They are called by many names.

The are called the elect.

The are called overcomers.

The are called the army of God.

The are called the first resurrection.

The are called the sons of God.

The are called the bride of Christ.

These names are not indications of any natural gender. The Scripture says in Romans 8:14 "They that are led by the Spirit of God are the (mature) sons of God." So a woman who was led by the Spirit of God would also be counted as a (mature) son of God.

Likewise, men that are counted worthy to be a part of the bride of Christ do not need to change their gender, because we are speaking of spiritual things and relative relationships and not sex organs.

Now lets look at our equation. We have two groups. A first group and a second and last group.

If the second group is considered a bride, was the first group which is in many ways equivalent considered a bride?

The principle is “the first shall be last and the last shall be first.”

The first group shall be last in the sense of least in importance. The last group shall be first in importance.

Lucifer could not stand this!

Abraham had two wives. One was named Sarah and the other was Hagar. The one who had a child first was Hagar. The one who had a child last was Sarah. There was tension between them. Hagar, who was a handmaiden, was considered last. Sarah was considered first (in the sense of most important).

Eventually, God confirmed to Abraham that he should send Hagar away because of the tensions borne in pride and jealousy. Similarly Lucifer had to be sent out of the camp because of his pride and jealousy.

Laban had two daughters. The first was Leah. The last was Rachel. Jacob loved Rachel and wanted her. Nevertheless he ended up with Leah first and then Rachel.

The first was the last in the sense of least in Jacob’s eyes. The last was first in the sense of most desired in Jacob’s eyes.

I believe that these things are reflections of what happened in the spiritual things.

Lucifer was first but knew he would be last (least).

He resented that his position would be lower and less than what God was going to do. As part of the first “bride” he rebelled, committing idolatry (the worship of himself and therefore adultery).

As a part of the Sons of God now fallen he sought to have mankind submit to him as a woman submits to a man. But he was not the legitimate “husband.” Therefore he committed adultery.

Jesus said, if you look upon a (married) woman to lust after her you have committed adultery already in your heart.

Mankind was espoused to God. Lucifer said "I will exalt my throne above the stars (God's people).

He committed adultery! It was not sexual intercourse, but it was adultery nonetheless!

Other First and Last Pictures

We have discussed some of the first and the last will be first pictures. Here are a few more.

Abraham had two sons. The first born was Ishmael and the last born was Isaac. The first in importance was Isaac and the last (least) in importance was Ishmael.

Isaac had two sons. The first born was Esau and the last born was Jacob. Jacob became the first in importance - the one through whom the Messiah's lineage would come. Esau became the last (least) in importance. He even displeased his parents as he married women from other nations.

Jacob (Israel) had twelve sons. The first ones born were Reuben and Simeon. The last ones born were Joseph and Benjamin. Joseph and Benjamin became the favorites of the father.

Joseph had two sons, Manasseh who was the first and Ephraim who was born last. Ephraim received the blessing of the first born, the greater blessing. The blessing of Israel's right hand. Manasseh received the lesser blessing.

Reuben's son's wife had twins. One stuck his right hand out first and he had a red ribbon tied in his fingers to identify him as the first and yet the other child was actually born first. So the first was once again identified as the last (least) and the last born was identified as first.

King David had many sons. The first was Absalom, who grew to be quite handsome and eventually sought to take the kingdom away from David, but he was defeated and killed. David's last born son was Solomon who was eventually crowned the next king. So once again the first became least (last) and the last became first in importance.

There are two Covenants. The first is called the Old Covenant, or Old Testament.

The last is called the New Covenant and the New Testament. The first was based on the sacrifice of animals. The last is based upon the sacrifice of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. The first has become least (last) and the last has become first!

There are two Israels. The first is natural Israel. The last is spiritual Israel.

There are two groups of servants of God. The first are the angels created before mankind. The last are those servants among mankind who are qualified to be in the first resurrection. These are those that will qualify to be a part of the bride of Christ. These who Christ said will be equal to the angels will come into their full power last and yet they will be first!

A Man After God's Own Heart

How can we as finite beings understand an Infinite God? The truth is, we cannot!

God is omnipotent - all powerful. We have a little power. God is omniscient - all knowing. We know in part. God is omnipresent - present everywhere. We are in only one location at a time.

God exists both inside and outside of time; He knows the end from the beginning. He exists on different planes of existence and in different dimensions all at the same time. He is in the Holy of Holies of heaven and the Holy Place and the Outer Court. He is at the same time on the earth and even in hell. We cannot escape Him.

How can we understand such an awesome God? The truth is: we cannot! Nevertheless, He occasionally allows a small glimpse into a small aspect of who He is on one plane of existence out of many.

We get that glimpse by looking through the eyes of King David. A man after God's own heart (see 1 Samuel 13:14).

David had been established king in Judah and Israel. He had many sons. One son, named Absalom, was quite handsome, just as Lucifer was quite beautiful. Absalom stole the hearts of many of the people of Israel and had them follow him.

Lucifer turned many of the angels of God to following him.

So the story of Absalom is a reflection of the story of the fall of Lucifer. What was his father David's reaction? Did he order him to be immediately killed? No! He loved Absalom. He fled rather than harm his son. He even charged those that remained loyal to him to not hurt Absalom.

When Absalom was caught in a tree by his long hair (of which he was so proud) Joab threw darts into his heart and killed him, thus removing him from this plane of existence. David was saddened at the news of the death of his son Absalom.

Since David was a man after God's own heart, we can surmise that God in some sense was grieved over the rebellion and consequent separation of Lucifer and his followers from the portion they had held in the heavenly dimensions.

Can God be grieved? Yes. How can we know? Because the Scripture says grieve not the Holy Spirit in Ephesians 4:30. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead. So there is a sense in which God grieves and ye we're not to pity Lucifer!

“No Pity”

There is what may seem a strange Scripture in Deuteronomy 25:11,12.

“When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near for to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the secrets: Then thou shalt cut off her hand, thine eye shall not pity *her*.”

Why would there be such a harsh penalty against a woman who was trying to help deliver her husband from striving with another man?

The secrets are the reproductive organs of a man. When grabbed they produce great pain! With the loins, the reproductive organs, lie a mans ability to bring forth children. Even in such an extreme situation the woman is not to attack the future children. Why?

Because this is indeed what Lucifer did. We have discussed how he and the angels of heaven were in the submitted under authority position of a wife to the creator and how Lucifer envied what God was about to bring forth. Lucifer in his rage which came from his jealousy sought to destroy God's “sons,” mankind, before they could develop to be what God intended.

God therefore put in a law reflective of the offensive nature of doing such a thing. He also put in a severe penalty to show how offensive it is.

Now under the New Covenant, we are not obligated to actually cut off the hand of a woman in such a situation. Nevertheless, we do see that figuratively, women often grab the “secrets” of a man to control him.

Many women will use any weak point of a man, whether emotional or otherwise to control him. Some will even go so far as to harm the children of a man even if they are her own as well to get revenge against a man who will not worship only her.

Strangely, they can feel justified doing so.

Yet, it was an abomination to grab a man’s secrets then and it is an abomination today!

Such a “hand” is to be cut off and without pity, just as Lucifer who became the great Satan, the adversary of God, was cut off.

We are not to pity Lucifer!

Conclusion

Isaiah 14:12-16 says

“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.

Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, *and* consider thee, *saying*, *Is* this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms . . .”

Ezekiel 28:14-17 says

“Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee *so*: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was

found in thee.

By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.”

Lucifer the bright shining leading angel of God fell because he became proud in who and what he was. He resented the fact that God’s intention was to raise up others to his position and higher. He became angry without a cause. He allowed unrighteous jealousy and envy to bring him to a point, a rage, that he wanted to hurt his Master, God.

He stirred up rebellion amongst the angels that then followed him. Since he could not be worshipped as the only being of his kind forever, he resented God and determined to do all in his power to hurt that creation (mankind) that God had intentions of raising to a position equal to and greater than his own.

He decided he would change his subservient position under God to being equal with God. He decided he would rule over these that God would raise up.

The Bible says a woman shall not wear that which pertaineth to a man. See Deuteronomy 22:5.

Why?

Because this would be a copy of what Lucifer intended to do. He wanted to change his lower status as servant to the creator to a higher status of being in a position over what was to be the Bride of Christ.

Lucifer’s pride lead to envy, then rage and strife, and division and every other sin nature that is called “works of the flesh.” When he seduced mankind to submit to him he placed these evil seeds of destruction into mankind to be passed on from generation to generation.

Please note: There was no sexual intercourse involved as some mistakenly assume. The Bible never says that he had sexual intercourse with Eve.

When a woman submits to a man and his seed is placed within her, they are a physical picture of what happens spiritually. Mankind (Adam and Eve) committed spiritual adultery by submitting to Satan and rebelling against God’s

command. Mankind then has this seed of rebellion in which is included all these “works of the flesh” sin nature.

Romans 7:20 “If is no longer I that do it but sin that dwelleth in me.”

God has nevertheless made a way out for us through his son Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ came to redeem us. To redeem is to “buy back.” We (mankind) had sold out to Satan. Jesus came to buy us back. The only thing valuable enough to purchase us was his own shed blood. The principle was eye for eye, tooth for tooth, life for life. See Deuteronomy 19:2.

So he gave his life to purchase life for us.

Salvation then is a free gift. God raised him from the dead, trust in him and confess him as Lord. See Romans 10:8,9,10.

Still, as newborn babes in Christ we are still carnal. We still have the nature of envy, strife and division in us. Nevertheless, as we yield to the Holy Spirit and obey him, we obtain more and more light and life within our soul realm. The more light and life there is in our soul realm the easier it is to resist the temptations of “the flesh nature” and to walk in a way that is pleasing to God.

If we do this sufficiently and reach a point that we can say as Paul the apostle said, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith,” there will be a crown of righteousness that the righteous judge shall give us in that day.

We will then stand in a place that Satan so much envied. We will be seated with Christ in his throne. Lucifer, the great Satan, will be fully conquered and at the end of the thousand years thrown into the lake of fire and we will be fully victorious . . . all because of the love of our Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.