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PART 5: JESUS THE RESTRAINER

This message will be hard to understand for Christians who have little Bible knowledge and shown no interest in growing spiritually in Christ.

WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE ADAM AND EVE WERE CREATED?

The Bible gives us glimpses of what took place before the creation of Adam and Eve. The final piece of information was not revealed by God until the apostle John received the Book of Revelation around 90 A.D., which would be about 57 years after the ascension of Jesus. I have spent much time bringing this forth in my book, *Christian Dynamics Course 1*, and in this message I will sketch out what took place at the beginning of the creation of the universe.

ANGELS WERE CREATED BEFORE THE UNIVERSE

When we read the creation account in Genesis chapter one, there is no mention of when angels were created, as a matter of fact, the creation account doesn't even talk about angels. The book of Job is the only place in the Bible where we are told that angels existed and took part in the creation. **Job 38:1-7**

Angels were given a free will, but once an angel exercised that free will to reject God and rebel, there was no place to repent and come back. God never had a redemption plan for angels. When Lucifer rebelled, he convinced one third of the angels to join in the rebellion trying to unseat God. This is detailed in **Isaiah 14:12-20** and **Ezekiel 28:11-19**

The resurrected Jesus revealed there was a war in heaven that raged throughout the entire universe. **Revelation 12:3-4, 7-12**

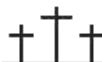
Jesus told us about the sentence that was handed out but we aren't told about the trial of Lucifer and his fallen angels. **Matthew 25:41**

It is obvious that the sentence has been put on hold since Lucifer and the fallen angels were cast down to earth. **Revelation 12:13-17**

God had no reason to put the sentence on hold and the only logical explanation is that Lucifer appealed his sentence and charged God with being unrighteous. **Romans 3:20-26**

In the book of Job we are told that there is a courthouse in the universe where Lucifer accuses people before God. **Job 1:6; 2:1**

It is Jesus who runs this courthouse, not God the Father. **1 Corinthians 15:22-28; Colossians 1:12-19; Hebrews 1:1-3**



We can conclude from these two chapters that Lucifer has the legal right to challenge God's people on earth and try to break them. This was verified by Jesus. **Luke 22:31-32**

FOUR POINTS

The earth is a giant prison planet for the Devil and his fallen and it was into this hostile environment that God created Adam and Eve to face spiritual beings that are far superior to man in knowledge, technology and power.

Man was created to prove the righteousness of God and it was for this reason God had to supply Lucifer with the tree of knowledge of good and evil to tempt Adam and Eve. **Genesis 2:16-17**

Lucifer in form of a serpent used this tree and deceived Eve and Adam to rebel against God. **Genesis 3:1-7**

Lucifer didn't know that God had a hidden redemption plan for the human race until it was revealed through Jesus Christ. **1 Corinthians 2:5-8**

JESUS IS THE RESTRAINER

The apostle Paul clearly told us there is wicked spiritual opposition on this earth that we must fight. **Ephesians 6:10-18**

The apostle Peter warned Christians about spiritual hazards in this world. **1 Peter 5:6-9**

The apostle John told us that Jesus came to destroy the works of Satan. **1 John 3:8**

Jesus gave Satan permission to afflict Job for a season but put restraints on His court order. **Job 1:12; 2:1-6**

When Satan contested Joshua the high priest, Jesus was there to restrain Satan in what he could do. **Zechariah 3:1-10**

We are told that Satan is a liar, thief and a murderer. **John 8:44; 10:10**

Jesus is restraining Satan and hindering him from destroying God's people. **Romans 8:28-39**

Not only is Jesus restraining Satan, He has also given believers in Christ the power to resist and destroy the works of Satan. **Luke 10:1, 9, 17-22**

Satan is constantly trying to warp the thinking in every Christian by inserting negative thoughts into the mind of the believer. Jesus is restraining Satan and his demons, but Jesus expects the believer in Christ to do his part. **2 Corinthians 10:3-6**

Satan is constantly playing mind games and using our emotions to lose our composure and ability to reason with clarity. The believer in Christ must exercise God's spiritual power in order to be successful in the fight against the Devil. **Romans 12:1-2**

Many Christians are shocked when they learn that the spirit world is real and the original conflict was between God and the fallen angels, not Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. Then to learn that fallen angels have a legal right to afflict people is even harder to accept, but if you want to grow and be effective in your daily life, search for the truth and let it set you free!
John 8:32

Are you ready to move on and become a mature believer in Christ? **Hebrews 5:11-14; 6:1-3**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?