

LIVE OAK CHURCH

The Origin Of Evil

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Isaiah 14:11-16; Ezekiel 28:13-19; Luke 10:17-20

We Have All Experienced Evil, The Corruption Of Good

I. Evil has a source

- A. The biblical revelation of evil
 - 1. 7 times in the Old Testament Satan is referenced
 - 2. Every New Testament writer references Satan
- B. The fruit of evil as seen in the world

II. The warnings of Jesus

- A. "Thief" comes only to steal, kill, & destroy
 - John 10:10
- B. Satan is a liar and a murderer - John 8:44
- C. Satan was cast down like lightning
 - Luke 10:18

III. The warnings of the Apostles

- A. Satan roams like a lion seeking someone to devour - 1 Peter 5:8
- B. Blinds the minds of the unbeliever
 - 2 Corinthians 4:4

- C. Hinders the work of the believers
 - 1 Thessalonians 2:18
- D. Accuses & divides
 - Revelation 12:10 & Matthew 12:25
- E. Keeps a record - Job 1

IV. Satan's origin - Ezekiel 28:12-19

- A. A wise, perfect, angelic cherub
- B. Anointed
- C. Until iniquity/pride came into his being

V. Satan's agenda (5 "I will's") - Isaiah 14:12-21

- A. I will ascend into Heaven
 - 1. Satan wasn't satisfied with the position God gave
 - 2. His problem was lack of contentment
 - 3. Pride says "What God has given me isn't enough"
 - 4. This is the essence of rebellion "I do what I want"
 - 5. Satan wants to decide what is good & evil, not God
- B. I will exalt my throne
 - 1. Satan wanted to rule not just influence
 - 2. Satan wanted a throne
 - 3. Satan wanted the authority that belonged to God
 - 4. Pride doesn't merely want recognition
Pride wants control

- 5. Pride says I know better than God
- C. I will sit upon the mount
 - 1. Satan's desire is to replace God's rule
 - 2. Satan wants to replace God
 - 3. Pride goes from "I want to be important" to "I want authority"
- D. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds
 - 1. Satan wanted the highest position
 - 2. Satan wanted all the glory
- E. I will be like the Most High
 - 1. This is the heart of Satan's rebellion
 - 2. Satan wants what belongs to God

VI. Satan's destiny

- A. God declared, he will be cast down
 - 1. Wherever he is cast down there is suffering, death
 - 2. Ultimately cast into the lake of fire

**VII. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil
- 1 John 3:8**

- A. Satan divides, Jesus reconciles
- B. Satan accuses, Jesus advocates
- C. Satan condemns, Jesus saves
- D. Satan deceives, Jesus is truth
- E. Satan brings death, Jesus gives life
- F. Jesus defeated death by dying & returning to life

VIII. Our defense against Satan

- A. Greater is He that is in you
- B. Resist the devil & he will flee
Draw near to God & God will draw near to you
- C. At the name of Jesus, demons tremble

IX. The contrast we must choose

- A. The evil of "I will"
 - 1. I will do what I want
 - 2. I will make my own rules
 - 3. I will determine truth
 - 4. I will be my own authority
 - 5. I will live for myself
- B. Jesus said "not my will, but thine be done"

**One Brings Suffering,
One Brings Life**