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# Satan's Ambition

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## Do we really need the cross today?

Satan used Adam and Eve to bring sin and rebellion into the perfect world that God created, consequently separating man from his creator. It was God's requirement that a perfect sacrifice was required to make a way back for mankind to Almighty God so they could be in fellowship with Him again.

Of course, a perfect sacrifice could not be found so a young lamb was to be a stand-in which was killed instead. It was the lamb's blood that was to be shed that was all important, because God said it was by the shedding of blood that sin would be paid for. As no-one in the world was perfect God in His love for His creation gave His only Son as a sacrifice to pay for the sins of the whole world. The foot of the cross became the point where all men women and children have to come in faith and bow down and except God's Son Jesus Christ as their personal saviour and take Him into their lives and make Him Lord.

### 1 Corinthians 1:17, 18

For Christ sent me not to baptise but to preach the Gospel: not with wisdom of words lest the Cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

The preaching of the Cross has been very sparse in our churches in recent years, and yet the Cross is the very object of our faith. Paul warns that the Cross must be preached lest it become of no effect. In many churches today, the preaching of the cross has lost its central place, we seem to have forgotten that every demon spirit, every fallen angel, every spiritual wickedness in high places was totally defeated at the Cross and the Christian can live in that victory. Paul is telling us strongly that the Cross must be the centre of the Gospel message. If the Cross takes second place in our lives and in the lives of our churches the Holy Spirit cannot function on our behalf and the blessings of the Cross will not be ours. The Trinity is fully aware of and completely understands the cost of the Cross and how very necessary it is for all mankind.

### God!

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It's a long story, and it starts with God in the timeless past. God has always existed from all eternity that is very clear from the Bible.

### Psalm 90:2

Before the mountains were brought forth or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

### Proverbs 8:23

I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the Earth was.

### Psalms 93:2.

Your throne is established of old: You are from everlasting.

Mica 5:2. John 1:1-3. Revelation 1:4. Job 38:4-7

Where were you when I laid the foundations of the Earth? Declare if you have understanding. Who has laid the measures thereof, if you know or who has stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened or who laid the corner stone thereof, when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Morning Stars refer to angels, so God created angels before He created the universe, and His creation was so beautiful and perfect the angels responded with joyful singing and shouting. 'The foundations' being fastened and the 'corner stone' being laid is the fact that all the planets moons and sun are held in their place by gravity. If you take one of these planets away it will drastically affect the positions of all the rest because they are all holding each other in place with the 'pull' of all the others. What a wonderful God, no wonder Heaven shouted for joy when He finished creating.

Job 38:4 This very interesting chapter asks the question 'what has man to do with God's creation'? He was not there when God called the stars into being, he was nowhere to be found when God laid the foundations of the Earth or laid that important corner stone or formed the mountains and made the oceans.

Psalms 148:2-5

Praise Him all His angels; Praise Him all His hosts, Praise Him sun and moon; Praise Him all you stars of light, Praise Him you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord for He commanded, and they were created.

The Gospel of John Chapter 1.

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

There needs to be given much more importance to the WORD of GOD. When God gives His Word, He means what He says, and His Word cannot be broken. Here right at the beginning of history as we know it, long before you or I were even thought of, God gave His Word and stars were born, light started to shine, the sun and moon came into being, angels praised Him, His created hosts praised Him all because He commanded creation and it obeyed. Man was created well after these wonderful workings of Almighty God. But it appears that Lucifer another of God's creation, was also about at that time and became god of this world.

2 Corinthians 4:4

In whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of them which believe not lest the light of the Glorious Gospel of Christ, Who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Ephesians 2:2.

Wherein in time past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air,

John 12:31 ...he is the prince of this world.

Pride entered his heart and he conceived an idea that he can obtain the co-operation of other angelic beings to dethrone God and become the exalted supreme ruler of the universe himself. (Isa 14:12-14, Ezek 28:11-17, 1Timothy 3:6) Lucifer openly opposes God and invades heaven and confronts Him to take His throne and exalts himself to be higher than God. This is in the pre-Adamite period. He is met with Michael, the all-powerful angel and the faithful angels and is defeated in battle and cast out of heaven like lightening onto the Earth. (Isa 14:12-14, Ezek 28:11-17).

Isaiah 14:13.

For you have said in your heart, I will ascend into Heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of clouds; I will be like the Most High.

1 John 3: 8.

He who commits sin is of the Devil for the Devil has sinned from the beginning, for this purpose the Son of God was manifest that he might destroy the works of the Devil.

Because of Satan's ambition to be above God he had to be banished from Heaven and cast onto the Earth. In the first chapter of Job we read that when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, Satan came also, so at that time he had access to Heaven whenever he wanted or when summoned. It may have been on one of these occasions when He showed his hand to exalt himself above the throne of God that God found it necessary to cast him out of Heaven in shame.

2 Peter 2: 4

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness to be reserved unto judgement. And spared not the old world but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness brining the flood upon the world of the ungodly: and bringing the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an example unto those that after should live ungodly.

This Earth was perfectly made by God but now Satan is cast out of Heaven onto Earth he could not stand anything beautiful or perfect or sin free, so he sets about to ruin it again by sin and the help of Adam and Eve and mankind in general.

Isaiah 14:12,

How are you fallen from heaven O Lucifer, son of the morning! How are you cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations!

Jeremiah 4:23/24/25/26

I beheld the Earth and lo, it was without form, and void and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains and lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld and lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld and lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness and all the cities were broken down at the presence of the Lord and by His fierce anger.

Isaiah 45:18

For thus says the Lord who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the Earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord and there is no other.

The Bible supports the fact that Satan had huge influence on the earth before Adam came on the scene. Satan is called the man of sin and consequently ruined that original world causing God to flood the Earth with a flood much more devastating than Noah's flood. (Genesis 2:5-6 Jeremiah 4:23-26).

2 Peter 3:5-7

For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was being overflowed with water, perished. But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word, are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgement and perdition of ungodly men.

Psalms 104: 6-7

You cover it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they fled and at the voice of your thunder they hasted away.

The fact that the flood was rebuked proves that it was caused as a judgement of sin, the sin of Lucifer and his fallen angels and the pre-Adamites who rebelled against God long before Adam. Sin has always been the problem. The result was... Genesis 1:1 **And the Earth was without form and void and darkness was on the face of the deep.** When Satan fell, he took about one-third of the angels who

threw in their lot with him. (Revelation 12:4). We now know that all pain, suffering, heartache, death, rebellion and deception, in fact all sin is laid at the door of Satan. There was enmity between the Trinity and the forces of evil. Being cast down to the earth Satan was in God's Garden of Eden, (Ezekiel 28:13) where he forms his own kingdom with those who followed him from the Heavenly rebellion and becomes the prince of this world. If we continue to read the book of Job, he tells us that when God asks Satan where he has been Satan he replied; **Job 1:7 Then Satan answered, from going to and fro in the Earth and from walking up and down in it.** Satan now searches the whole Earth continually, never resting but seeking whom he may devour, or bring down by sin. (1Peter 5:8). Satan's answer to God leads me to think that Satan felt quite cocky and was showing off that he thought he had brought God's world to nothing. But God brought him down with a bang with the words 'have you considered my servant Job? There was one man who had not given in to Satan, a man called Job who was still a witness to God's grace, a man who Satan had obviously missed and had to be pointed out by God. Job was going through all that Satan put on him but, in the end, he still overcame as a true man of God bringing glory to the Name of God Jehovah.

Adam and his offspring were always destined to perfectly represent God on the earth. Lucifer robbed them of that role. Jesus restores us so that we can be carriers of God's authority on the earth once again. It was when the glory that was on Adam and Eve departed as a result of sin that they became aware of their nakedness. Without going into detail, we only have to look at the news on TV and read our newspapers to see and read of the murders and killings every day. Every day there are marriage breakdowns, children being abused, cheating and deception all under the influence of Satan and his evil army of fallen angels. Wherever Satan is there is trouble and chaos and his aim is to snatch mankind from an eternal life with Jesus.

### Genesis chapter 1. verse 2

Now we come to a time more familiar to us all, the restoration of Earth, and again it was by God's Word. All that mess that Satan did had to be undone and the Spirit of God moved over the Earth that was without form and void and in total darkness covered by water.

Light is restored and the Earth is brought back to a second habitable state in 6, 24-hour days. New animals, fish, birds, and vegetation are restored, and Adam is made the new ruler of the Earth in Lucifer's place. The Earth being made perfect a second time, all things are in harmony with God as they were before Lucifer's rebellion. All is well except Lucifer and his rebellious army are still at large in the earth being permitted to remain free to test and tempt man. God's plan is to bring about a people of strength, power and faith in the true God of the universe. (Job1:6; 2:1; Eph.2:2-5;)

Lucifer, now called Satan, tempts man and woman and causes their downfall and their fall from grace and separates them from God. Although God retains His authority over the earth at all times, He is now dealing with a people with a rebellious heart inherited from Adam. They were a people who had a free choice to go God's way or to go their own way and follow Satan. Man is judged and the Earth is cursed (2, Cor. 4:4. Rev.20:1-10). The Earth will remain under this curse until the second restoration and the third perfect state called the New Heaven and the New Earth (2 Peter 3:3-13. Hebrews 1.10-12). I know much of the modern world, its books, films, school curriculum, our universities and even some churches do not give God's Word much credence and have rejected the Bible regarding the creation of the world and its inhabitants telling us we all came from a big bang! but their rejection of the Bible truth does not make the Bible, which is God's Word wrong. These studies are for the Bible believing born again Christian who have a faith to believe what the Bible says and accept it. To the sceptic it will be unacceptable, but be careful, Jesus tells us He is coming back again, He tells us that one day, suddenly, He will take those who have accepted Him as Saviour and Lord, out of the Earth to meet Him in the skies. The problem is that today's man

will not accept the power behind God's Word that is until 2 seconds after it has happened and millions of people are missing and you are left behind, then what, too late, its then you will have wished you had believed what the Bible says!

### A battle continued.

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The battle between God and Satan continues, Adam and Eve had a chance to live a peaceful life in a beautiful world where sin had not taken hold. But no, he and his wife Eve took the fruit of the tree and was seduced into total disobedience to God and became separated from the Trinity. Here comes sin again! They were on their own, because they had separated themselves from God because of the shame they now felt, because they had opened the door to Satan who was quick to enter their deceived hearts. You and I now live in this sin cursed Earth which even in my lifetime has become much more wicked and sinful. We read in the Bible that mankind became more and more sinful, greedy, and rebellious; there was no thought of God but only self. Rebellion had begun again in the Garden. Man is judged by God and the Earth itself is cursed and is less fruitful than God intended. And Adam's descendants are all born with a sinful nature as are you and I although we don't like to admit it. We are all susceptible to the lies of the enemy. We need to remember that until Eve encountered the Serpent in the Garden no-one had ever lied to her or to Adam it was Satan who introduced the lie. Everything that God had said to them was absolutely 100% true and reliable. They were totally unprepared in their thinking that anything they were told would be unreliable. That is why Satan is called the Father (the originator) of lies. And if we believe those lies, they will lead us into his trap – they will lead us to sin – in the same way they led Adam and Eve to sin. The Bible says this: **For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Romans 5:12 Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world (Adam) and death by sin and so death passed upon all men for that all have sinned.**

### It's sin, that's the trouble!

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God is Holy and heaven is holy. God loves mankind but He cannot co-exist with sin. That is why He had to send His Son Jesus to pay the price for our sin. Satan thought He had messed up God's plan yet again of having a people unto Himself who would obey and follow His laws in a sinless world and would walk and talk with Him each day as Adam and Eve did at first. Man finds himself on his own, he has lost his innocence he now tries to judge the difference between good and evil from a human perspective, he now knows what sin is and how it displeases his creator but still cannot refuse Satan's temptations. God's purpose now is to guide him in the proper use of his conscience to do the right and refuse the wrong, and to teach fallen man that only through obedience to God could he be restored to his original place in God and be rid of the curse he now finds himself in.

### The age of choice and conscience.

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Man was given a free will and the ability to choose between good and evil, and right from wrong and to follow after God his creator or after Satan who will lead man to destruction. Soon mankind was now in a place where he could be influenced and tempted by the innumerable fallen angels and demons whose desire was to lead mankind to reject God and to live a life of sin pleasing to the flesh, a life that gratified self and rejected God. God was allowing man to be brought to helplessness of himself so he would turn to God for help. Man has always had an independent spirit and today goes his own way and rejects God under the influence of Satan who magnifies the importance of self – the culture of 'I did it my way'.

There were no written laws to guide men and women, the test was to see if they would obey their own conscience regarding right from wrong, good or evil. (Romans 2:12, 13) The only law was not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil and the two of them could not even keep that law.

This was an age of freedom for man to do what he pleased until it became necessary for God to intervene again. God gave man plenty of time to obey his conscience which was God given in fact it was about 1,656 years, from Adam's fall to Noah. (Genesis 5:1-29). Lamech, Noah's father had great faith in his son to bring comfort because of the hard work the curse had made for man.

The age of conscience had to end when the daughters of men married fallen angels who belonged to Satan. (Genesis 6.1 Peter 3:19. 2 Peter 2:4. Jude 6-7). Sin again had become so great and the intermarriage producing Giants in the land God had to bring this wickedness from Satan to a halt. Satan and his fallen angel's purpose was to corrupt the human race and thereby do away with the pure Adamite stock through which Jesus would come. Right from the beginning when the Trinity had to plan an escape for mankind through the death of Jesus on the Cross there had to be a perfect sacrifice offered, without spot or blemish and Jesus was the only one who could fit that bill. If the Trinity offered up any other sacrifice that was tainted with sin, Satan and his fallen angels would have never let God off the hook as it were, and the redemption of man could not happen. Satan was desperate to do away with that seed of the women and enable Satan and his kingdom to keep control of planet earth and its inhabitants indefinitely. The Bible says that the seed of the woman should defeat Satan and restore man's dominion. (Genesis 3: 15). Satan did not want that so he sent some of his fallen angels to marry the daughters of men (Genesis 6) to produce a rogue giant nation through them, to break that pure line that will make way for the pure sacrifice Jesus Christ and the Cross which was ever coming nearer. Satan almost succeeded in his plan as the scripture says all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth: and of all the multitude of people on the earth Noah and his family were the only pure Adamites left and God planned their safety via an ark.

God's judgement brings an end to the dispensation of conscience.

Genesis 6:5/6/7

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast and the creeping thing and the fowls of the air; for it repents me that I have made them.

The wickedness of man had become so great that if God had not intervened, man would ultimately destroy himself. Sin has to be judged and will be judged because sin grieves the heart of God. The omnipotent God knew that one day His only Son would have to pay the cost of the sin of the world. The Cross was looming but in the distance! There is no doubt Satan's influence on mankind was, and is today, very powerful. How it must have grieved the Lord that His wonderful, intricate creation called man, so different to every other created being He ever made, should allow himself to be reduced to such wickedness that he made the Lord God Almighty repent that He brought man into existence. That is what sin will do.

## Genesis 6:8.

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

There is something special about the word 'but' it infers that although Satan had mankind in his grip, although sin was now bringing desolation, the Lord had not lost control and had other plans to give man yet another chance to turn to God. Grace is unmerited favour that empowers us to live for God; it is mentioned 38 times in the Old Testament proving grace is not only a New Testament doctrine. God's grace is available to all. It would appear that Noah, much like Job, had a life that was still led by a conscience knowing the difference between good and evil and while everyone else was choosing their own way. Noah lived a life that was honoured by God because he was just, perfect in his ways and walked with God. As we know God told Noah to build an ark and he and his family were saved from another flood. The main reason for this flood was to do away with all this satanic corruption, destroy the giants and preserve the pure Adamite blood line to guarantee the coming seed of the woman, the birth of Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world.

## St. Mathew 24:37/38/39

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But as the days of Noah were so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage until the day that Noah entered the ark. And knew not until the flood came and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

I cannot go any further with our study without reminding the reader that the account of Noah and the flood he encountered is a type of the Lord's return. Noah's world was deep in sin; our world today is also a very sinful place and we remember God intervened when sin began to get uncontrollable. He will again intervene with His second coming in the very near future. He repented that He had made man and although it grieved Him greatly, He drowned all of them. That's how much God hates sin. And yet He still waited all the years it took Noah to build the Ark for man to repent, the flood was the last resort that He had to bring about. Can you picture the crowds laughing and jeering as Noah and his family entered the ark? Can you imagine that laughing stop suddenly as it began to rain so much it drenched the scoffers in seconds? Can you see great rivers and lakes form in no time at all and the people are unable to stand, and as they banged and thumped on the side of the ark to be let in, they were washed away in the torrent? (2 Peter 2:5 Mathew 24:37).

## 2 Peter 2:4/5/ 6/7/8

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when Jesus died on the Cross for our sin. It will end when Jesus returns. But the fact is that unless we turn to Jesus and invite Him to be our Lord and Saviour, at some point during our lifetime, then God has no option other than to judge our sin. We can have no place with Him in heaven, because remember God is Holy, heaven is Holy, and neither can co-exist with unrepentant uncovered sin. You may say –I will wait until I am older and live for myself until the very end. Well when exactly will that be? You see Jesus did not only provide a way to cover our sin, He died so that we can live totally fulfilled abundant lives here on earth – as soon as we invite Him in. He died for our sin, our wellbeing, our peace and so much more. So why would anyone want to wait. The Bible says 'Today is the day of salvation' and a well-known evangelist used to say this: “Tomorrow is a date in a fool's calendar”