

# Sermon Series – “The History of Redemption”

## Vol. 1 – The Origin of Evil ♦ Part 3 – Punishment Delayed...

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Scripture Reading: Revelation 12:10-12

When war broke out in Heaven between \_\_\_\_\_ (*Christ*) and the Adversary (*Satan aka Lucifer*), Satan lost that battle and was cast out along with his \_\_\_\_\_ –  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the angelic host, those who sided with him in the conflict. Then *after* the creation of our world, Satan \_\_\_\_\_ himself as a serpent and \_\_\_\_\_ led our first parents, Adam and Eve, to disobey God, thus plunging humanity into sin. As a result, he \_\_\_\_\_ a claim on this planet as his dominion and has been causing \_\_\_\_\_ on Earth ever since. Now we know that we serve an all-wise, all-knowing and all-\_\_\_\_\_ God. But the questions remain; “If God is all-wise, why didn’t He destroy the devil once and for all during the war in heaven?” “If God knew the pain and suffering sin would cause, why was it allowed?” Personally unable to answer these questions, many have \_\_\_\_\_ God’s character to the point of doubting His existence. As we (re)discover the answers to these questions, may we find new \_\_\_\_\_ for living and take “**the**” stand!

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**Why Didn’t God Destroy the Devil?** (These texts help us with the answer!)

1. Revelation 12:3 & 4	11. Luke 4:5-8
2. Genesis 3:1-3	12. Romans 6:16-18
3. Isaiah 14:12-14	13. Jude 6
4. Ezekiel 28:11-19	14. 2 Peter 2:4-7
5. Isaiah 9:15	15. 1 Corinthians 4:5
6. Proverbs 6:16-19	16. Deuteronomy 19:16-20
7. John 8:44	17. Job 38:4-7
8. Psalm 8:4-9	18. 1 Corinthians 6:2 & 3
9. Luke 4:31-34	19. Revelation 20:4
10. Matthew 8:28 & 29	20. Job 41; Isaiah 27:1

**May we be found faithful to stand against this defeated foe!**

When Satan became fully convinced that there was no possibility of his being reinstated in the favor of God, he manifested his malice with increased hatred and fiery vehemence.

God knew that such determined rebellion would not remain inactive. Satan would invent means to annoy the heavenly angels and show contempt for His authority. As he could not gain admission within the gates of heaven, he would wait just at the entrance, to \*taunt the angels and seek contention with them as they went in and out. [AFTER THE CREATION] He would seek to destroy the happiness of Adam and Eve. He would endeavor to incite them to rebellion, knowing that this would cause grief in heaven.

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The assaults of Satan are strong, his delusions are terrible; but the Lord's eye is upon his people. Their affliction is great, the flames of the furnace seem about to consume them; but Jesus will bring them forth as gold tried in the fire. Their earthliness must be removed that the image of Christ may be perfectly reflected; unbelief must be overcome; faith, hope, and patience are to be developed.

But while the followers of Christ have sinned, they have not given themselves to the control of evil. They have put away their sins, and have sought the Lord in humility and contrition, and the divine Advocate pleads in their behalf. He who has been most abused by their ingratitude, who knows their sin, and also their repentance, declares, "The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan. I gave my life for these souls. They are graven upon the palms of my hands."

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