

***“The Eruption of the Sons of God on Earth:
Their Judgment - Before the Flood”***

Our Theme Scripture:

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Review:

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- ***You will recall the focal point of the developing story here in Genesis 4. Adam and Eve have two sons, Cain first and then Able.***
 - ***If we carefully study the Scripture in relation to the Messianic line, we should expect to see Satan at work as well as God, the one opposing the other, throughout the course of Biblical history.***
 - ***And so it is. In the course of time, the brothers bring their sacrificial offerings.***
 - ***The Lord God “respects” Abel’s offering by blood and he “does not respect” Cain’s blood-less offering.***
 - ***The conversation between God and Cain indicates that Cain should have known what kind of sacrifice the Lord God would accept.***
 - ***After a discussion with his brother Abel, Cain then kills his brother.***
 - ***Cain is then banished to a far place by God and a mark is placed on him so that all will know that they must not take vengeance against him since God himself only may judge.***
 - ***Now what is the rest of the story, I asked last time, what is the essence of what happened there on that day so many years ago?***
 - ***Satan knew (once the promise in Gen. 3:15 was given) that God would work to accomplish his purpose through “the seed of the woman”, a special man indeed that he would send in due time to carry out his redemptive purpose. Note well the prophecy there regarding the future and the clearly anticipated war between Satan and God.***

- **Which son (or family tree branch, if multiple generations are needed) is "THE SEED OF THE WOMAN" -- that is Satan's big question. For his goal is always to destroy the seed of the woman thereby gaining the ultimate victory against Almighty God.**

We saw in our last fellowship how God, through Adam and Eve's second son, Abel, provided both a PROPHET and AN EXEMPLAR. Indeed, Abel was far more than simply a good example for his older brother Cain and for his parents. He was also a prophet according to our Lord Jesus as is recorded for us in Luke 11 and there we find also the key to our understanding and "the rest of the story" of what was really happening there in the Genesis account:

[REREAD] Luke 11:50-51 "Therefore the wisdom of God also said, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute, so that the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation; from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the temple."

And then, as the story develops, beginning there with Abel and Cain, God sends fire from heaven and from out of a rock showing his respect for sacrifices properly offered by faith.

- ***Lev. 9:24*** "And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces." [Aaron, also David in 1 Chron. 21:26 and Solomon in 2 Chron. 7:1]

On other occasions, fire from Heaven is also revealed against wickedness, as in the case of Nadab & Abihu as recorded for us in Leviticus 10:1-4. In that case an incense offering was to be offered by fire, and it was. But their offering was not received because of what is called here, their offering was accompanied by "strange fire". Only the fire from heaven, God's fire, suitably preserved, as we saw, down through the ages as it was commanded, only that fire was acceptable in the Mosaic sacrificial system.

CAIN DID NOT, SO MANY YEARS BEFORE, OFFER AN ACCEPTABLE GIFT. HE KNEW BETTER SINCE HIS BROTHER WAS THE PROPHET SENT WITH THE MESSAGE OF GOD REGARDING WHAT SACRIFICES WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE, and God responded with fire from heaven showing his acceptance and his respect. CAIN REBELLED AGAINST THIS WORD OF TRUTH AND KILLED HIS BROTHER, thereby, he thought, shutting down the word of God's testimony.

Of course, Satan's primary desire in all of this was to destroy the royal line of which, Satan surely believed, Abel was a key component.

AND THAT IS "THE REST OF THE STORY OF THE CAINE MUTINY!"

Transition:

Satan and his emissaries were not successful with their "strange fire". For God then brought forth Seth, which means "substitute", a very interesting name in a twofold sense, for not only was Seth the substitute for Abel, whom his brother Cain murdered, but also because the issue for Cain was just that, whether the Lord God would require of man a true "substitute" in the form of a blood sacrifice.

And, though the issue of "strange fire" continued down through the ages, Satan did not prevent the redemptive plan of God from coming to fruition in that he continued to fail at key points as we saw with the other examples of "fire from heaven" demonstrating that "our God is a consuming fire." Praise the Lord for that. And it is still a true principle today as Hebrews 12:29 indicates. Of course, the fire from heaven today is the Holy Spirit's fruit within each true believer and not blood sacrifices offered on an altar.

Now we shall continue with Satan's next bold attempt to thwart permanently the redemptive plan of God so completely based, as it was, on "the seed of the woman". Satan's Long War Against God proceeded onwards from the Cain and Able events to the great flood of Noah over a period of about 1600 years and about 10 generations. And Satan was very busy during that time creating his own religious system on the earth. But God was also at work then as he is in every generation.

Today we shall see how Satan directly attacked the royal family itself (remember, the Long War Against God is all about the Seed of the Woman) by sending forth

“the sons of God” into the human race, thereby demonically corrupting human nature even more than Adamic sin and the sin nature already had. The consequence of this was, as we know, the judgment of the worldwide Noahic Flood.

I. Satan corrupts the human race - Firstly, in the heavenlies

- ***After his own rebellion, Satan leads many righteous angels in the heavenlies into rebellion as well:***
 - ***The story of Lucifer and his rebellion is found in Isaiah 14:12 & Job 38:7. We will save that for another study another day, perhaps.***
 - ***But Satan even after his fall still had access to God and still had some ministry in the heavenly places (Job 1:6; 2:1).***
 - ***Through a heavenly and spiritual warfare not documented in Scripture, he then victoriously leads ⅓ of the angels into rebellion also. (2 Peter 2:4-9 & Rev. 12:4)***
 - ***How could this be done? Satan was able to lead them astray by transforming himself into an "angel of light" when he was actually not an angel at all for he was a Cherub, even a very special Cherub (Ez. 28:14).***
 - ***But he was not satisfied as the lone rebel. And he led many other heaven dwellers into rebellion also by his miraculous transformation of himself as described in 2 Cor. 11:14: “And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”***
 - ***When Satan led the "sons of God, the "stars" into rebellion, they left their original place and ministries and became willing accomplices of this new "angel", suitably masquerading in a way that influenced them to abandon their former obedience to Almighty God. So Satan’s power and lying miracles are great indeed and far more so than we should ever want to believe or even able to conceive, apart from the revelation here in the Bible.***

#1: Satan corrupts the human race - Firstly, by gathering and then by creating a rebellion among the angelic host.

II. Satan corrupts the human race - Now, upon the earth

Satan continues his Long War now on earth by sending these thoroughly corrupted angelic beings into a new abode on the earth where they do not belong.

- ***And so now a great eruption on earth of Satanic magnitude and power occurs! These rebellious angels, now fallen creatures taking their instructions from Satan himself, carry out the Satanic plan by coming to earth --- AND ALSO, TAKING UPON THEMSELVES HUMAN FORM!***
- ***This taking on of a human form is most corrupt. This new “strange” or “alien” flesh is assumed through Satanic power as he attempts to duplicate with this astounding miracle the Lord God’s creation of Adam and Eve. He is now in process of attempting to “duplicate” God’s creative work in the Garden.***
- ***Through rebellion against their creator, Satan’s selected and corrupted troop of angels, created by God and once perfectly righteous, but now fallen, have now “gone after strange flesh” and thereby earned the eternal condemnation of Almighty God.***
- ***What does Scripture say about the seriousness of this rebellion?***

[READ] Jude 6-7

6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

- ***The language used here is significant:***
 - ***These are illustrations using the record of what Satan accomplished before and how God responded in judgment.***
 - ***Jude 7 is one of the most forceful condemnations of homosexuality found in Scripture, where that unnatural act is described as “giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh”.***

- **God then according to his own plan (when the sin has become ripe on the tree, as it were) issues a time to judgment statement in v. 3 that he will allow only another 120 years for this rebellion during which time Noah will boldly preach a coming judgment by Almighty God on a fallen humanity (and earth). He will build an ark, but will during that time, also preach the coming judgment.**
- **The issue before God that demanded his response (and this is the challenge to the “seed” promises he has made) is in verse 4. It might be thought that God’s evaluation in verse 5 is universal, but it is not quite that, since if that were the case, Satan will have won the victory. But, as we shall soon see, though it was very dark indeed, God has reserved some for himself of the royal line...**

#1: Satan corrupts the human race - Firstly, in the heavenlies, by creating a rebellion among 1/3 of the angels.

#2: Satan corrupts the human race - Secondly, upon the earth, by sending these fallen creatures to the earth taking upon themselves “strange flesh”

#3: Satan corrupts the Human Race - By multiplying a demonic race on the earth

IV. Satan corrupts the human race - But God preserves the Royal Line

Now back to Noah and his “righteousness”, “his uprightness”, praise Almighty God... the rest of the story so captures our attention, doesn’t it? And, as we shall see, verse 9 with this key word “perfect” is so important to understand correctly as we seek to know exactly what God was doing here and what Satan was doing in response to the redemptive plan of Almighty God.

[READ] Gen. 6:6-9

6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

- **This key word here so necessary for understanding God’s coming judgment of the flood is this word “perfect”. It is translated usually**

"without blemish" in other parts of the Old Testament, for example:

[READ] Ex. 12:5 "Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You shall take from the sheep or from the goats. And you shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month. And the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening."

- ***So, it does not have the meaning "morally" perfect at all, but rather perfect in a formal sense (regarding sacrifice, for example, or as here, regarding his "ancestral family tree", his "generations"). And here we see a critical hidden meaning behind the genealogies, as well.***
- ***This explains a lot that otherwise would be difficult or impossible to understand regarding the judgment of God on mankind and on the earth. Some examples of that judgment include the flood itself which destroyed "all flesh", the later commandments of the Lord to destroy the Canaanites and many others in the land of the promise, the total destruction of the cities of Sodom & Gomorrah, etc.***
- ***So we see that this entire history of mankind on the earth is all about the seed of the woman, after all, and Satan knows it full well. But do we? Most interpreters fail to see what is so clearly written here, and therefore they misunderstand Satan's work down through the ages and very much even today, as God works under grace, and not law.***

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#4: Satan corrupts the human race - But God preserves the Royal Line.

Application:

- ***God's power is great indeed***
- ***Satan's power is greater than anything we might have imagined, as we have seen in our fellowship today. He has even corrupted the human race on occasion!***
- ***But God, and not Satan, is victorious in the end. Satan has not been allowed to destroy the Royal Line and our Lord Jesus Christ has***

accomplished so much of his purpose already through the cross of Calvary, his glorious resurrection into heavenly glory, and finally the formation of the Church which is His Body, of which we by grace through faith have become members.

- ***And so, God continues to prove that word is perfect and his promises will always be kept.***
- ***He will not allow anything to interfere completely with his plan of the ages***
- ***God has his people at the center of his perfect will, provides godly ones to lead in times of crisis, does not allow mankind to go on without a witness and a testimony, and loves each of us whatever the circumstances***
- ***And, finally, what God wants always is a true and authentic worship as well, not a religious response in the realm of feelings and rituals. Be encouraged, brethren! The Victory is Ours through Christ Jesus!***

Praise be to God for his unspeakable gift, our Lord Jesus Christ!