

Programs 5 & 6

God is fixed, forever being only other love, while Satan is fixed forever, and can only be self centered self.

God is a Fixed Lover and Lamb:

1--Titus 1:2, Heb. 6:8—"God cannot lie"

2--1 John 4:8—"God is love."

3--John 3:16—"For God so loved that He gave His son."

4--John 1"29—"The Lamb of God who takes away sin."

God does not promise redemption to any of the fallen angles or the devil, but instead God has reserved them in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day (Jude 1:6).

Satan is a Fixed Devil:

5--Eze. 28:13-18—"Until iniquity was found in thee."

6--Isa.. 14:14—"I will be like the Most High God."

7--Isa. 14:15—"Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."

8--Ezek. 28:16—"I will cast thee as profane out of the Mountain of God and I will destroy thee"

Satan was not trying to be evil, per say, he was trying to be good, powerful, almighty, and completely independent from God. His problem was that he was trying to do it separate from God. He was trying to become another god. Therefore, he brought into being original sin, which is self-sufficient-self operating in the lie of independent-self. These same lies were put into Adam at the Fall and passed on to us as our deadly inheritance.

The lie originated in Lucifer before the creation of man. Lucifer was created to be the "son of the morning, anointed cherub that covereth, sealing up the sun, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty" (Ezekiel 28:14-18). He was created by God with the capacity to utilize and express all of the power of God's eternal glory. And he did so until iniquity was found in him, for he said in his heart, "I will be like the Most High God," or "I will not be dependent on any; instead I will be a total independent-self, just like the Most High God." In doing so, his heart choice brought into being Satan, a counterfeit god. Webster defines counterfeit: "a fraudulent copy whose purpose is to deceive. This counterfeit also takes on or presents a false or deceptive appearance." Interesting isn't it? Revelation 12:9 gives us in just

one verse all of the Biblical names for Satan. "And the great Dragon was cast out, that old Serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

The creature Satan, like all of creation, is created to contain and express the life of God. But here the creature makes a deadly spirit choice, "I WILL." Imagine the pride in the creature saying, "I have a will and life separate from God's and I will have it." This is the first and original sin. Now, not only did Satan think that he had a separate will of his own, but he then said, "I WILL BE LIKE." If I say to myself that I am going to be like Billy Graham, for instance, I would have to not only try, but strive hard to do it. My best efforts to imitate him would only make me a counterfeit with a deceptive appearance. Satan poses himself to be like God when in fact he is a liar, deceiver, and a mirror image counterfeit. It is interesting to me, though, that Satan wasn't trying to be evil, he was and is trying to be good like God, but in doing so, he became a devil. That reminds me of Paul in Romans 7:21 "When I would do good, evil is present with me."

Satan was enamored with his own beauty, wisdom and form--his outer manifestation. He deceived himself into believing that his created form was God. Satan exchanged the truth for a lie and worshipped his created form instead of the Creator (Romans 1:25). Isn't it interesting that God says, "I am," while Satan says, "I will be like." It takes no effort to be, yet it takes lots of effort to be **like** someone! Thus the differences between **being\trusting** and **doing\self-effort**.

Satan imagined that he was an independent god with independent powers of his own. He used all his God-given capacities to exalt his throne over the stars of God and imitate the Most High. He reversed the self-giving power of God into a powerful dark self-for-self kingdom, falsely believing himself to be an independent power. But what he didn't know was that God is the only true independent one. As a result, Satan fell from his exalted position with a third of the angelic realm. Deceived as he is, he fails to see that he is really God's servant-fool, necessary opposite, and convenient agent, for nothing can be separated from the one almighty God in the universe. Paul preached that message to the unsaved Athenians when he said "in him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28).

And then our former father the devil, at the Fall, cleverly imparted to us his self-sufficient, self-active consciousness. This made us believe in ourselves and produced a false identity. This consciousness is so much in us that it dwells in our sub-consciousness level. Consequently, we naturally operate as self-sufficient beings, even after we are Christians. Can't we all remember thinking to ourselves that we loved Jesus so much that we wanted to serve Him any way we could? Little do we know at that immature stage that even trying to be like Jesus is really an independent-self operating as if we had the power in our humanity to please God. This lie has

permeated our consciousness through the fall, and is the biggest lie in the universe.

Paul gives us a clear picture in Ephesians 2:2-3 of the fallen condition of the human race. He declares, "Wherein in time past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lust of our flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others." Satan's self-for-self nature works in us causing us to see ourselves falsely as self-empowered independent beings.

Satan's fall was fixed in his spirit because he wanted to replace God. Adam did not want to replace God, he just wanted it **his** way. He wanted God, and his way too, which, of course, makes it sin. But his divided choice leaves room for redemption, while Satan's choice is final.