

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1266: Why Doesn't God Just Destroy Satan?

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1. What are two ways Satan's rebellion and fall serve God's plan? How does Satan's existence and influence serve to test intelligent beings? Who are "God's intelligent created beings"? Why is this testing necessary?
2. Which groups of people have either never heard the gospel message or do not recognize it? Is this a choice on their part? What does the Parable of the Sower tell us about heart conditions? Why do God and Jesus purposely hide the gospel from so many? (See 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, Matthew 13:18-19, Mark 4:10-12, Isaiah 6:8-10)
3. What was Satan's name when he was first created? What was he like in the beginning? What was his position or title before the earth was created? Who else held that position? Did Lucifer maintain that relationship? What was his new job description? (See Isaiah 14:12, Job 38:3-7, Revelation 22:16, Ezekiel 28:11-14)
4. When did God prepare His plan? What was Jesus' name in his pre-human existence? Why do you think Jesus was called this? What part of God's plan did Jesus willingly accept? How did Satan get so much power? Why would he have turned his back on his Father? (See Revelation 13:8, Isaiah 14:12, Ezekiel 28:15-17)
5. Why is it necessary to allow the exercise of free will a full measure of time? While the evil around us may be overwhelming, what does God promise? How long was Lucifer with God before he rebelled? What does Peter tell us is the reason the LORD seems "slow about His promise"? (See Habakkuk 2:3, 2 Peter 3:8-9)
6. Dissect the parts of Lucifer's boast. What did he ultimately want? What does God say would be his fate? How does Peter describe the environment of the sinful angels (including Lucifer)? How could this give them a chance to repent? In what way should the degeneration of Lucifer be a warning to us? (See Isaiah 14:12-15, 2 Peter 2:4)
7. Why did God give Adam (and Lucifer) a long time to fill out their lives? What does this time allow to develop in their lives and in our lives? Why would God stopping all evil not be a popular decision? What do you think will be necessary to get mankind to accept this kind of oversight of evil? (See Genesis 1:27-28, 2:16-17, 5:5)
8. How does God react to man and angels' plans against Him? What is His promise to us? Who is included in this promise? What is the order after resurrection? (See Psalm 2:4, Proverbs 19:21, Isaiah 45:22-24, Romans 5:18, 1 Timothy 2:1-6)
9. Are Christ's followers the only ones who will be made alive again? What happens to Satan after the resurrection? What happens to Satan after an extended period of time for educating mankind in righteousness? (See 1 Corinthians 15:22, Revelation 20:1-3, 7-10, 14)
10. Why would God go through all of this just to show us what evil looks like? (See John 3:16-17)