2Thess #158

Satan, the birth of EVIL.

Remember - December 22nd (Sunday) will be a Christmas message. After that, I will be off for Christmas week until the following Sunday, December 29th.

Our current study is from 2Thessalonans chapter three;

/2Thes 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, and **He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one**.

The evil one references Satan and his power. Evil and sin are different – evil speaks to a whole system and an ideology. Not all sin is evil and yet all evil is sin. \

Many do not understand the concept and difference between sin and evil – TLJC died for the SINS of the whole world, HE did not die for evil.

Evil and sin are different. They overlap in certain cases, in other words all forms or roots of evil are sinful, yet all sins are not evil.

Evil includes sins but it is much more than sin, it is a core essence of Satan’s inner being; evil includes a remarkable amount of what people view as good, as much as it does immoral degeneracy.

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There are many aspects of evil…many roots of evil that are never fully understood.

As usually is the case - GOD the HS has pressed on my heart that we need to pump the brakes and get a little deeper into this study of 2Thess 3:3.

This may be several hours so as I always say…buckle up buttercup.

You folks can go to the OT – Ezekiel 28.

As I taught you last lesson the strength and protection we receive is directly related to the attitude and growth we have in our walk with GOD.

Strong Bels are those who have grown up spiritually. Protection against the schemes of the devil is much greater and more effective for the positive Believer.

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How we apply our union with Christ and how we receive and apply all of God’s grace gifts, determines temporal success against the evil of Satan and his system.

Most Christians do not even understand evil and sin.

There is a doctrine of evil that needs to be fully digested.

/Sin and evil both originated with Satan, evil is within the very nature of Satan. He is believed to be the core or foundational being who gave birth to evil. Jesus Christ did not die to save Satan and the fallen angels (evil), their opportunity for salvation was already dealt with in eternity past. Jesus was judged for the sins of the whole world (humanity).\

What I am confident in, is that the angels all fell – there are none righteous – no not one!... ALL ANGELS FELL.

In eternity past, our Triune GOD offered salvation and repentance for angels, those who accepted, then remained in the heavens. While the others had the rock, we now call earth that they established as a home.

So, Satan and 1/3 of his angelic army refused to accept salvation.

At the point recorded of Genesis chapter one, when GOD began to reshape the earth their opportunity for salvation ended.

There are two scriptures that identify with what happened shortly before and then after GOD began to reshape the earth and create the first human beings;

There is one in Revelation related to the fallen angels occupying the earth – showing us their opportunity for repentance and salvation was over.

Then one in Genesis that coincides with the Revelation verse;

/Rev 12:4 And **his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven** and hurled them to the earth. And the **dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth**, so that when she gave birth **he might devour her Child.**

The analogy of the dragon devouring the CHILD (Jesus, humanity), is seen as the whole ideology of satanic evil beginning in Genesis chapter 3.\

Because evil is from the very essence and ideologies of Satan.

Fallen angels could have occupied the planet we now call earth, for a million years or longer, we simply do not know.

Satan and his army wanted to devour, destroy and enslave humanity. They specifically wanted to taint the pure bloodline of humanity so as to prevent the coming MESSIAH. (Gen 6)

/Gen 3:1 Now **the serpent was more cunning** than any animal of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “**Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden’?**”

Lies and distorting the truth of GOD. Then installing counterfeits and evil ideologies into humanity began immediately after the man and woman were created.\

This is why after the victory of the Cross of Christ – Satan and his army had to shift gears; they had to find new angles of attack.

The MESSIAH came and achieved everything God ordained to happen – now we enter a new phase of angelic warfare, the Church Age dispensation.

/Within the human race we have an Adamic nature (old sin nature) so evil and sin are separate. Your OSN is negative toward the things of GOD, rebellious by its very essence. It is attracted to evil yet not born of evil. Because evil, was born within the personality and essence inside Satan. Mankind embraces evil and evil can begin to incorporate ideologies deep within the human soul structure. Sin was born in contact with evil (serpent), it is a free will decision of rebellion against GOD.\

Sin is an action which rebels against God.

Evil is a deep-rooted ideology.

Adam and Eve were born in perfection with the first divine institution in place - free will. There was only one sin they could commit in perfection—rejection of the will of God.

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/When the original sin of mankind occurred, the justice system of God was immediately called into action (eternity past). A legal barrier between God and man – Divine Perfection & flawed humanity. The justice of God was now the point of contact and reference. Personal love and intimate contact were now interrupted, impersonal love was now introduced.\

The man and woman hid themselves from Jesus Christ in the Garden. They knew there was a barrier between God and themselves. Just as a young child who steals candy at the store hides it away, so as not to get caught – they instinctively knew they had committed a transgression.

Their contact with the evil of Satan in the garden inspired them to rebel from the plan of GOD – they sinned.

Within the book of Ezekiel, we get a very keen look into Satan’s personality;

Ezk 28:12 Son of man, take up a song of mourning over the king of Tyre and say to him, ‘This is what the Lord GOD says: “You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

The king of Tyre, is among a very select few who Satan possessed during Biblical accounts – Judas Iscariot is another and obviously, the future antichrist is listed in scripture as well.

/Satan and all created creatures were created in perfection and gifted with free will (human and angels). Satan was created a step above and given greater power, beauty and authority then any other angel at first. He may well have been the initial angelic being first created and designed for leadership, service and protection of the throne. His intellect and power were superior to other angels.\

Satan is a good example that GOD will not remove blessings and gifts, yet we do have the ability to destroy or erode those blessings and gifts.

[Eze 28:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eze/28/13/s_830013) “You were in Eden, the garden of God;Every precious stone was your covering:The ruby, the topaz and the diamond;The beryl, the onyx and the jasper;The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald;And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets,Was in you.On the day that you were createdThey were prepared.

There is a great deal of intricate details used here in a description of one certain angel, that appears very powerful and beautiful.

Satan…which by the way - we do not know a true name but only titles for him, he was designed in a very specific fashion, as if he were one of a kind.

/[Eze 28:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eze/28/14/s_830014) “**You were the anointed cherub who covers** (*sāḵaḵ*),And I placed you *there.* **You were on the holy mountain** of God;You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.

This was often a term used for a defense or a protective covering, to shield or set up a hedge. He was allowed access to the throne room because he was a personal bodyguard to our LORD.\

SAW-ACH, to screen, to cover or protect, to bring a hedge of protection.

This an anointed cherub – meaning he was designed special and received privileges and access beyond any angel at that historic point. Access to the third heaven inside the throne room.

/[Eze 28:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eze/28/15/s_830015) “You were blameless in your waysFrom the day you were created **Until unrighteousness**(*ʿevel*)**was found in you.**

This is a reference to true evil, a wickedness or injustice, depravity and perversion.\

EV-EL, meaning injustice, depravity and perverted thought and action – true wickedness.

This was found deep within the creature we call Lucifer or Satan…the devil.

Evil is a lifestyle - it is a modus-operandi, it is within the norms and standards deep within the seat of the soul.

Evil is in the right lobe for humanity, it is something that infects and creeps into the soul - it was not created in Adam.

Evil is allowed into the soul by a negative Bel or the Unbeliever who absorbs it throughout their lifetime.

Sinning can lead to evil and yet all evil is sin, but all sin is not evil.

So, there is a difference even though they do have a connection – evil within Satan is what introduced and inspired the first sin of mankind, the sin of rebellion, the sin of independence from GOD.

Adam and Eve did not have an issue with evil, they had an issue with sin.

Evil takes a period of time to infect, it is a thought and ideology process.

/[Eze 28:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eze/28/16/s_830016) “By the abundance of your trade **You were internally filled with violence, And you sinned**;Therefore I have cast you as profaneFrom the mountain of God.And I have destroyed you, you covering cherub,From the midst of the stones of fire.

Satan took the gifts and power bestowed by GOD, then began to rebel and develop depravity and plans deep within his thoughts.\

*The abundance of your trade* - speaks to all the power and authority GOD gave to Satan.

The evil which was brewing inside possibly for thousands of years, we do not know how long. Now became the action of sin which means he was actively using his power and influence to call for a rebellion.

/Ezk 28:16 *- You were internally filled with violence;*

*tāveḵ mālā' ḥāmās,* deep within there is a fullness of violent or cruelty and injustice. The being of Satan is full of corruption, thoughts, ideologies, norms and standards and beliefs.\

TAH-VEC MA-LAH HAMM-US – this describes a depth of hatred and violent thoughts directed at the seat of divine authority – our Triune God.

/[Eze 28:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eze/28/17/s_830017) “Your **heart was haughty** because of your beauty**; You corrupted your wisdom** by reason of your splendor.I threw you to the ground; **I put you before kings, That they may see you.**

Evil was born within the heart of Satan. The one who was given the greatest power and beauty! other than GOD, no other created being was like him.\

The truth of this is prophetic – at the Great White Throne judgment everyone will see and wonder – was this the one who corrupted humanity? (Isa 14:16) Is this the one who made us tremble?

Satan is responsible for his own corruption – he had spent a long time with a negative thought and a bitter desire for more power. He became jealous and angry toward GOD – it became an overwhelming cancer within his soul and evil was born.

The dual meaning within this set of scriptures is the future tense and description of Satan and what will happen to him.

But also, the king of Tyre had a huge fall from grace as well. Satan possessed this king for a period of time.

This king or some believe it was a prince of Tyre, a popular and powerful Phoenician city – he had declared himself a god and it would be Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon who would roll over that city and pillage all his wealth.

/[Eze 28:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eze/28/18/s_830018) “By **the multitude of your wrongdoings, In the unrighteousness of your trade** You profaned your sanctuaries.Therefore I have brought fire from the midst of you;It has consumed you,And I have turned you to ashes on the earthIn the eyes of all who see you.

Satan and the king he possessed both had an insatiable appetite for power & wealth, they were merciless and cruel at their core. \

When the Unbel has a penchant for greed, lust, or power - when evil finds comfort in their soul, they become prime candidates for possession.

God would ensure that the Babylonian army would destroy the power of the king of Tyre and all would witness his demise – the same will happen for Satan at the end of time.

[Eze 28:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eze/28/19/s_830019) “All who know you among the peoplesAre appalled at you;You have become terrifiedAnd you will cease to be forever.”’”