

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

WORKING WITH GOD

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PART 1: FROM ADAM TO JESUS

People living in the world today, Christian or not, seek after money, pleasure, excitement and power. Most unsaved people have no purpose for their lives; instead, they only seek to satisfy their selfish desires. They don't think about the fact that life on earth is short and one day they will die. **Luke 12:15-21**

Jesus came to this earth with a mission to fulfill. He did not come to the earth to have a good time *but to do the will of the Father*. **John 6:32-40**

If Jesus, the Son of God, made sure that He was working the works of God on this earth, should not each believer in Christ do the same? **John 9:1-7**

A BRIEF HISTORICAL REVIEW OF EVENTS BEFORE ADAM

In order to understand what is happening today, you need to know what happened in the past. Here is a short review of the history of this creation:

1. God began His creation with the formation of the angels.¹ **Job 38:4-7**
2. There was a rebellion by an angel known as Lucifer sometime after the creation of the angels and later the universe. He was able to deceive one third of the angels to rebel with him and attack God to drive him from His throne.² **Isaiah 14:12-19; Ezekiel 28:11-19**
3. Once Lucifer and his fallen angels had armed themselves, they began to attack the angel civilizations that had refused to join them and a grim war raged in heaven. We aren't told how long this war lasted but eventually God dispatched the mighty angel Michael and his angels, who defeated the rebelling angels and took them captive. **Revelation 12:7-12**
4. Lucifer and the fallen angels were brought to trial where they were sentenced to the Lake of Fire. **Matthew 25:41**

Lucifer appealed the sentence and accused God before all the angels of being unrighteous and unjust to mete out such a harsh sentence.³

God then set in motion a plan to prove his righteousness and Satan's sentence was put on hold until this issue had been settled. **Romans 3:25-28**

¹ CHRISTIAN DYNAMICS COURSE 1, 2010, John S. Torell, p.30

² Ibid pp.34-36

³ Ibid pp.36-37



RE-CREATION AND THE FALL OF MAN

The earth which had been devastated by this war was refurbished; the Garden of Eden was created and then Adam and Eve were created to live there and serve God. **Genesis 2:7-25**

The purpose of creating man was to prove to Lucifer that God does not create any evil when He creates a living being. It is the created being of his own free will that makes the choice to turn from God. The fault therefore does not reside with God but with the created being.

Why would God set a special tree in the Garden and tell Adam and Eve not to eat from it? It was done with the purpose that Lucifer would have something with which to tempt Adam and Eve.⁴ **Genesis 3:1-8**

God knew long before He started the creation that Lucifer would rebel and drag one third of the angels with him. God knew that He would stand accused and that Adam and Eve would rebel against Him. There was no mercy, grace or salvation for the angels; they made their choice and had to face the consequences once they sinned.

But God had a plan to redeem mankind before He began the creation. **Romans 16:25-27; 1 Corinthians 2:6-8; Ephesians 3:9-11; Colossians 1:25-29**

SATAN HAS A LEGAL RIGHT TO CHALLENGE GOD'S PEOPLE

My assumption is that God has a special courthouse in the second heaven and it was here the trial of Lucifer was held. Since Lucifer has made an appeal, he continues to have access to this courthouse and get permission to inflict so much pain on God's people that they will curse God. It is in the book of Job that we find this concept. **Job.1:6-12; 2:1-7**

This legal right of Lucifer is still in force and it was Jesus who warned Peter about it. **Luke 22:31-32**

Peter experienced it firsthand and wrote a strong warning to all believers. **1 Peter 5:8-10**

THE GREAT RESCUE OPERATION

Jesus is God's great rescue operation. **John 3:12-21**

But this was not revealed to Adam; instead, he was given a promise of salvation that would come sometime in the future. This rescue from sin was not revealed until Jesus had been resurrected. **Genesis 3:15**

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?

⁴ Ibid pp.37-38