



## MANKIND ON TRIAL

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### Scripture Text:

Ezekiel 28:12-19; Isaiah 14:12-15; Genesis 3:4-6;

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### Message:

1 John 2:15-17 is a VERY GRAVE warning to us all.

- To the whole human race.
- ONLY THE LOVE OF THE FATHER WILL REMAIN ONE DAY.

### LUCIFER'S FALL

God spoke of Lucifer being the Garden of Eden.

- He fell due to pride of self.
- Desire to be his own god.
- Not worship true God, but self.

Mankind's entire problem today stems from this fall of Lucifer.

- Man would not be in sin today had not Lucifer tempted the woman to sin.

But when all the world as we know it is over, God will wrap up everything that occurred since Adam's sin, and carry on with His purpose He instituted for man long before man was created and sinned.

- And there will be people in heaven with Him forever.
- THINGS WILL CHANGE.
- But, why did He plan it this way.. to change the state of things as they now are?

God created Adam and desired to have Adam become infused with God's LIFE.

- Why not make Adam infused with it at creation?
- Man is going through steps.

More questions:

- Why is man created in the same world where Jesus said Satan fell into from heaven?

Luke 10:18 KJV And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

Isaiah 14:12-15 KJV How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!

Why did not God make us on another planet?

- The Bible speaks of Satan being cast into the lake of fire before the white throne (Rev 20:10.)
- Why leave the devil in this world in the mean time?
- Why leave him in the world before God created Adam and Eve, to tempt them, and why leave him here after he succeeded in seeing Adam and Eve sin?
- Why is not the Devil in the fire now?

Why are we being exposed to the Devil?

- Adam and Eve proved mankind is susceptible to temptation, so why leave this sort of enemy around us?

1 Peter 5:8 KJV Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Why are we in this domain of danger?

Let us go back further to the beginning.

## ADAM'S CREATION

Genesis 2:15-17 KJV And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. (16) And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: (17) But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Why did God put man in the very place where a forbidden tree existed that man must not eat?

WE ARE IN NEED OF LEARNING THESE ANSWERS.

- Life is more important than we can ever imagine.
- This message will explain just how.
- It's beyond getting somewhere in the world with a good job and even a good family and home.
- IT IS A PREPARATION PLACE FOR ETERNITY.

The bible says that when Christ comes back again, He is going to glorify the saints.

1 Corinthians 15:42-44 KJV So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: (43) It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: (44) It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

This is a coming resurrection.

- Our bodies will be changed from corruptible ones to incorruptible ones.
- Why did God even make us susceptible to corruption?
- Did you know that Adam was not created to die.
- He would not have died had he not sinned.

Romans 5:12 KJV Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Nevertheless, Adam was made in such a way that he could be altered and made to die.

ADAM WAS CREATED AND PUT IN A PLACE OF PROBATION.

- MANKIND WAS ON TRIAL.
- God wanted man to get His life inside them, by way of eating fruit, however before that, God put man in the middle of a test.

Before God created the world and time, there was what we call eternity PAST.

- There is also an eternity future ahead of us.
- And in that eternity future there is incorruptible glory in store for the saints.
- AND HERE IS THE POINT.
- WHEN EVERYTHING THAT IS PHYSICAL IS EITHER RECREATED AND RECREATED, OR FREED FROM SIN TO LAST FOREVER ANYWAY, WHATEVER THE CASE...
- GOD WILL NOT WANT ANOTHER BEING AROUND WHO WOULD FALL TO THE DEPTHS OF THE REBELLION TO WHICH LUCIFER FELL.
- So before Adam would receive this LIFE OF GOD, he was tested.
- This would ensure another LUCIFER does not rise up.
- GOD TESTED ADAM'S LOVE FOR GOD.

Between Adam and the tree of life was a space where the tree of the knowledge of good and evil stood.

- Adam was to pass through that space, maintain his loyalty and love for God, and cleanly eat of the fruit of life.
- And God would usher the human race into an eternity before them full of wonders which, I believe, entailed man's place in the entire universe at God's side.
- Who knows what God would have for Adam and all mankind after that point?
- AND THE FORBIDDEN TREE HAD ALL THE ATTRACTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH LUCIFER'S OWN FALL.
- There was the same appeal to make the people their own gods that Lucifer wanted when he fell.
- THERE IS A STRONG ASSOCIATION between the people's temptation and Lucifer's experience.

IT WAS LIKE THE WILDERNESS BETWEEN EGYPT AND CANAAN, THE PROMISED LAND.

Genesis 2:9 KJV And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 3:6 KJV And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

God allows the luster of the world to pass before us, TO TEST OUR LOVE FOR HIM.

SINCE EDEN'S DISASTER.

Well, mankind's leader, Adam, failed.

- Lucifer did not have to get past the first human couple to mess this show up.
- BUT WE ARE STILL AROUND!
- GOD DID NOT WIPE US OUT!
- WHY?

After Adam sinned, he became susceptible to death.

- We are now non-never-ending.
- And God wanted this!

Genesis 3:22-23 KJV And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: (23) Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

He wants man to remain susceptible to death.

- Angels that fell with Satan cannot be redeemed since they are permanently poisoned.
- Until Lucifer's rebellion there is no record of any beforehand.

The fruit of life would put God's life into man.

- But there was also something else in that fruit that was put there, that would ALSO help man in case he was made to die.
- It was REMEDY to restore never-ending life again.
- So after sin, we were able to die, God did not allow us to receive that never-ending life yet.
- He blocked it away from us, allowing man to die.
- But in every case He set something up that, though man die, a SACRIFICE could be made upon which the sins of the people would be passed, and it would be killed, removing and killing their sins, so to speak.
- AND THEN planned to come in the flesh, Himself, as JESUS CHRIST and die as the TRUE sacrifice, and save everyone in the past who offered the animals that pointed to Christ's death, and all those after who directly depend on His sacrifice.

SO THIS LIFE WAS HELD BACK FROM MAN.

- And our bodies are still not made everlasting yet.
- We who are saved are promised to have our bodies changed, BUT NOT YET.
- So it's in us, as a seed, but NOT YET EMPOWERED TO CHANGE.

BEFORE WELCOMING US INTO THE ETERNALS, GOD IS TESTING OUR LOVE FOR HIM.

We pass through trials and tests as believers.

- God still leaves us mortal after He saves us.
- STILL ON PROBATION.
- He takes away all your sins and makes you his sons and daughters, BUT LEAVES YOU IN PROBATION.

- You have not proven yourself yet.
- Who is to say you would not be like Lucifer and later desire to worship self more than God?

Not only that, he leaves SIN IN YOUR FLESH after you are saved.

- You have to pray and learn how to serve God with sin all around and in flesh.
- And you have to make an effort to get into the Spirit, for if you leave everything alone and try to coast, YOU ARE TORN DOWN BY SIN!

God did not take us into glory yet.

- He is ensuring we do not go the way of Satan.
- EVERYTHING RELATED TO CHRISTIAN LIVING -- HOW HE DEALS WITH SINNERS AND SAINTS ALIKE -- CIRCLES AROUND GOD TEACHING US LOYALTY AND LOVE DEDICATION.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 KJV Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: (5) And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Paul spoke of the testing time.

Romans 5:3-5 KJV And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; (4) And patience, experience; and experience, hope: (5) And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Experience is SKILL.

- Many companies want a certain SKILLED employee to work of them.
- Someone with experience.
- Success is guaranteed from their employment in such cases.

God has something in eternity future for us.

- He wants success in our involvement, and not have to see another waste like Lucifer involved.
- So he is putting us through tribulations FOR US TO HAVE EXPERIENCE.

EXPERIENCE IN LOVING GOD AND PROVING THAT LOVE IS GREATER THAN LOVE FOR OTHER THINGS.

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God will not allow someone without love of the Father into Heaven.

- So he leaves us in a world supped up by the Devil to entice us away from God, to see if we will have love for anything else other than God.
- And HE IS COUNTING ON SATAN ENTICING US WITH OTHER LOVES, because He wants to ensure we cover all the bases to prove we love God.
- WHAT A CONVENIENT AGENT THE DEVIL IS.
- Perfect plan: Allow the devil to try everything he can to dissuade us from God, since he hates God so much and hates us, so that we make it through ONLY by proving we really do have a love for God the Father more than anything else.

Revelation 12:13 KJV And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

Satan persecutes and tempts as God allows it to test our love for Him.

We physically die BUT WE ARE NOT GUARANTEED TO THE SECOND DEATH.

Revelation 2:11 KJV He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

Revelation 20:14 KJV And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Revelation 21:8 KJV But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

That is why angels cannot be redeemed.

- They are in a state of never dying already.
- So God cannot have sacrifice -- a death in their place -- die as them, if they cannot die.
- So God kept man away from living forever with sin in him, because only one way was left to recover man... salvation through death of the cross.

The angels saw Lucifer rebel and seemed to have joined him.

God could have vaporized Satan right then and not see the angels follow.

- BUT HE WAS TESTING ANGELS, TOO.
- He let that devil rise up and sway many others.
- They would have only been additional "Lucifers" themselves, later if he had not done it this way.
- God would see who else truly did not love him.
- God lets you face trials and temptations because if we really love Him THAT WILL PROVE IT OUT.

Deep inside of those who will end up in heaven will have been a hunger to love God that nothing else could ever stop.

HAD MAN NOT FALLEN, MAN WOULD HAVE BEEN CLOSER TO GOD THAN LUCIFER!

- But man did the same thing!
- Wanted to be like God.

God had a choice... wipe man out or SETUP A SYSTEM.

- A system where man would be surrounded by sin and temptation and devils, damaged by sin, and yet given a chance to be redeemed through TOTAL RELIANCE UPON GOD.
- HE MADE IT IN SUCH A WAY THAT ONLY THROUGH TOTAL LOVE AND RELIANCE UPON GOD WE WOULD MAKE IT.
- SO LOVING GOD IS AN ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENT TO GO TO HEAVEN.
- He made it in such a way that LOVE would shine through, because LOVE would ensure no more future devils.

A billion possibilities existed.

- But he chose this one.

In our temporary bodies that burn out and die, man is OBSERVED to see if we reach out to God.

## IMMUNITY

The body builds up immunity when faced with disease.

- Safety mechanism.
- When a virus attacks, your body reacts.
- It fights it.
- Builds up an immunity.
- Get the mumps and never get them again, because your body reacted and fixed the problem.

Europeans carried influenza to the North American Indians who died by the thousands.

- Europeans had an immunity.
- But the Indians did not, having never been exposed to it before.
- After generations, the Indians also became immune.

MANY ANGELS HAD NO IMMUNITY TO SIN.

- Many fell as soon as Lucifer rebelled.

When people are defeated again and again in sin, and reach out to God to be saved, put into his system, and THEN go through trials as Christians, WE BUILD UP AN IMMUNITY.

- THERE ARE BELIEVERS WHO ARE SO LOYAL TO GOD THEY WILL BE IN HEAVEN ONE DAY.

All of life is a FILTER.

You are living in this probation RIGHT NOW.

- You are already making choices that will tell if you are destroyed in the end, or ushered into the glory of eternity future with God.
- You have all you need to make it if you truly love God.
- The bible warned about every thing you can imagine that people walk into and lose out with God.

We may see weaknesses in our lives right now.

- But that is why we are still here in this probation.
- God knows we need more time.
- We need more experience.
- So we can see that immunity increase!

In the eternals to come, there will be saints of God who STOOD THE TEST, having passed through all temptations.

- They will walk with God in glory.

- An immunity will have been instilled within them.
- They will likely never fall.
- EVEN IF another Satan arises, these folks lived in a world exponentially worse in unimaginable ways than anything heaven is, and stood the test then, so they will CERTAINLY NOT FAIL IN GLORY.
- A second Satan would have a hard time getting followers.
- The angels who did not fall the first time when he did, have an immunity.
- And saints of God passed through a wicked world with temptation everywhere, and did not give in then.
- They were used to temptations and holding on to God!

When will the resurrection happen?

- When God sees fit that enough time has passed for mankind to have been faced with enough evil and fully tested.

By then, the minds of dedicated Saints will be totally settled on serving God.

- Forever loyal to Him.

We will be able to say we tasted life on both sides.

- In sin and out of sin.
- We already lived in sin once.
- We made a decision long ago to be loyal to God no matter what.
- We chose to not serve self.

No one who is too proud to admit wrong will be there.

- If you are loyal to yourself now, forget making it there.

Believers are tested!

Matthew 7:21-24 KJV Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. (22) Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? (23) And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (24) Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

God even gives us supernatural gifts TO TEST US.

- With a bit of supernatural power from heaven now, can you be trusted?
- Will you give glory to God?
- Many cannot.
- They take the gift and make money from it all.
- Such will have been "Lucifers" had God took them into heaven when he saved them.

Even your loved ones are involved in God's test for you.

Matthew 10:37-39 KJV He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. (38) And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. (39) He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his



life for my sake shall find it.

With all this elaborate effort on God's part, ETERNITY MUST BE GOING TO BE SO AWESOME WE CANNOT IMAGINE IT!

- THAT MUCH preparation before He even lets us in!

6,000 years of earth so far.

When it is all said and done, will you have been proven loyal?

Some do not even reach out for Salvation when they hear the Gospel.

- They are so loyal to self they could not even repent and be baptized.
- YOU HAVE NO HOPE IF YOU CANNOT EVEN REACH OUT TO GET SAVED.
- We are getting ready through trials and troubles.
- YOU need to join us.
- Do not be forgotten long after this life is over.
- TAKE THE FIRST STEP TO GLORY, and reach out to Jesus.
- Repent and get baptized in Jesus' name.

The first step of loyalty is to reach out when you know what to do.

This plan is going on over the whole of creation now.

- Some have made this meager life everything, and insanely care not even to think about eternity.
- Will you join the rebel angels of Hell, or the faithful 2/3 who never rebelled?
- I AM GOING TO GO TO HEAVEN!

Have grudges?

- Trade that ridiculous human pride for ETERNAL GLORIES!