

Satan Attempts To Be The Father

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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! But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly, in the recesses of the north. 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit. Isaiah 14:12-15

The original family is not about to be broken up by an angel who thinks himself to be a father. God's role is not "up for grabs". He will not offer His seat to anybody, angel or man. God the Father considers it a major violation for any being to attempt to be like Him or take on the role of the Heavenly Father. Preserving the original family is a top priority for God. His perfect model is a clear demonstration of perfection regarding spiritual, relational and physical relationships. God is pleased to announce that His Heaven is secure and free from all forms of rebellion.

It is unclear to us why God allows "self-will" even in the Heavenlies. We can only assume that God creates man and woman with the same design of Heaven. God created the angels with a will to choose whom they would serve. Satan, named Lucifer at the time, chose to be an adversary to the Father of Heaven and paid a stiff penalty because of this act of declaring, "I will make myself to be like the Most High". Nobody is to take on the role of Father except the Father Himself. Authority is the key to accomplishing a significant work, good or bad. Satan knew that he was unable to accomplish his work unless he had the authority to do it.

Satan knows that God's order of conducting business is the only way. He understands that God is the supreme Father and Christ is the Son and the Son only says and does what the Father tells Him (John 8:28). The Word of God is God and Christ spoke only of His Father's Words. Even Christ was not able to come up with His own Words. The Holy Spirit's role was to bring to remembrance the Words of Jesus (John 14:26). Angels are designed by God to carry out the business that God the Father orders. Gabriel leads in the deliverance of God's messages, Michael leads in spiritual warfare and Lucifer was in charge of the "harp" - worship (Isaiah 14:11).

For whatever reason, Satan was not content with the role in which God placed him in. He asserted himself by attempting to take on the Heavenly Father in the role of the father. His attempt at a "hostile takeover" placed him in eternal damnation. Just as Adam and Eve were removed from the garden, Satan was removed from Heaven (Isaiah 14:15). In Heaven, attempting to take the role of the Father is a serious and unforgivable offense. Thanks to Jesus, when we attempt to do this, we can be forgiven and made whole again. This is not the case for Satan. When a Heavenly host attempts to take the role of the Father, the consequences are irreversible.

A person can only imagine how hostile Satan was when he was cast from Heaven like a lightning bolt. I'm sure he hit the dirt with a revenge that shook the foundation of the world. His consequences for the attempt of take over put him in his place but he was not about to stop there. In future lessons, we will explore what began to unfold regarding Satan's second attempt to take on the role of Abba Father through His children.