

## The Journey

### Satan's Dream Lesson 2 Outline

One Sentence Summary Statement Outline: Satan was not content to serve God, but he wanted to be above God Most High.

#### a. Introduction

- i. This lesson will look into Satan's Dream. What does Satan want to do on the earth? What is his strategy?
- ii. From Ezekiel 28, we learned that Satan was created and he was perfect in wisdom and beauty, and he was in the government of God. He was involved in worship... Somehow receiving it from others and passing it on to God.
- iii. Satan yielded to pride and he was judged as a result.

#### b. Body

- i. In Acts 12, there is a biblical example of what happened to Satan. Herod comes to the cities of Tyre and Sidon that were dependent on him for grain. To honor him the people asked him to speak to the crowd and they praised him and said "This isn't the voice of man; it's the voice of god." He should have given all the praise back to God. Just as Satan did when he was getting praise, he should have given it back to God. Verse 23 says, "Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and died.
- ii. According to Romans 13:1, God puts men in authority, so we should honor Him for it. This was an example of a man who was receiving praise and who should have passed that glory on to God.
- iii. Satan, in his sanctuary, was receiving praise like Herod, and he should have passed it on to God. But he did not. He was judged.
- iv. Isaiah 14 is the other passage that appears to be referring to Satan. It is thought that the words have a double reference to both King Sennacherib and Satan.
  1. 14:12 "How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations!
  2. It says this star of the morning fell from heaven. A man cannot fall from heaven so it must be some angelic being. Somehow Satan's judgment put him on the earth; he was sentenced to the earth.
  3. He was not stripped of his power because the Bible says he is the "Prince of this world", "God of this age" and the 'Ruler of the Kingdom of the air.'
  4. This could be translated as "You were judged for you said in your heart... But how could this is said, if Satan was already in heaven?"
  5. Satan could have started out on earth, while having full access to God in the heaven. While on earth, he was in a perfect state and taking the praise of those beings on the earth and then freely going to God in heaven and passing those praises on to Him.

6. Satan makes several "I Will" statements.
7. The first "I Will" is he wanted to ascend into heaven. This could mean that Satan wanted a permanent place in heaven. It would also mean that the rebellion and sin, first took place on earth.
  - a. Or, Satan was in heaven, but not at the highest level. Satan may have been at the lower levels of heaven.
  - b. Either way, he wasn't satisfied with where he was. He wanted to go higher somehow in his celestial position.
8. Second "I Will" says, "I will raise my throne above the stars of God." References to stars in the scriptures fall into two groups:
  - a. Stars in the sky.
  - b. Messengers of God- Rev. 1:16, 20, God speaks as holding the seven "stars in his hand" and these are declared to be His messengers to the churches.
  - c. Satan wanted to rise above those other beings on the way to God.
9. Third "I Will" says, "I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north." It was thought that the gods would assemble on a mountain and the power of government would be there. Because of Psalm 75:6-7, it is implied that God is in the north.
10. Fourth "I Will". Satan says, "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds"
  - a. Many times in scripture God manifests His glory and his great arm of protection in a cloud. (Exodus 14:19-20, Exodus 40:28-34, Matthew 26:64. These are symbols of God, His glory, of the throne of heaven itself.
  - b. Satan was saying, "I want to be above the glory of God."
11. Fifth "I Will" Satan says, " I will make myself like the Most High"
  - a. This is used in Genesis 14:18-19 where Melchizedek king of Salem said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand."
  - b. Satan wanted to be the possessor of heaven and earth and be able to defeat his enemies. He wanted to replace the Most High.
  - c. Pride had entered Satan and he saw himself superior to any of the other angels and was greedy for more glory and praise.

v. Satan's Dream

1. The Morning Star, Satan was created and he was beautiful and perfectly wise. He was involved in the government of God by being the prince of the earth, taking praise from the earth and passing it on to God in His very presence.
2. But Satan wanted to keep some of the glory. He wanted the power and worship of others. Through pride, greed and arrogance, he rebelled and sinned. This is the original sin found in creation.

3. God judged him and sent him to earth.

c. Conclusion

- i. Satan's dream was to become like the Most High. He wanted the glory for himself.
- ii. This is the seed from which all sins spring from; the foundation of all evil.
- iii. This is the beginning of a rebellion against God.