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## The Fall of Man

1. The Fall of the ~~sin~~ archangel and Eve

The most important problem of any man who wishes to be redeemed should be deliverance from sin. One cannot repent and be forgiven unless he knows his sin specifically, and he cannot deal with the root of sin unless he knows about the origin of sin. There are three kinds of sin: original sin which is inherited from Adam and Eve and flows down generation after generation to mankind; the sin committed collectively by crucifying Jesus and the personal sin we commit ourselves. The two latter sins are well known, but the inherited original sin has never been disclosed.

According to the Scriptures sin came into being when Adam and Eve had eaten the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If the fall was caused by eating anything material such sin could not be inherited.

In order to understand the true nature of sin let us consider the attitude of Adam and Eve just before the fall, and trace the sinful deed they committed. It is the original nature of a creature to hide any part that is imperfect, because imperfect man cannot stand before the perfect God. "If I have concealed my transgressions like Adam by hiding my iniquity in my bosom." (Job 31:33) The part Adam concealed was defective. "And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed." (Gen. 2:25) From the moment that they committed sin they felt ashamed and sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons. (Gen. 3:7-8) They covered neither their hands nor their mouths but their lower parts. If they had committed sin by eating anything they would have covered their hands and their mouths.

To have eaten the fruit meant they had unlawful and immoral sexual relationship. God created Adam and Eve and blessed them saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it." (Gen. 1:27) This fruitfulness of human life was possible through the act of pure love.

Then why did the act of love become shameful and immoral? How much more to those who were naked and not ashamed? Love is the most important element in the home, in society, in arts, and in culture. Why did it become shameful and impure? Because it was perverted and became the root of fall. Thus the most precious thing became the most degraded due to the fall. In a word Adam and Eve committed sin in love. Adultery is reckoned as the grossest sin in human society. Many heroes and saints failed in this matter and cities like Sodom and Gomorrah fell because of their immorality.

Most causes of disorder in man's physical body are the outcome of promiscuous sexuality. This is proved by Oriental Medical men.

The reason that every male in Israel needed to be circumcised was because Adam committed sin with the foreskin, and through the act of circumcision the men of Israel were purified to stand before God. The Old Testament Age was the time to return life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand. (Ex. 21:23) When Jacob crossed the ford of the Jabbok and wrestled with an angel his thigh was put out of joint (Gen. 32:25), Israelites when swearing by the Lord they put their hand under their thigh (Gen. 24:2). All these represent that the cause of the fall was in impure sexual relationship.

Some Christians think Adam and Eve committed sin by their own free will. No creature will run in the way of death by free will. Freedom is the dearest privilege given to man and he can commit sin as long as he has the freedom to do so. Then we cannot hope to have a perfect salvation, and so we come to the conclusion that God made a fallen or imperfect man. God's purpose in granting freedom was for the realization of His ideals, and to restore the original man as at the creation. Man did not fall owing to having freedom, but having fallen he lost the freedom he originally had. There is no freedom beyond the divine principle. This freedom must be accompanied by a sense of responsibility and practical Christian living which brings joy to God. Adam and Eve had the choice of two ways, life, or death. What was it that caused them choose death? It was nothing else but the joy of love.

Let us examine the motive that led to their fall. God made the invisible angelic world before the physical world was created. The angelic world was made firstly, that the angels might serve God and cooperate with Him. They conveyed a significant message to Abraham (Gen. 19:1-) and the message of Christ's birth to Mary and Joseph (Math. 1:20, Luke 1:31) and in other cases also. (I Kings 19:5, Acts 12:7-, Luke 16:22) Therefore the angels were called the ministering spirits. (Heb. 1:14) Secondly, the angels were made to return praise and glory to God. (Heb. 1:6, Luke 2:13)

After the creation of the visible world God made man to be his temple and visible body. (I Cor. 3:16) Since the angels were made to serve man they should be under man's dominion. (I Cor. 6:3, Ps. 8:5) Therefore God loved man more than angels. Lucifer was in the position of Archangel, and all the blessings and love to the angelic world were distributed through him, just as God set up a man Abraham, and distributed blessing to the nation of Israel through him. Lucifer looked like monopolizing God's love. But he found that God loved Adam and Eve more than him and imagined God's love toward him had decreased though it was still the same as before. He wished to hold the same position over Adam and Eve as he held over the angels, by distributing the love from God even to them. It was with this motive in view that the Archangel tempted Eve.

God's love is the essence of life and the elements of happiness, and ideals. One looks radiant and beautiful when he receives God's love. Therefore Adam and Eve looked extremely beautiful to Lucifer. Eve was more beautiful and as she

was more inclined to be tempted, Lucifer could not help feeling the stimulae and impulse of love toward her, Lucifer ventured to join together with Eve in spite of the thread of death, and this was their spiritual fall. This is not known today though there are a few verses in the Scriptures that the angel fell by adultery and became satan. "For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of nether gloom to be kept until the judgment." (II Peter 2:4) "And the angels that did not keep their own position but left their proper dwelling have been kept by him in eternal chains in the nether gloom until the judgment of the great day; just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise acted immorally and indulged in unnatural lust, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire." (Jude 6,7) From these verses it is evident that the archangel was punished by God because he committed adultery.

Satan did not exist prior to the fall of Eve, but as the result of the fall of the archangel and Eve satan came into being. The serpent mentioned in Genesis 3:1 is the symbol of satan, the fallen archangel. (Rev. 12:9) From this fact idols and evil spirits are called the spirits of adultery. Mankind thus inherited the evil of satan generation after generation. Jesus said to the Jewish people, "You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires, he was a murderer from the beginning." (John 8:44) John the Baptist pointed out saying "You brood of vipers." St Paul also stated "Not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first

fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies." (Rom. 8:23) He meant that those in the fallen circle have a different line of blood.

That the sexual intercourse between a spiritual being and substantial human being is possible is explained in the chapter of Resurrection. When three angels came to Sarah to reveal she would have a son they ate a meal Abraham had prepared. By the ford of Jabbok an angel wrestled with Jacob. (Gen. 32:24) These incidents prove this point.

Love makes two one flesh. Becoming one flesh one receives some elements from the other. By joining together with Lucifer Eve received some elements from him, namely the sense of fear, as he committed sin. He felt the pangs and fear that came from the idea that he violated the principle, and the sense of fear passed on to Eve. When one is overcome by <sup>an</sup> evil spirit he feels fear and is liable to become insane. The second element Eve received was the wisdom of the archangel. He was lower than Adam and Eve in the measure of God's love, but higher in the degree of wisdom, because he was near the stage of perfection while Adam and Eve were still in the stage of Growth.

Having received the wisdom of the archangel Eve realized that he was not her spouse in accordance with the principle, but Adam was. Adam and Eve still in the growing process, know each other as brother and sister, and not husband and wife. Now Eve attempted to restore the stand before God by compelling <sup>him</sup> as her husband in accordance with the Principle to have sexual intercourse while he was not aware of the appeal of the

opposite sex yet, because he was still imperfect stage. By responding to Eve, Adam also committed sin, and they both fell in spirit and body. Then he received the sense of fear and wisdom from her. And they sewed fig leaves together and made aprons and hid themselves.

If they had been made perfect according to the blessing of God they would have become one flesh by the love of God and been fruitful and multiplied and filled the earth with the children of God. (Gen. 1:27) But by joining together with satan through the act of illicit love fallen descendants were multiplied and filled the earth instead, remaining under satanic dominance against the principle. That Jesus said "You are of your father the devil," that John the Baptist said "You are the brood of vipers," and that St. Paul stated "We wait for adoption as sons", all meant that mankind had another father who is not God.

## 2. The Cause of the Deviation from the Principle

The creature that is created and upheld by the principle cannot run to an evil course of his own accord. Therefore our first parents and the Archangel were not intended to fall. If there is something stronger than the power of the principle running against man it would drive him off the track, as though a train would run off the track when something stronger than the running force of the train strikes against it. The power stronger than the power of the principle is the power of love. The power of love is absolute and no principle can dominate it. Therefore it was possible that the

power of love alone could drive man out of the track of the principle, and so God set the condition "You shall not eat of the fruit" and commanded man to obey it in order to prevent them from deviating from it.

Why did God set the power of love in the absolute position? It was to make love genuine and real. God made man to live in the bosom of His absolute love. If love were controlled by the principle, there would no longer be real and absolute love. Adam and Eve were to love in the Garden of Eden in a state of perfect love and to enjoy it.

The condition "You shall not eat" was not necessary for all time but only in the stage of growth. If Adam and Eve were made perfect and united as husband and wife by absolute love in accordance with the principle, nothing could ever separate them from the love of God. The standard of perfection is the stage in which man becomes conscious of the opposite sex in the love of God, because they have become mature in spirit and in body. Therefore it was not difficult to keep the commandment "You shall not eat the fruit" while they were still in the growing process and were unconscious of the opposite sex owing to their relation as brother and sister. The condition was given because the Archangel was by them, and when they were joined together by perfect conjugal love in accordance with the principle, this prohibition would be unnecessary.



### 3. The Primary Causes of the Fall

#### (a). Not Taking the Same Stand as God

The motive behind the Archangel's fall was his jealousy toward Adam who God loved. The Archangel ought to have loved Adam as God did, but he was jealous of Adam and violated Eve's love. The jealousy toward brothers whom parents love and the jealousy toward friends whom teachers love arises from the fallen nature of the Archangel.

#### (b). Leaving the Position of Existence

Because of the fall man went to the left with satan while he ought to have gone to the right with God. Thus good and evil started originally from one point, love, and God's providence for salvation is finally and completely to turn the course of evil into good, and the central point for such turning is Jesus. There were two arcs from which evil started to turn and the first arc was spiritual and the second physical. The first arc was made by the fall of the Archangel and Eve, and the second arc by the fall of Adam and Eve. Jesus had come to turn it backward all at once by three hundred and sixty degrees, but due to the crucifixion he accomplished only <sup>the</sup> spiritual arc and failed to turn the physical arc, which will be completed by the Lord of Advent.

Desires can be either good or evil starting from the same point. The desire directed toward the right with God is good but, that directed toward the left with satan is evil. Eve formed a

correlative standard with the Archangel who had been moved by the impulse of love, and thus stirred the power of evil. Adam took the correlative standard with the fallen Eve and so advanced the power of evil.

#### (c). The Inversion of Domination

Man is made to become the lord of the whole creation and over the angelic world which will be under his dominance. The fallen deed of the Archangel sprang from a desire to dominate man while man was still immature. The pride and the fallen nature of man that wishes to dominate even God Himself are derived from the fallen nature of the Archangel.

#### (d). The Psychology of Shifting Sin to Others

Life and multiplication begin when the perfect action of give-and-take is performed between two beings who form a correlative standard. The complete action of give-and-take between Eve and the Archangel in committing sin bred a fallen Adam. If Eve had not shifted the sin to Adam he would not have fallen. The psychology of the wicked in multiplying the same kind of evil is the fallen nature inherited from Eve.

#### 4. Satan and Fallen Man

The fallen Archangel became satan and is called the devil. He became the owner of Adam and Eve and the ruler of this world. (John 12:31, Rom. 8:20, John 8:44, II Cor. 4:4) As the sin of mankind

accumulated the power of satan increased and all evil spirits are the spiritual men who had lived wicked lives on earth. But satan cannot have the power of satanic life, activities, <sup>or</sup> multiplication unless he forms a correlative standard with evil people on earth. "Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve." (Luke 22:3) "He turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men.'" (Math. 16:23) "And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is not strange if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness." (II Cor. 11:14, 15) "And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world - he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him." (Rev. 12:9) The devil appeared to Jesus in the wilderness was a substantial spiritual man and tempted Him in reality. Similar spiritual conflicts have been the experience of many others in these days.