

Lesson No. 5

What Does the Bible Say About Angels, the Fall of Man, and Sin?

1. What do the Scriptures teach of the creation of angels?

THE BIBLE SAYS-

- (a) **Ex. 20:11.** For **in six days** the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and **all** that is in them.
- (a) **Col. 1:16.** For by Him **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.
- (b) **Gen. 1:31.** Then God saw **everything** that He had made, and indeed it was **very good**.

FROM THIS WE LEARN-

- (A) God created the angels within the six days of creation.
- (B) All angels were created good.

2. What information do we have about the good angels?

THE BIBLE SAYS-

- (a) **Ps. 104:4.** (He) makes His angels **spirits**.
- (a g) **Heb. 1:14.** Are they not all **ministering spirits** sent forth to **minister for those who will inherit salvation**?
- (b) **Matt. 25:31.** 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.
- (c) **Rev. 5:11.** Then I looked, and I heard the voice of **many angels** around the throne...; and the number of them was **ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands**.
- (d e f) **Ps. 103:20,21.** **Bless the LORD**, you His angels, who **excel in strength**, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word. **Bless the LORD**, all you His hosts, you ministers of His, who **do His pleasure**.
- (g) **Ps. 91:11,12.** For He shall give His angels charge over you, to **keep you in all your ways**. In their hands they shall **bear you up**, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- (g) **Luke 16:22.** So it was that the beggar died, and was **carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom**.

FROM THIS WE LEARN-

- (A) They are spirits.
- (B) They are holy.
- (C) They are very numerous.
- (D) They are very strong.
- (E) They praise God.
- (F) They carry out His commands.
- (G) They serve especially God's children.

3. Did all angels remain good?

THE BIBLE SAYS-

2 Pet. 2:4. For if God did not spare the **angels who sinned**...

Mark 5:9. Then He asked him, What is your name? And he answered, saying, My name is **Legion; for we are many**.

FROM THIS WE LEARN-

Many holy angels sinned and thus became evil angels.

4. What do the Scriptures tell us concerning the evil angels?

THE BIBLE SAYS-

- (a) **2 Pet. 2:4.** For if God **did not spare** the angels who sinned, but **cast them down to hell** and delivered them into **chains of darkness**, to be **reserved for judgment**.
- (b) **Eph. 6:11,12.** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the **wiles** of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against **powers**, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against **spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places**.
- (c) **Matt. 13:25,39.** While men slept, his **enemy** came and sowed tares among the wheat ... The enemy who sowed them **is the devil**.
- (c) **1 Pet. 5:8,9.** Be sober, be vigilant; because your **adversary the devil** walks about like a roaring lion, **seeking whom he may devour**: Resist him, steadfast in the faith.

FROM THIS WE LEARN-

- (A) The evil angels are forever rejected by God and doomed to hell.
- (B) They, like their leader, called the devil and Satan, are cunning and powerful.
- (C) They are the enemies of God and of man.
- (D) They seek to destroy the works of God and to lead man into eternal damnation.

5. What happened soon after Adam and Eve had been created and placed into the Garden of Eden?

THE BIBLE SAYS-

- (a) **Gen. 2:16,17; Gen. 3.** (Read these passages.)
- *(a) **1 John 3:4.** Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.
- (a) **1 John 3:8.** He who sins is of the devil, for the **devil has sinned from the beginning**.
- (b) **Romans 5:12.** Therefore, just as **through one man** sin entered the world.

FROM THIS WE LEARN-

- (A) The devil, in the form of a serpent, tempted man to transgress God's Law and thus to sin.
- (B) Man of his own free will yielded to the temptation of the devil and sinned.

6. What is now the natural condition of all men?

THE BIBLE SAYS-

- (a) **Gen. 5:3.** Adam ... begot a son in **his own likeness**, after **his image**.
- *(a) **Ps. 51:5.** Behold, I was **brought forth in iniquity**, and in sin my mother conceived me.
- (a) **John 3:6.** That which is **born of the flesh is flesh**.
- (b) **Romans 7:18.** For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) **nothing good dwells**.
- (c) **Gen. 8:21.** The imagination of man's heart is **evil from his youth**.
- (d) **1 Cor. 2:14.** But the natural man **does not receive** the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.
- (e) **Eph. 2:1.** And **you** He made alive, who **were dead** in trespasses and sins,
- (f) **Romans 8:7.** The carnal mind is **enmity** against God.
- (g) **Eph. 2:3.** (We) were by nature **children of wrath**, just as the others.
- *(g) **Romans 6:23.** The wages of sin is **death**.

FROM THIS WE LEARN-

- (A) All men, being descendants of Adam, the sinner, are conceived and born in sin and bear their sinful father's image.
- (B) There is no spiritual good in their heart at birth.
- (C) They are inclined only to evil.
- (D) They are spiritually blind.
- (E) They are spiritually dead.
- (F) They are enemies of God.
- (G) On account of this condition (called original sin, birth sin, or the Old Adam) all men are by nature under the wrath of God and doomed to death and damnation.

7. What is the effect of original sin on our lives?

THE BIBLE SAYS-

Matt. 7:17. A bad tree bears **bad fruit**.

Matt. 15:19. For out of the heart proceed **evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies**.

James 4:17. Therefore, to him who **knows to do good and does not do it**, to him it is sin.

FROM THIS WE LEARN-

Original sin brings forth a great variety of sinful thoughts, desires, words, and deeds called actual sin. (Sins of commission and sins of omission.)

8. How are men saved from the ruinous consequences of the fall?

THE BIBLE SAYS-

- (a) *Gen. 3:14,15.* So the LORD God said to the serpent:... *I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and HER SEED; **HE shall bruise your head**, and you shall bruise His heel.
- (b) *Acts 10:43.* To Him (Jesus Christ, the Woman's Seed) **all the prophets witness** that, through His name, **whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins**.
- * (c) *Romans 1:16.* For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is **the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes**.

FROM THIS WE LEARN-

- (A) Immediately after the fall God promised our first parents a Savior who would deliver them and their descendants from the power of the devil.
- (B) The Old Testament prophets continually pointed their people to this coming Redeemer in order that they might have forgiveness of sin and heaven by believing in Him.
- (C) The Gospel (good news) of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes.

Before the Next Lesson

FILL OUT Work Sheet No. 5

MEMORIZE the Bible passages marked with an asterisk (*).



READ Genesis, chapters 29-35.

Work Sheet No. 5

1.

(Check the correct statement.)

- (A) Good angels are the various influences for good in this world.
- (B) Good angels are invisible personal beings who protect God's children.
- (C) Good angels are kind thoughts.

2.

(Check the correct statement.)

- (A) The devil is a real personal being who seeks to lead us into a real hell.
- (B) The devil is everything that is evil in this world.

3.

(Fill in the missing words.)

Adam and Eve fell into sin when they listened to....., ate of the forbidden.....,
and thus transgressed God's

4.

(Check the correct statement.)

- (A) Infants are born without sin; they become sinful through the bad example of others.
- (B) Infants are born sinful.

5.

(Check whether true or false.)

- (A) Our inherited sinfulness condemns us before God. True. False.
- (B) Only the actual deed is sin, not the desire to commit it. True. False.

6.

(Check the correct answer.)

- (A) We are saved from sin and damnation by trying to live a good life.
- (B) We are saved from sin and damnation by trusting in Christ, our Savior.