

Worship that Pleases God

The Angels

1. Angels are spiritual beings that God created before he made humanity
2. The chief angels in God's government were the Archangels
3. There are three archangels mentioned – Gabriel, Michael and Lucifer
4. **Ezekiel 28:12-13** *"You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created.*
5. But something went horribly wrong in the heart of God's beloved-praise and worship-leading-archangel.
6. **Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. Ezekiel 28:17**
7. **For you said to yourself, I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God's stars. Isaiah 14:13**
8. He became rebellious and incited one-third of the angels to join with him in revolt
9. **Revelation 12:7-9** *"Then there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels. And the dragon lost the battle, and he and his angels were forced out of heaven. This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels"*
10. Jesus described Lucifer's fall like this - **Luke 10:18** *"I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning!"*
11. When you ask most Christians, they will say that they believe that *"God created Satan."*
12. That is not true – God created Lucifer not Satan

Who made Satan?

1. From scripture we can deduce that Satan was originally on this earth in the Garden of Eden as Lucifer
2. **Hebrews 1:14** says this about angels: *"Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"*
3. In the Book of Job 1:7 it says, *"The Lord said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the Lord and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it."*
4. It was in the Garden that his transgression against God was conceived and carried out.
5. **Ezekiel 28:15** goes on to say, *"Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee."*
6. I have never been able to follow the logic that God sent Satan to earth to tempt man and
7. So, what made Lucifer turn against God?
8. God created man in His image and gave him authority over the earth
9. **Genesis 1:26** says, *"And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."*
10. **Psalm 89:34** *"My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips."*
11. **Isaiah 14:13** says, *"For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north." The next verse says, "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High."*
12. **Romans 6:16** says this, *"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"*

13. So, who made Satan – we effectively did?
14. Now kicked out of heaven, you can just imagine Lucifer thinking to himself *"I wonder which angel will take my place next to His thrown as God's most beloved"*
15. God had something entirely new to lead all of creation in praise and worship to him - He has you and me!

No Authority and Power:

1. Satan has no authority and power of his own but ***"he is as a roaring lion seeking who he may devour"***
2. ***Romans 12:1 "Give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him."***

The Reason for Worship:

1. Too many live disjointed lives
2. ***"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth"***
3. ***"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart-these, O God, You will not despise" (Psalm 51:17).***
4. Biblical worship is an encounter that results in personal transformation.
5. ***John 4:23 "But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him."***

The Universal Language of Emotion:

1. With the progression from God man discovered the power and influence of music.
2. ***Exod. 15:1 Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying: "I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider he has thrown into the sea!"***
3. ***Luke 2:13-14 says "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"***
4. We do not worship God based on how we feel, we worship Him based on who He is!
5. Story of the short of stature – David the shepherd boy – am an after God's own heart
6. ***"Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"***
7. You can be the David in the story
8. There has been a gradual decline in the identity of our heavenly Father Jesus and the Holy Spirit in the church.
9. There are two serious mistakes in worship today being made that are sending us down a slippery slope
10. The church is removing the sacredness of the worship experience.
11. What is missing is the holiness and fear of the Lord in worship.
12. Worship and praise must accurately declare the nature and character of Almighty God, and must proclaim and give adoration to His name.
13. The second mistake being made is the humanizing of the worship experience.
14. Our Heavenly Father longs for a personal, intimate walk with each of His sons and daughters. God expects us to have deep reverence and holy awe for Him who is the absolute sovereign – and so we cry ***Abba Father!***