

Salvation Past

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The Seven S's of Adventism - Salvation / Salvation; Original Sin; Evil / Genesis 3:21

Salvation is for those who are lost. But how did we get lost in the first place and how does the plan of Salvation solve the problem of the great controversy?

Campfire Conversations

Questions

Who is God?

Who am I?

What am I doing here?

Why bad things happen?

How God judges?

Answers

- Salvation is for those who are lost?
- How did we get lost?

Creation of Lucifer

Ezekiel 28:12–15 ESV

“Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord GOD:

“You were the signet of perfection,
full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.
You were in Eden, the garden of God;
every precious stone was your covering,
sardius, topaz, and diamond,
beryl, onyx, and jasper,
sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle;
and crafted in gold were your settings
and your engravings.

On the day that you were created
they were prepared.
You were an anointed guardian cherub.
I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God;
in the midst of the stones of fire you walked.
You were blameless in your ways
from the day you were created,
till unrighteousness was found in you.

- Key Points:
 - perfection
 - perfect beauty
 - Garden of Eden
 - Created being
 - guardian cherub
 - Holy Mountain of God
 - Blameless until
 - “wickedness found in you”
- Who is this?
 - Who matches description?
 - No earthly king.
 - Lucifer

Fall of Lucifer

- How was wickedness suddenly found in
 - Isaiah explains:

Isaiah 14:12–14 ESV

“How you are fallen from heaven,
O Day Star, son of Dawn!
How you are cut down to the ground,
you who laid the nations low!
You said in your heart,
‘I will ascend to heaven;
above the stars of God
I will set my throne on high;

I will sit on the mount of assembly
in the far reaches of the north;
I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High.'

- Key points:
 - “Morning Star”
- What happened?
 - How wickedness found in him?
- He developed “I” problem.
 - I will:
 - ascend to heaven
 - above stars
 - set throne high
 - sit mount assembly
 - far north
 - height of clouds
 - like Most High
- How did this happen?
 - Not overnight.
 - Process.

Cast Out

Ezekiel 28:15–18 ESV

You were blameless in your ways
from the day you were created,
till unrighteousness was found in you.
In the abundance of your trade
you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned;
so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God,
and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub,
from the midst of the stones of fire.
Your heart was proud because of your beauty;
you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor.

I cast you to the ground;
I exposed you before kings,
to feast their eyes on you.
By the multitude of your iniquities,
in the unrighteousness of your trade
you profaned your sanctuaries;
so I brought fire out from your midst;
it consumed you,
and I turned you to ashes on the earth
in the sight of all who saw you.

- Key Points:
 - abundance of trade...
- Trade what?
 - not money.
 - not services
 - IDEAS!

Great Controversy Chapter 29—The Origin of Evil

Little by little, Lucifer came to indulge a desire for self-exaltation.

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Great Controversy Chapter 29—The Origin of Evil

Instead of seeking to make God supreme in the affections and allegiance of His creatures, it was Lucifer's endeavor to win their service and homage to himself.

- This lead to...
- "Cast out of mountain of God"
- Most ironic phrase:

War in Heaven

Revelation 12:7–9 ESV

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole

world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

- War in heaven...
- Who is Dragon?
- Who is Michael?
- Both have angels...
- How many angels?

Revelation 12:3–4 ESV

And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it.

- Dragon = Satan
- Lucifer while sinless was called
 - “morning star”
- Stars = angels
- 1/3 angels with Satan
- How?
 - abundance of trade
 - ideas
- What ideas?
 - God is not good.
 - God is not fair.
 - God is withholding.
 - What obey.
 - Do what you want.

Great Controversy Chapter 29—The Origin of Evil

But a note of discord now marred the celestial harmonies. The service and exaltation of self, contrary to the Creator’s plan, awakened forebodings of evil in

minds to whom God's glory was supreme. The heavenly councils pleaded with Lucifer. The Son of God presented before him the greatness, the goodness, and the justice of the Creator, and the sacred, unchanging nature of His law.

- Did God try?

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Great Controversy Chapter 29—The Origin of Evil

But the warning, given in infinite love and mercy, only aroused a spirit of resistance. Lucifer allowed jealousy of Christ to prevail, and he became the more determined.

Free will

- At this point,
 - many ask,
 - Why?
- Why not crush him?
 - What message sent?
- Free will.
- 3 choices
 - Robots
 - Servants
 - Free
- Back to story:
 - Cast to earth.

Revelation 12:12 ESV

Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

- Meantime
 - during rebellion in heaven.
 - something else happened.

Creation of Humanity

Genesis 1:26–28 ESV

Then 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 birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

- Key Points
 - “Let us”
 - “In His own image”

- Council of God

Great Controversy Chapter 29—The Origin of Evil

In all the councils of God, Christ was a participant, while Lucifer was not permitted thus to enter into the divine purposes. “Why,” questioned this mighty angel, “should Christ have the supremacy? Why is He thus honored above Lucifer?”

- “In His Own Image”
 - Gift to humanity
 - made like God.
- Didn’t last long:

Fall of Humanity

Genesis 3:1–6 ESV

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is

in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

- Key Point
 - Abundance of Trade
- “Did God really say”
 - question
 - trust
- “You will not die”
 - God is lying

Genesis 3:5 ESV

For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

- God is withholding
 - good from you!
- Was God withholding?
 - Yes!
- What?
 - evil!
- Sheltering Kids!
- That day,
 - humanity fell
 - image of God broken.
- What a mess:
 - Lucifer
 - 1/3 angels
 - cast out

- Adam and Eve
 - cast out
- earth broken
- Don't Worry
 - God foresaw all
- God had a plan!

Plan of Salvation

- The plan of Salvation
 - not just about
 - me and you
 - but also
 - entire universe.

1 Corinthians 4:9 ESV

For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men.

- How does God
 - restore heaven
 - restore Eden
 - answer accusations of Satan
 - Save Humanity
- What accusations?
 - God is not love.
 - God is not fair.
 - God's law is not good.
 - It is impossible to keep law.
 - We should be free.
- Back to Story...
- That day...
 - Adam Eve naked
 - Make clothes

- fig leaves
- hide from God
 - God finds...
 - (attitude of Go
- removed from garden
- The teaches
 - law enforced
 - wages of sin death
 - no easy solution
- God makes new clothes

Genesis 3:21 ESV

And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

- That day
 - first animal death
- Process of Sacrifice
 - story of salvation
- Somebody must die!
 - I will!
- Creator for Creation!
- God knew
 - God foresaw
 - God planned

Revelation 13:8 NKJV

All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

The Cross

- Solves all problems
- Answering accusations of Satan.
- Penalty Paid

- Salvation Offered
 - Freewill protected
 - Universe See
 - GOD IS LOVE!!!
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- Where are we today?
 - Already but not yet.

Next Week

- Salvation Present
- Can God really save me?