

I am in awe, still, of the awesomeness of our being able to hear sermons that we're being given here at the Feast and the things that are taking place. Again, I am in awe of the sermons we're having at this Feast this year, as all years, but this year especially because of what's being given; and it takes time to digest everything. It's going to take time just to digest what you're hearing in the sermons; and we're all going to digest it in different ways because we're all at different places as far as spiritual development and growth is concerned.

What we're going into and what we're covering here delves deeply into God's plan and God's purpose and the things that God is giving to us; and it truly opens up doors of things that are to come, it truly does. There is so much more to come in some of these areas. By the time we go through this one today and the next one; there is just so much that God is giving to us, so much that is to be learned always, always, always. There's never an end of learning; and that's exciting too to understand that in God's plan, in God's purpose there's continual growth and there isn't a time when things level off. There's always that which God is doing and always that which God has planned and prepared for us in His Family; and it's *exciting* and *inspiring*; always uplifting. That's the way God's life is. His life is one that's inspiring and it *lifts* up, and it *stirs* up, it adds to life. And we get to share in that because it all boils down to Family and the ability of Family to share together; and we experience that on so many levels.

Conversation so often revolve around when people, new people get together, new people come along, and the fact that right away they're Family, you embrace them in a unique way because we recognize each other as Family because of God's spirit, because of the mind of God and the drawing power of God Almighty and that life that He's giving to each and every person that's drawn. And we share in those relationships in a very unique way and we become stronger, *far* stronger than physical family can be. God's plan of sharing, God's way of sharing is so far beyond that.

So by covering this particular sermon here today, God is offering far greater understanding of *how* His Family can and will become a reality. And some of what we're covering here today is in a nutshell and there are things to build upon and I'm sure there'll be sermons to come and things to be given later; and even into the Millennium that will help us to more deeply understand how profound God is, why everything has been planned out from the very beginning of time. The more we learn, the more we understand, the more we come to grasp the awesomeness of God Almighty; and the more you're in awe of God, the greater the relationship, the better the relationship and the better the attitude, even toward ourselves in understanding how blessed we are, how *thankful* we should be for everything God has given to us. It stirs up gratitude and thankfulness if we respond properly to God.

So after focusing on the creation of the spirit domain, heaven itself in which the angels were created to exist, it's necessary to focus on events in that angelic realm that led to a great rebellion. And to understand how such a thing was possible is to come to learn how God is *creating His own Family*, the Family of God; Elohim. It is so awesome, so incredibly awesome!

The sermon today is entitled; *The Creation of Evil*. We have talked about the spirit realm and the angelic realm, and we're going to go back to discuss some things that occurred in the angelic realm so that we can come to better understand *how* God is creating His own Family, the Family of God, the Kingdom of God.

God inspired Isaiah to write that which has puzzled scholars and teachers of religion. And that shouldn't really come as any surprise since scripture is revealed only to those whom God is calling; and so the world really doesn't understand. But even within God's Church... we're going to focus on a scripture here in Isaiah that has been puzzling even within God's Church as to what is really being said here.

Isaiah 45: I've heard debate on this, I've heard discussion on this in God's Church, and the reality was during the time of such discussion it just wasn't time yet for us to see what we're able to see more clearly now. And we have come to understand in a far greater way, I believe, in the last many years that everything that God has done through time is progressive; our growth is progressive, what God gives to us is progressive, progressive revelation throughout time in the past 6,000 years. Now is a time that we're able to share more of God's plan and purpose because we're so close to His Kingdom actually coming here, and so God is preparing us more fully for those things that we're going to be able to enjoy, that we're able to be a part of.

Isaiah 45:5 - I am the Eternal, speaking of Yahweh, the Eternal Self-Existing One, **and there is none else, there is no God beside Me**: No God except He Himself, Yahweh; **I girded you/clothed you**, provided for you, have given you everything. And that's what mankind has to come to grasp, that everything is God's. Everything we have has been given to us by God to enjoy. It's a beautiful sight out here when you can see the kinds of waters, when you have an elevation that you're able to look out in some of these hotels because they're higher up and you're able to look out there and see the colours, the beauty of an ocean and the sands, everything that is there; the kinds of trees you have in an area like this. You're able to drink it in, you're able to enjoy it, you're able to have joy of life. And different regions have different things to enjoy. Thankfully everything's not the same; there is variety, *great* variety in what God has given to us. The more we learn in life, the more we're able to appreciate and enjoy those things.

As we *really* grow then we come to understand and appreciate more deeply the variety in people, the differences, the beauty that God has made possible in a creation of human life and the vastness of the differences, the different experiences that people have that make you who you are. And then to get to know each other, to understand the trials and the battles of life and the opportunities that God places before you; and to come to appreciate the *differences* in one another, to give opportunity for time to change in the differences of one another; because we're all different! We've had different things that have made us and we've all come through difficult times, bad things in life; and so we carry some of that baggage...a lot of that baggage... *most* of that baggage with us in life, through life, and we conquer and overcome a little bit at a time. And then sometimes we slip and go way back; and then repent and come back up to another... and it's continual process of growth and conquering and overcoming.

If we learn God's love and learn the way of peace then we really come to appreciate each other more...and we learn not to judge each other harshly. We learn more about ourselves and understand how God has been so *merciful* to me; each one of you to be able to say that. "God has been so *merciful* to me." And the more you understand how merciful He's really been to you, the more merciful you can become to others; and to love others, and to be patient with others, and to be forgiving toward others and to give each other another chance, another opportunity, ... many times a day if need be... and to overlook the weaknesses and faults knowing that you have them too; different, but weaknesses and faults. We're a Family, a unique Family. What an *awesome* Family that God brings together.

And so again here, **I girded you/I clothed you**; and again, it's an expression that means providing *everything* for you; **though you have not known Me**: not only haven't known, but choose *not to*

know ... choose not to know our Creator; that's the way man is. Man would rather go out here and kneel down... kneel down and worship a stone statue that he made! And you think, "How dumb is that? You made it you moron! YOU carved it; you carved it out of wood and you think... and this is your God?! You'd rather worship that than the Great God who made you?!" The mind is so insane, it truly is! But that's the way human beings are; they'd rather worship something that they make with their own hands that they can deal with.

...you have not known Me...that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside Me. I am the Eternal, the Self-Existing One, and there is none else. Never has been, never will be. *Never has been, never WILL be* – future too! The Self-Existing One, the one who has self-sustaining life inherent in Himself – no one, nothing else has ever had nor will ever have such a thing in them; self-sustaining life. All comes from God! All life. Elohim is sustained by God. *Everything* has been sustained by God. *Nothing, no one* will ever be Yahweh Elohim – ever, ever, ever...and that's what He's telling us. ...**there is none else.** He means what He says.

Verse 7 - I form/fashion/potter, as the word is, the light, and create darkness: I make/produce/do/work, is what the word means; **I make peace, and create evil: I the Eternal do all these things.** So what does this mean? *What does this mean? What does God mean* that He creates or created evil? Does it mean what it says? Yes it does. *Yes, it does!* But you have to understand how; you have to understand the purpose. There are things that God is giving to us to understand in a deeper way of *what this means* and why such a thing must exist. It has to exist for Elohim to ever become a reality. *Evil* has to *exist* for you to become a part of the God Family! *Evil had* to exist for you to ever be moulded and fashioned to become a part of the God Family. There is absolutely *no other way* that...

(Transmission cuts out and Mr. Weinland comments: There is an unhappy being out there. Some things don't happen to us by accident. And there are wars, I've told you, there are wars, you know that there are wars that exist, there are spiritual wars that are fought and these enter into some of those things, they truly do. Sometimes we're totally oblivious to them, but I can tell you right now the angelic realm is fighting, very powerfully so, truly.)

So God means exactly what He says. Evil exists; and it's an incredible thing to come to understand and the more you understand it the more you *grasp* the angelic realm, the more you come to understand *why* God created things He did and the way He did within the angelic realm and why the angelic realm was *absolutely essential* before you could have a physical realm, before you could have mankind created and made, and before, then, mankind could be drawn and begin to be worked with by the power of God's spirit to conquer and overcome *evil* and to become a part of His Family. For there is no other way to grow at one with God, to develop the thinking and the mind, to have the mind transformed in the way you think. There is no other way but that evil exists. And to try to explain that to mankind, to try to give that? You can't!

It's taken us a long time to come to this point in God's Church where He's even given us this, truly has. We've been able to build upon a lot! That's why the booklet that's been written talks about, adding *to* in that respect, building upon what God gave to Mr. Armstrong because that's what it's doing! Because everything that God gave to him over a span of 50 some years was brought together in 'Mystery of the Ages'... Awesome! The plan of God and the purpose and things outlined in a way that no other people before had ever understood. The *apostles* didn't understand it in the way that Mr. Armstrong did because of what God gave to him.

I still remember him sitting up there in the front of our class when he came in, because he didn't come into all the classes; some of them just had the video recordings because of his travels and so forth. But we were blessed to be there at that time when he came into the room (and the 'Mystery of the Ages' books were stacked up weren't they?), and they were just beginning to be sent out to everyone in the Church; and he was so excited! He was *so excited* to be able to share this. I didn't grasp; I didn't come close... *and NO ONE ELSE sitting there came close* to understanding his feelings at that time, the emotion, the *excitement* that he had at that time. But I remember his excitement. I remember seeing some of those things, him sitting up there and talking about that and the feeling and the emotion that was coming out of him as he in his mind... because he lived it over 50 years of time; God gave to him that book; it didn't come together overnight. Our lives don't change overnight. And that which God gave to him of a plan and a purpose, of everything that was being done, to that point in time, written in a book. And he was *so excited* to be able to share that; and what we received from that book wasn't nearly what he put into it or what he saw at that point in time because of his place and his growth at that time and the power and strength of spirit of life in him at that time. But he was excited!

And I'm excited! Because we have the opportunity now to build *even more* upon that because of what God is giving to us, to see things. The more you see God, the more you see the plan of God, the more it puts the pieces of the puzzle, as he used to talk about, into place, and the picture becomes clearer, and *God* becomes clearer and the excitement of a relationship with God becomes greater! It truly does! How *awesome*; how inspiring.

And so God created evil. *It was His purpose* that evil should exist, for if it never came into existence neither would we; neither would we be able to become a part of His Family. *And there is no other way for Elohim, the Family of God to be created than that evil must exist.* That is an awesome thing to understand! You'll come to understand it at differing levels and differing places in differing ways through time and you'll build upon that in God's Church into the Millennium. You will be building upon that in your understanding of God and God's purpose. You're not going to receive it all today – you can't! You *can't*! You will build upon it and it's dependant upon where you are, the length of time, the ability, the insight, the spirit of God that dwells within you – *totally* dependent upon that.

Let's turn over to Psalm 103. Psalm gives a unique contrast between what is said to man and what is said to the angels, and we can begin to learn and begin to understand and begin to see more clearly why such a thing exists, what is *meant* by what God gave there in Isaiah 45.

Psalm 103:13 – there's a contrast being made here that if we just read we're going to miss what is being said; but there's something different in the way it's written that's said about the angelic realm and something different about mankind. It's written that way for a purpose so we can see that there's a *difference*. Why? **Like as a father has compassion on his children, so the Eternal has compassion on them who fear/reverence Him.** Because fear has to do with reverence, being in awe, fearing to do evil, fearing to go against what God says. **For He knows how we're created; He keeps in mind that we are dust.** God knows how we're made, He knows what we are. He's written this for us so that we can appreciate and understand something here; that He's telling us, "I know what you are, I made you; you're dust, you're weak – be assured, I don't forget that. Be assured, I understand that." It's not an excuse; you can't use it as an *excuse* to justify anything, but it's a reality here about how God works with us so that we can understand; it's about a relationship here, God assuring His people, all of mankind.

Verse 15 - As for man, his days are as grass, we understand that, we believe that. Not all people believe that. They believe they have an immortal soul and when they die they're going to go wafting off to

someplace, down or up or somewhere caught in between. And if you pay the priest enough money you might get them out of there; if you don't, they're just going to be there in the middle for all eternity. Some of the *dumbest things* that religious people come up with. Incredible!

For He knows how we're formed; He keeps in mind that we are dust. As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. We have a time; but because we have three score and ten, seventy years, we don't get it. We don't really worry about having life and that one day it's going to come to a screeching halt when we're twenty, or thirty, or forty... most people don't even think about worrying about, in the world (please understand), about having life insurance in the sense of providing for someone who's left behind – (which we don't have to worry too much about)...such things in the world because they don't prepare for the reality that it's going to happen and I need to start making plans.

And the same way regarding savings and so forth; people don't get too concerned about that because time is going on and they're not as concerned about saving up for a future for retirement, if you look at just the world, if we didn't understand where time was and so forth. And so people don't plan and prepare until later on and then they regret, "*Oh, I should have started this when I was twenty! Look what I would have had by now if I would have been a little wiser and started at age twenty...what I could have saved up because the reality is the clock is winding down and some day it's going to all end.*" And the older you get the more reality it becomes. You get into your fifties and you have a heart attack and you don't know whether you're going to make it out of it or not. That's life! Things happen to us, we get weaker and weaker. You get in your sixties... hit seventy – and you *know*, especially if you have any knowledge about God and what He says, 'you have three score and ten', from here you're living on borrowed time. We don't think that way as human beings.

We're here for a time and then we're gone and another generation is there, or generations behind that and it's just an *ongoing* process – life and death. And it doesn't take too long and people are forgotten. I don't think about my grandparents that often, my father, different ones who have died; it's not in my mind, it doesn't affect my life day by day as a whole. I don't think about those things day by day unless I purposely, like right now, think about some I've known in times past who have died; a friend of mine I grew up with that got killed in Vietnam that started changing my life.

God began to draw me as a result of some of that, because of what happened, because I thought, "*How unfair life is! He didn't get to have a family; he didn't get to experience life! HOW UNFAIR IS LIFE that someone should go off to war and be killed!*" Changed some of my thinking toward war I'll guarantee you – started at that point. At that point then you know what I wanted to do? I wanted to be a jet pilot so I could kill as many people as I could. I tried to, that's what I'd worked for. I tried to get into ROTC in the U.S. which is a military type of school and college; and when you go out you come out as a Lieutenant, and if you're in the Air Force, ROTC, you come out as a pilot. And my idea was I don't want to waste my time with a machine gun on the ground, I want to be able to destroy as many as I can with as much *power* as I can. Why do I want to use a machine gun when I can use a jet with the kinds of bombs and everything else it has to destroy.

And then God began to work with this stupid mind and helped me to see how dumb such thinking is. Incredible the power of God to change us, to change the way we think; things that otherwise would mould our minds into hating people, into hating a specific group of people – because that's what was happening to me because a good friend of mine got killed in a sick war. Amazing! And then my mind is

changed where I have grown in a sense, of compassion and mercy on a people. Incredible how the mind changes!

For the wind passes over it, and it's gone; a flower, the grass, **and the place thereof shall know it no more.** Just like people; after a time they're forgotten. Graveyards, tombstones; you go out and you walk through it and they're long forgotten, they don't get visited, no one puts flowers there anymore. It's not too long and people get on with their life and life just goes on cycle after cycle after cycle.

But the mercy of the Eternal is from everlasting to everlasting upon them who fear/reverence Him, and His righteousness unto children's children; the blessing that people can have of those who, from the physical standpoint even, strive to obey God – the blessings that can go from generation to generation; so often because some things are just passed down from generations because there are those who live by a certain standard, that pass along their ideals, their beliefs, their convictions to their children and their children pass those things along...and so many of those things happen. And so the more that man will strive to live by what is right, the better they are, the better off they are, the more they're able to be blessed in life, or have the blessings that are just there in life that God has made possible for human beings.

Verse 18 - To such as keep His commandments, and to those who remember His commandments to do them. So all the more so; all the more so, *ever* more so.

Then notice what God inspired David to write about the angels, right here, continuing on in verse 19... So this is what's said about mankind; that there's that which God gives to mankind that is not given to the angelic realm, it's stated differently, things are stated in a different fashion for different reason. It's a different creation, there's a different purpose in it.

Verse 19 - The Eternal has prepared His throne in the heavens; and His Kingdom rules over all. Bless the Eternal, all you His angels, you mighty ones, Old King James records it, in essence, as 'those who excel in strength'. **...you mighty ones...** why is it said this way? Because of the way they're created; they're spirit! They're not physical. They don't have what we have! They're made mighty! They're made of spirit! Strong! To last and continue on! They're not made of something as the previous verses said 'you're like the grass, you're like the flower, you're here and you're gone. You're made from dust and God remembers that.' He knows that and He has *mercy* upon those who reverence Him, who are in awe of Him, who fear Him. But not of the angels, it doesn't say that.

Bless the Eternal, all you His angels, you mighty ones, in other words 'those who excel in strength' **who do His commandments, obeying the instruction of His word.** That's the way they were created. That's what they were created to do; that was just a given. They're spirit. They were made to perform, to serve in a specific way, to serve God, to honour God, to worship God. They were made of spirit to have life that wouldn't end, to have life that would continue on...*IF*... if, if, if...

So again here, **all you mighty angels, you mighty ones that do His commandments, obey the instruction of His word.** They're blessed! Just as mankind is blessed! You obey God, you're blessed! The angels? Those who have remained faithful to God? They're blessed, they're able to *share* in God's plan and purpose, they have seen so many things through time. They are in awe of the mighty of God, of the one who has created them; as we indeed grow in understanding of and become through time in awe of God. And they were from the moment of creation. Incredible! **Bless the Eternal all you His hosts and you ministers of His who do His pleasure.** You ministers; that's what it said back in Hebrews

that we read earlier. All those who were given the blessing of service and being servants of God, to do His will, to do His purpose, to help in that which He was creating and continuing in creation. Because when they were created the spirit realm existed and they were brought into life and then God had a plan to bring in another realm, a physical realm into existence, and then mankind upon it; and God began to reveal those things to them through time. We don't know how much time! And God showing them more and more and they were excited and they were able to share in *all of that*, in everything that God was doing along the way.

Bless the Eternal, all His works, and in all places of His domain: because all is God's, **bless the Eternal, O my soul.** So again, this was recorded to make a clear distinction in that which should be understood in the differences between the creation of mankind and the creation of the angels. Although we know there's a difference in composition, the point of it so often is missed, it truly is, because this is what it's about. *Mankind* was formed, created in weak and temporary form; not strong and enduring as they were. They were made different with spirit! That's why it refers to them as the 'mighty ones' or 'those who excel in strength', because they're composed of spirit – we aren't. We're here and we're gone – dust. Dust that's together for a while and then goes back to dust again when it's not together anymore, when the life goes out of it, turns back to dust again.

And so mankind was formed, created differently; able to receive *mercy*. Man was made able to receive mercy. That's what it says there in Psalms. We have to get the point, that's what God wants us to understand, to grasp. Mankind was made to be able to receive *mercy* when working or living to be obedient and faithful to God and His Word. The angels weren't; they were created to be that way period - from the beginning, with a different kind of mind than what we have. We have a different mind! Human beings were made... well, we'll get into some of that as we go along.

So there's no such things said of the angels (that they're able to receive mercy and so forth), because they have a different kind of mind. And when you understand that then it helps you to understand what took place and why and why the difference. So again, the angels are described as 'mighty ones' who are *expected* to praise God, to do His commandments, to obey His instruction. That's how they were created; to live such a life.

The angels were made of spirit and not temporary physical flesh. They were not created with a frame that could feel *pain*. They can't feel pain. They don't feel pain like you do, like I do when I'm walking around right now. I get to moving too fast and I have to slow down because it starts... I have it wrapped right now and if it's not wrapped I really feel pain; holding those muscles together better in a tighter way because of the one that's messed up right now at this point in time. And the other day I was walking along after the first day that it happened there, toward the end of the day I was walking into the hotel there and lifted up my foot just a few inches onto a curb...felt like somebody *shot* me in the leg. Just shot up in the air and had a big ole yelp that came out because it hurt! Angels weren't made that way, to feel pain; but we were. And it's so important that we were... *so important* that we were made this way.

We are made to know hunger; they weren't. To experience thirst and physical discomfort; they don't have to worry about hunger – we do, otherwise we stop living. Doesn't take long. They were not made subject to the kind of pulls that exist in a temporary physical creation...like the pull from 'the lust of the flesh, or the lust of the eyes...' They weren't made like that! They didn't have such a thing! There's no such thing as a 'pull' to 'the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes...' in the sense of their natural, normal... the way they were created in spirit. Spirit didn't have that, it wasn't there. We do. We do

from the moment we're born. It doesn't take too long for a baby to start crying; if it's not comfortable, it lets you know, "I am not comfortable!" It starts so young!

When we're not comfortable... even you, I'm sure, within the days of the Feast here, in such an environment of people like this, within such an environment I'm sure that there have been some times when you haven't been really comfortable with other people, with maybe some of their choices of what they've done or what they're not choosing to do, or what time they're going to do something or what time they're not going to do it, or where you're going to eat or where you're not going to eat and what you're going to get to do and they're not going to get to... and *I'm sure that even during this INCREDIBLE ENVIRONMENT we have in God's Church at the Feast of Tabernacles*, you've had a battle. Now if you haven't, you've been... I don't know. Because if you're human and you're normal then there are going to be sometimes you're just going to wake up and it's just that's the way you are. Things are not going well for you that day or at some point in that day.

You're not perfect, I'm not perfect, none of us are. We have human tendencies and they tend to want to take care of self; and if self isn't feeling really well it's so *easy* to take it out on somebody else, or to be a little grumpy, or whatever it is; and then someone else wonders, "Well, why are you upset at me?" "I'm not upset at you; I just haven't had my coffee yet." or whatever it is.

Angels were not made like that – they weren't made to experience certain things in life and have such things as hunger or a desire for a certain kind of comfort because they're not feeling good, or you've been sitting down for so long you want to stretch, or your back is hurting... *they don't have that!* ...for a purpose. We do! ...for a purpose. How incredible! And that's what God shows us. There's a purpose in why everything is designed and created the way it is; and it has to do with what develops out of all this – the mind, and what the mind must go through and experience.

So again, they don't have the pulls of selfishness that are produced from a temporary physically sustained life. Incredible! And the more you understand that, the more you see what that is all about, the more you'll appreciate why we were created the way we were, why the angels were created the way that they were...what the difference is between being created of something that's spirit and created of something that's temporary.

Man is subject to such vanity as we've been talking about here, the angels were not. It's automatic with us! It's just automatic with us because of the way you are created, that you have battles when it comes to pampering self. We just tend to love ourselves; and if we're not comfortable, well, look out.

Romans 8:18 – For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. That which is to come, we don't have it. We grow in it once we come into God's Church, that which begins to grow and be moulded and fashioned within us that we're able to taste of, partake of and become a part of. **For the earnest expectation of the...** it says 'creature' here, but the Greek is **creation**, speaking of mankind. That's what it's talking about; it is a word for 'creation'.

For the earnest expectation of the creation, because it's all about mankind, how God made us, why God made us; **awaits for the manifestation of the sons of God.** *Everything* that God has done, truly, from the *moment* He began to create a spirit realm for *angels* to dwell within...the purpose from the very get go, it was already planned out, it was already established as we read about in Proverbs, it was already determined *exactly* how it would be, *exactly* how it would be done. God doesn't do things and all of a

sudden decide, “Well, we’ve got this little place out here toward the center... there’s the center... only the center...” We feel like we are, “...and let’s see now, at a certain time they’re going to be able to see out their 10 billion light... let’s put it out there 14 billion light years away... oh no, let’s add some more!” Time goes on... “Let’s add some more. Let’s put some more out there and ...” and a thousand years goes by and God decided...“Oh, that’s not big enough! Let’s make it bigger! Let’s add some *more* out there and just make it *so vast*...” Doesn’t work that way.

EVERYTHING minutely determined before He ever began to create – *everything* was minutely determined! The angelic realm was minutely determined, the exact number... God had an *exact* number of angels He created. What was He doing? Going along... “Let’s see, we need to have these three...” some time goes by, He has so many angels He creates and decides, “Well, that’s not quite enough, we really need to have a few more – let’s have a few more...” *God doesn’t work that way!* We might! We might build a building and decide it’s not quite big enough so we add on. And we do. You have a family and the house may change as time goes along. God doesn’t. Things don’t change along the way in that area. God plans, perfectly so, in ways we can’t even begin to comprehend.

If you want to talk about years, into billions upon billions upon trillions of years into the future. I can’t even begin to comprehend that let alone 6,000 years of humanity on the earth; and neither can you.

For the earnest expectation of the creation awaits the manifestation of the sons of God. How long indeed, God has waited to come to this point in time where we are almost there, to the first great resurrection? *How long* He waited when His Son, born of Him, finally after a certain amount of time came to a point where He was baptized and given the *impregnation of the holy spirit*. How was that? His Father was spirit and made within a human being, and began to grow...but still had to come to a time when He had to be, *needed to be* begotten of the holy spirit of God – truly awesome to understand! Because *there IS* a difference.

And so again here, everything that God was doing, everything that God has done – all for a purpose. I need to get back into this here; but again, all about the sons of God, all about the Family of God and we’re almost there and the excitement of God we can’t begin to comprehend. I tried to relate to you a little bit about an excitement in Mr. Armstrong who shared with us a book that had come together after just 50 years of time. Go back *billions* of years; go back in having lived *all of it*, to come to a point in time where everything that was a focal point of Your entire plan was about Your begotten Son, who would be a Passover, who would be a High Priest for the whole Family, and Him to be born. Incredible! And then now, we’re almost at a point in time where *finally out of all of this* we’re almost after 6,000 years, almost at the point of 144,000 – *right down to the number!* *That was planned before anything ever began!* Awesome! An *exact number* that God was going to work with over a 6,000 year plan – to be in the first phase of His resurrection. Incredible! The firstfruits... and then on it goes! And it just gets bigger and bigger and bigger; *and so does God*. Whew!

For the creation/mankind was made subject to vanity; Subject to! Subject to vanity! A word that contains a mixture of thought and intent in the sense of ‘futility, the pull toward self, emptiness produced through selfishness, if you will; the vainness of life that comes from temporary existence.’ It’s all a part of this word. It says, **not willingly, but by reason of Him who has subjected the same in hope.** In other words, of what is better and enduring. **Because the creation itself, mankind, also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption, a word that means ‘destruction, indeed corruption’ into the glorious liberty of the children of God.** This bondage comes from the product of sin, the choice of evil, of disobedience that leads to destruction and destructive lives.

So God created us in *this way, for a purpose. God made us this way! To be this way! To be 'subject to vanity'! ...to be in the 'bondage of corruption'! He made us that way! EVERY HUMAN BEING, save one, but every human being made; the first two if you will and going on through time those who were born, made 'subject to vanity'. Same thing here, made in the 'bondage of corruption', if you will, because God knew we would sin. God purposed it so, that you have the capacity to sin, that you would, because of the way you are formed and made, would choose sin by being self-centered, by having 'lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life'. You couldn't be made *spirit* and given the mind of God from the beginning. You *couldn't* be made a part of Elohim from the beginning; otherwise everything else that went in between would not have the same purpose. There is no other way to create Elohim! ...but that it be done this way. To come into the awe of God!*

And some would say, "Oh, but that's unfair! So you made me so that I could sin! That's just not fair!" Well, it's either that or no existence at all. *Do you want to be a part of God's Family? Do you want to go through some pain to get there? Do you want to fight the battles and hate evil and learn to fight against it with all of your being so that your mind can become like God's? DO YOU WANT THAT?* You can't call God unfair! "He made me so that I could sin so the *blame is really God's, isn't it?!*" That's how human beings think – isn't that amazing? So short-sighted, so narrow minded. No, we're created to make choices. We're free moral agents and you're free to make the choice you want. Make the choice to obey God then for eternity. You can't do it because of the way you're made. It goes right back around the circle – starts all over again; it's the way you're made. You're made so that you can sin; and sure enough, you know what? You did. Just like Adam and Eve did. It didn't take them very long. It didn't take them very long being physical beings.

I still remember in one of our classes at Ambassador in Bricketwood, and some of the debate that was going on there. We were all freshmen, all in the room here and the teacher, the minister was letting us have free discussion about some things, asking some questions and talking about Adam and Eve and their sinning and so forth. It was kind of like, [slap on the head] "What's God going to do now? They sinned! So God had to change some of the things He did and how He worked with us because here they were made with minds that were pure. They didn't know evil! It wasn't in them; it wasn't given to them and now all of a sudden they sinned; and because of sin the death penalty, and because of that..." It's like what is God going to do now? "Guess there's going to have to be a Saviour; guess we're going to have to come up with a Passover!" Amazing! Because we're so narrow minded, so small minded. Until God shows us we can't know; and yet we're all puffed up thinking we figured this out and we know what's going on. We don't. The mind of man is a marvellous thing – it gets us into big trouble.

So again, this process we go through of how God created us, of how God made us just like it says in **verse 7 - Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.** *It wasn't made that way.* Adam and Eve were not made that way. They were not able to be *subject* to the law of God; that's why God made us physical, that's why He made them of the dust of the earth; **neither indeed can be.**

So, incredible here the difference between that which is in the angelic realm and that which is in a physical realm of human beings whom God has created. And so there is that difference; the obvious one that is able to see, again, between both creations, is that one is spirit and one is physical. But there is another one that isn't really a difference; it's something that is actually the same in both... something that is the same in both and how both were created that we need to understand. It comes down to this. It has to do with the holy spirit.

The same thing existed in the creation of angels that existed in the creation of man, *neither* were created with the holy spirit. Angels were not created with the holy spirit; they were made spirit beings. We already talked about that. They were not created with God's holy spirit; neither were they given access to it. It's the mind of God, the being of God. They were made of spirit and they were told, basically in a sense, this is what you live by, this is what you do, and they received it and that was their life and they were *filled* with it, exciting and inspiring to them as they saw their Creator... *They knew; they saw* incredible things in a spirit world and God worked with them and they accepted things. It's just the way their life was; they accepted everything. Unique how they were made because of spirit.

And again, to understand here that the holy spirit is that which conveys the very *mind* of God. It's one thing to be told, just like the Israelites were, about God's law. The angels were told things about God, they were told about things that they were going to do, they were told about various things; and to live any other way was just not in them. To live something different just wasn't a part of their thinking. Different minds, something different is produced in the thinking by the way the angels were created and made and the way we're created and made. It produces different thinking, even in the very beginning on the plane that God has given to us. And you can go back and read through some of this when we have the booklet together and it'll help you to put the pieces together better; or as you're able to put this sermon and all the sermons together in a better way you'll come to understand and grasp things, again, on varying planes.

But again, the Word of God, the mind of God is something that's conveyed through the holy spirit. That's why we took the time we did earlier to talk about the holy spirit; that there's a difference in that which is spirit composition, or things *of* the spirit, or the power of God's spirit to do His will, the power that He sends out... but that which we term the holy spirit has to do with the mind, the thinking of God. And there was not a purpose of that being in the angelic realm. The reality is it couldn't be given to angelic beings anyway, because if it could have been, you know what? From the very beginning God could have made Elohim. He could have put that mind in every spirit created being, but that can't be done or it'd just be God Himself. That's what it would be. What does that mean? Independent free moral agents? There wouldn't be such a thing! That wasn't God's purpose. *He wanted* the variety, the individuality, *Family*, interaction. It'd be like some sci-fi thing, somebody makes some robots and put the same mind into them; and so you're just talking to yourself because how are you going to talk? How would you interact? Everything's always going to be the same. How you think... the experiences you have...

So the same thing existed in the creation of angels that existed in the creation of man: *neither were created with the holy spirit*, that which conveys the very mind of God, the Word of God, only *one* has ever been created in such a fashion and that was the very Son of God. And that we'll come to later here. He was born of the holy spirit, of the Word of God, and in part from the very beginning. And again, to be born of God's spirit, with God's mind from the very beginning, the Word that was made flesh – there's still a distinction in time that came, as I referred to earlier, of actually being begotten; and that we'll discuss later.

Genesis 1:24 - And God said, Let the earth bring forth all living creatures after their kind, all animals and all moving things, all that is given life, and it was so that all living creatures, says 'beasts' in the King James, but the word means 'living creatures' and sometimes it's translated so. It's the same word as above here when it says 'living creatures' even above here. It's the same word.

So again here, it goes on to say; **and it was so that all living creatures of the earth were brought forth after their kind. And God made the living creatures of the earth after their kind, and all animals after their kind, and everything that moves upon the earth after their kind: and God saw that it was good. And God/Elohim said, Let man be made in our image**, again, the ‘our’ referring to the word ‘Elohim’, which we understand there was only one – Yahweh Elohim. So somewhat in that sense being prophetic; but again here, awkwardness in English in translation and so forth because it was only Yahweh Elohim saying these things, saying this about Himself and about Elohim.

Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: in other words, after the Godkind. That’s how man is made. There’s a process we have to go through in order to become a part of the God Family, in order to become a part of Elohim, to become Elohim – never Yahweh, but a part of Elohim, the God Family... **and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over the earth, and over every moving thing that moves upon the earth. So God created man in His image, in the image of God created He him; He created them male and female.** It’s the beginning! It’s the beginning of the Godkind, of the God Family. It starts with human beings. It starts with that process of human beings that are made ‘subject to vanity’. Human beings that are made who cannot be made ‘subject to the law of God’ in their initial phase of their creation. There are things they have to go through because there’s no other way to become a part of Elohim unless they go through it. And so God said that He gave all this to mankind to have dominion and food.

And then in **Genesis 1:31** it says, **And God saw everything He had made and behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.** We can’t even begin to comprehend the joy, the excitement, the fullness of life of God at this moment. It’s the beginning of it all, it’s the beginning of the next great phase of creation that began with the very purpose from the start when He first started to create. And finally, after all that time... and we don’t know how much time, earth-time if you will, going forward... and all of a sudden coming to a point and here are two people made – Adam and Eve. And God says, “It’s very good.” Very good... He made them ‘subject to vanity’ and He said, “It’s very good.” He made them able to sin knowing full well that they would sin and He said, “It is very good.” Because God sees beyond, He knows beyond of what the purpose of it is and what it’s going to lead to – just as much as we do on a plane to understand what we’re getting ready to go through in time here.

We are going to be *so focused* on the excitement of what God is doing when we have people who are around us, people *that we even know, who we know who are going to have their minds opened up to the truth when God communicates it to them in their mind, when they hear something, perhaps something you’ve said* or something else that they hear and they come to believe and know *we’re in the end-time!* Jesus Christ *is* coming back! This is the time! And they believe that! People you know! The excitement! You’re going to be so excited by that!

There’s going to be a lot of bad things happening but you are going to be so excited, so focused because you see beyond. God sees beyond in ways we can’t even begin to comprehend. So with God’s spirit, because we *know* these things, we see beyond. It’s not a long period of time when things begin. It’s not going to be long at all – look how far we are into this already – hasn’t been hard, not at all. Oh, there’s spiritual battles, but they’ve always been there. Incredible! And God said it was very good – *very good* that you were made physical, *very good* that you’re made subject to vanity, *very good* that you’re made that you’re going to grow up being selfish. It wasn’t that He was excited about *that*, but it was a necessary thing that had to take place before you could get to where you’re intended to be – because there’s no other way you can get there.

Everything God had created, formed and fashioned in those six days was very good, including human life that had been created in bondage to corruption, to destruction. It was God's purpose that mankind be created into a physical world that would be subject to vanity, subject to selfishness and temporary existence; and from that beginning mankind was not made complete. We've known that for so long now in God's Church. Mankind was never made complete in that beginning, with the capacity to be made, created in the image of Elohim, the God Family. That was just a small beginning in that respect of the process that had to follow.

That phase of creation would require mankind receiving the impregnation, the begettal – that phase that would lead into that later on, the begettal of God's holy spirit. That would come later. And so God worked with a few in the first 4,000 years and then formed a Body, the Church, the Body of Christ, the Church of God and began to work with many more into the thousands. *Most all* have been worked with in the last 2,000 years in the way that God has worked with mankind.

So again here, continuing on; there are some things I want to read here that are part of the booklet, but just wanted to make some comments here. God gave to Adam and Eve the way of life that they should live that would produce peace. He gave them that from the very beginning. The angelic realm was brought into a world of peace, that's all they knew. There was nothing else that existed. There was no evil, there was nothing bad, just the way of God; and they received whatever God gave as that's the way it is. There was no thought of anything different because of that mind that they had, spirit, composed of spirit essence, spirit beings that were given a mind. Incredible what took place.

And so again here, Adam and Eve were brought into a world, told what would produce peace and fullness of life – but again here, they were created in, sown in, being subject to vanity. And it didn't take very long for them to choose a different way and thereby evil was created in human life because mankind is not subject to the law of God, as we've covered, neither indeed can be *until* begotten of the holy spirit.

So from the booklet here I wanted to make comment; didn't take mankind long as they were sown in corruption...

Knowing that in both, the creation of angels and of mankind, God did not give the holy spirit is essential to understanding what followed and why—why it was God's purpose that “evil” followed. If you can come to more clearly see what happened to mankind in the beginning, you can come to see what happened in the angelic creation and why it had to be so.

Looking at what happened in the very beginning reveals great purpose and pattern to all that has followed through time. Right after the creation of man and woman, Satan was there. It begins in Genesis 3 with a description of his being like a “serpent.” In the Hebrew language the word does mean serpent, but he was a “spiritual serpent,” given this description to show his ways, the way of slithering around in order to corrupt and to destroy. This word actually comes from a word that means “to divine, to enchant,” as to practice divination, enchantment, and spiritual seduction.

That's Satan.

Notice the description of Satan:

“Now the serpent...”

In the Hebrew Satan does mean ‘serpent’, but again, to understand this is talking about a ‘spiritual serpent’ given his name for a purpose... slithering around. *Slithering around* – his way of slithering through time being deceitful in order to corrupt and to destroy.

“Now the serpent was more subtle than any living creature of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Has God indeed said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman replied to the serpent...”

His way is always one of lying; because when you twist and distort, when you do things in a cunning way to get to a different point or to manipulate someone, to try to control someone to *your way* – it’s lying. It’s a lying spirit. He had a lying spirit; he used it in a cunning fashion to deceive, to slither around. You know, when you don’t tell the whole truth about something... *how often* I have given council! How often in God’s Church I have given council to people and then others in the Church hear about certain council and they say, “Well, how could you have given of that council?”

“Because of what I was told... I wasn’t told the whole story!”

You knew it, but I didn’t know it; so you can see something here and realize that wasn’t good council in this particular case for this individual because you know something about that story that I didn’t know. But I can only give what I know and if I’m not given the whole truth, then someone is lying to me, because in many cases what happens in life is we deceive ourselves or we don’t want to be seen in a certain light. And if you don’t give the whole story and the whole truth, how can anyone ever expect to be helped?

And so this is a very common thing in God’s Church. It happens because of not being given the whole truth. But that’s a spirit of lying. But we haven’t come to that point yet where we realize that we’re lying. Even within God’s Church we have battles, don’t we? It’s a process of growing, it’s a process of coming to see ourselves. But oftentimes we get the credit, the ministry gets the credit for some things that people then are told or given advice about and they go out and do because they wanted a certain answer. Manipulation.

You don’t *want* that in your life, you want to *abhor* that, you want to be *open*, you want to be as open as you can be in life, not to hide, not to be deceitful, not to withhold a part of a story in life because we’re trying to protect a certain image of ourselves. No, it’s best to be opened up before God. God knows us inside and out, but sometimes we strive to protect this image even before God. We learn *much* by going before God in prayer and opening ourselves up. It’s something you learn through time, how to open up. And you know what? God knows you can’t open up fully, so you know what He does? He helps you to go through certain trials, He helps you to have certain experiences in life so that you can come to see something and realize, “That’s me! That’s... *that’s me – that’s the way I am!*” So we can say, “Father *forgive me*, I didn’t see that about myself.” He sees it all the time. He knows what we are inside and out.

And so God’s merciful to us and He brings us through this process and we begin to see certain things in our self. It’s an awesome process we go through when you come to see certain things in your life and you begin to change it – it’s beautiful! It truly is beautiful because then we can receive more of the mind of God.

A lot of this sermon series, and because of what God has pronounced and made clear about Satan at this Feast of Tabernacles, is so important because God wants us to understand in a very powerful and a very great way, *every evil, every perversion, every sickness* goes back to a certain mind. And if you can see this being who has been behind this mind and the things he has done through time...then you can come to hate that part of yourself because *that is in you and that's in me as well*. Evil exists in every human being! We are not 'good' by nature. There is *no one good, save one*, Jesus Christ said, for a purpose and a reason. We are not just naturally good. We have that which is *bad* in us, that is *evil* in us, that is *filled with pride* and pride is so *disgustingly sick*, it truly is! It has caused so much pain and suffering through time. You don't want it to be any *part* of you in *any fashion or form*, you truly don't. You want to *abhor evil*, you want to *abhor pride*, but we all have it; 'lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the *pride* of life'... pride is another matter. Pride – everything stems, that's evil, stems from pride, from lifting up self. It's such an *ugly* thing.

Lies are a matter of pride! Lying to ourselves is a matter of *pride*! Not telling, not opening up fully is a matter of pride and we fight it and we fight it and we fight it and *thank God* He blesses us to fight it because this is a part of the conversion, the transformation of the mind. It's a part of *change* that has to take place up here in your thinking to where you *abhor* evil. And the more you abhor evil the more God can bless you and in time make you a part of Elohim to where you are so convicted of hating evil that you can have a mind and thinking that God will give you into eternity. That is so incredibly awesome! But you have to go through this first to have that kind of conviction that *God's spirit* can *work* with and make permanent. And *that's* an awesome thing to understand.

And so he says...

...Has God indeed said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman replied to the serpent, We may eat...

See this... the response is right.

We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.

It's just the way it is... and then little things began to work...

And the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die:" (Gen. 3:1-4).

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... "For God knows that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, your eyes will be opened, and you shall be as gods, knowing [discerning, perceiving] good and evil" (vs. 5).

...[discerning, perceiving] deciding, whatever – good and evil. Incredible what was done here. Incredible how he worked! 'You'll be as gods?'

And the woman saw that the tree was good for food, something started to change in her mind, she began to be drawn to it, she began to think about what he said – pride began to raise its ugly head here.

That she could think of doing something different than what her Creator had told her?! Astounding that a mind could do that; and yet here this slithering creature did it. He's an expert at it and he wants everyone else to do the same thing. **And when the woman saw the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise**, *this* wisdom isn't of God. This is the wisdom that comes in a worldly way, from pride. It's not true wisdom at all. God described, we have read about, what is true wisdom, what is right. This is perverted, this is distorted, this is sick. It's the kind of wisdom that Satan wants everyone to have – his.

And when the woman saw the tree was good for food, and pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, that's how she was thinking, that's how she began to think about herself. Her mind, at that moment.... *Her mind at that* moment began to be perverted; it began to go off in a wrong direction from the way it was created because it was brought into an environment that was pure – just as the angelic realm. They were created in an environment that was pure in every way – *every way!*

Please understand that; it's such an important thing though that with human beings it didn't take very long; with the angelic realm it may have taken millions upon millions of years (we don't know), before they finally came to a time when *someone* began to *choose* to think differently. It was so foreign to a mind of a being that was created spirit; in beings that were created spirit to come to a point in time when they would even conceive of, think of, something different. But something sparked that in them. And with all my being I believe God has shown it's the creation of us and God's purpose in us that started to change that thinking.

And the woman saw the tree was good and pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise; and she took the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband for him to eat; and he did eat. Duh! Did what his wife said, listened to what she said. It was his fault just as much as 'duh' for her for listening to what Satan said and started playing around with that. They both did *exactly* the same thing, *they both sinned*, and they were *both* responsible for *their* choices of what *they* did. Incredible what took place!

Knowing and understanding the purpose of spirit beings and their creation and so forth – that God made mankind different than He did spirit beings, obviously. God fashioned, He made the angels of spirit essence, again, with spirit given life and He gave independent free moral agent life to them as well, same as He did to mankind, the same thing that happened to Adam and Eve. But again, an awesome thing here in understanding they were composed of spirit essence.

The angels were made of, created of spirit essence and given life, but not of life that emanates from God. It was independent life, not in the sense of sustainable independent life, but in the sense of independent life just as human beings are given independent, individual life to make your own choices in life, have your own thinking, your own mind totally independent of others. Through your experiences in time you become unique by what you experience, by what you go through in life that makes you who you are. And so that happened within the angelic realm as well.

It wasn't life that emanates from God; *not* of the holy spirit. So upon their creation it was never God's purpose to give them of *His life* that emanates from Him, from *His very being* in the form of the holy spirit because such life cannot be instantaneously given to spirit created beings. It's an awesome thing to understand about God and about the angelic realm.

The very mind of God, the being of God, the holy spirit if you will, the Truth of God, the Word of God cannot be instantaneously put into a spirit created body. Hitting this point again... because it'd simply be God Himself, as we discussed earlier, of God Himself and not an independent free moral agent separate from God. When God created angels of spirit essence with independent free moral life, they simply knew only the world that God gave them. They were composed of spirit essence with the capability of endless life and therefore they did not have the pulls to evil as mankind did who were created of temporary physical life, of physical flesh that easily turned to selfishness.

So what changed in the angelic realm? Let's turn over to Isaiah 14. The spirit realm with angelic beings was a unique realm of existence and there was no motivation (please understand), there was *no motivation* to do anything other than what God had said. It was just... why? There was no *thought, they're spirit*, they didn't have weak... they're not made like you are. They didn't have something that drew them to lust, to desire something, to cry when you're not comfortable... they didn't have any of those things – they were spirit! And so there was *none* of this there, *no motivation whatsoever* to do anything other than what God said. That was all that was there. Awesome to understand! The angelic realm was filled by God's purpose and it responded in *thankfulness* for what He had given them. Even when God created the physical universe what does it say? It says the angels rejoiced in all God had created and were excited by what they saw. They were excited by all that God had placed in front of them.

And then we come to this point in time that's recorded here, **Isaiah 14:12 - How have you fallen, O Lucifer, son of the morning!** To be a light-bringer. We understand what that means, having to do with God's way. **How have you become cut down to the ground, you who weaken the nations! Because you have said in your heart, I will ascend unto heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God:** God had given him so much; as three uniquely created beings. We talked about two who've *always* been faithful to God – serving God; Gabriel and Michael. But here was one – something changed in him. He was given so much! Given rulership and power – government, to serve in God's purpose and what He was creating and what He was doing. **Because you have said in your heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God:** above the angelic realm. He's going to be at the top of it all in everything that was there, what he saw.

I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Incredible to think that such a thing could have happened, that such a mind could have changed to that point and that degree; *that God knew that it would*. This wasn't an accident that took place. He was a free moral agent, just as we all are as human beings. We have free choice and we have no one to blame but ourselves when we don't obey God – that's the reality; and neither did they, neither did he – that's the reality. But God knew when He gave angelic beings and when He gave human beings independent free moral agent life what we would do with it, there would be those who would turn against Him – inevitable to happen, had to happen; or otherwise it's not independent free thinking, independent moral life, independent choosing. And so he changed.

Yet you shall be brought down to sheol, incredible – that means lifeless confinement. That's what it means, sheol does. It's over with. **...to the sides of the pit. They who see you shall stare, gaze upon you, and consider you saying, Is this the one who made the earth to tremble, and did shake kingdoms?** Yes he was. Incredible what took place – beyond words, beyond human comprehension unless God gives it to you through time to understand, to comprehend what took place and why it took place and why it had to be so.

At a point in time, after the physical creation, after God had revealed to the angelic realm that man would be created and that they would have the potential to become Elohim in the God Family, then Lucifer, becoming Satan, became filled with jealousy and envy and turned against God. He became *evil*. At some point when he began to think differently he became evil. He made a choice – he didn't like what God was doing. He didn't like what this meant for him. Pride entered into his being. He made a choice, a choice that was wrong; but he was free to make it. He himself is to blame for his own choice as each one of us are. We're all guilty of our own sins. We were free to choose something else – human beings have been, the ones who've been shown.

It doesn't matter if you'd grown up in, been shown God's way of life from the very beginning in the sense of environment and... look at Adam and Eve. Look at different things through the time of Israel. Look at what God did with the Israelites. It doesn't matter the knowledge that might be in front of you, you would choose evil, because of your selfish human nature. We're deeply embedded with it; it's just a part of the way we are.

And so again here, at a point in time after the physical creation, after God revealed to the angelic realm about man, then Lucifer came along and became Satan, began to be an adversary to God, became filled with jealousy and envy and turned against God. He became evil. Evil had been created where only peace had existed. That's all that existed, was peace.

You can go back through time and think about it, meditate upon it. From that moment when he did what he did, God... what does it say back there in Isaiah? 'I make/produce peace and create evil.' It's like what God said about light. 'I form light.' See, when everything began and there was nothing there, when God brought into existence a physical realm and nothing was there and He began to put things together, not until the moment... there could be a great vastness of everything that was there that God sees, that that which is spirit can see, but in human terms we wouldn't be able to see. It's just all dark. But the moment God brought light into existence, made light, He created darkness – because before that, what is darkness? Not until there's light can you know there's darkness. And that's what it's showing here; there's a process whereby God did something and He said there is something to be learned from this in that which God has made. And God made things and there was nothing but darkness, but when God made light then you could see the darkness. Just like when you have something go out in a light and all of a sudden there is nothing there – darkness is created, you can't see something like you could before, but the point being is that's when darkness was made – before that there wasn't any such thing.

And the same thing is true here when it says, 'I make peace and create evil.' *Because* there was nothing but peace, there was nothing but what God had given; but *because* He had made beings of independent minds with independent thinking in time, in that environment, *inevitably* it was a *given* that *someone somewhere along in time* is going to make a choice other than what God has given to them because they're free moral agents, they can choose for themselves. Something spurred that and started that process working within a particular being. And God gives us a bit of that outline of what happened with Lucifer; something that goaded him, something that he didn't like, something that all of a sudden he didn't agree with and he made a choice. *Incredible* what took place in that particular mind at that particular time.

Let's go over to Ezekiel. So because of that, because of only peace existing – that's why we went through a series on peace – to understand *how long it's been* and how God has such a great desire to

have peace again – *rest!* That’s what the scriptures are about – *rest!* ‘They’ll enter into My rest!’ That which God wants *all* to have – peace, rest.

Evil creates the exact opposite – there is no rest in evil! It creates torment and torture and *horrible* things! But an environment of peace where only love exists, where care and concern exists – that’s what God desires for His creation and has to go a long way in order to have it. He knew exactly what would happen, that in time evil would come about. And the whole objective then would be to bring about His Family that would, in time, there would be peace everywhere. Peace. Rest for His creation. Finally... finally, finally, finally there’s coming a time when there will be rest, when there will be peace everywhere and there will be no evil. No evil will exist. No. Evil. Will. Exist. Awesome to understand!

I hope we’re beginning to see something here. I hope we’re able to begin to see something here about choices that are made and a process that has to take place through time and by your choices that the mind...that’s what God has given to human beings... *our* minds can change. The mind of a spirit being is *set* because it’s spirit. That which is composed of, made of spirit, that which is given a certain mind and independent thought and so forth is set in that, in that choice, in the way of life it chooses. And there are those in the angelic realm who have remained faithful – *that is their choice* and the more they have seen of what Satan has done, the *stronger* that is in *them*. What an incredible thing!

But there are those who were swayed by that being, by a slithering being who went behind the scenes... and how does it always happen? Yap... just like he did with Eve; disagreement with God. That’s how things happen in people’s lives. Anything that ever happens bad within the Church or within something that has taken place through time – it’s always started like this and primarily from the leaders. That’s the way it starts. Different ones... otherwise it’s just small here and there individually in time. Thank God we live in a time now where God is blessing us that that’s not taking place and won’t take place.

But before He allowed things to happen within the environment of the Church where District Superintendents, individuals over large areas, disagreed with certain doctrines, certain things about Mr. Armstrong when they talked to other ‘leaders’ in the Church about it and *they*... they in turn would take this same message out to others individually and slowly but surely you have a whole church that’s corrupted; and so whole churches in different areas left. That’s why I’ve talked about that in times past, like Washington, D.C. and all of Hawaii at one time and on and on it goes because someone higher up told some others, they in turn told some others and after a while there was nothing but disagreement and dissention. That’s how it spreads.

And that’s what this being has done, he’s expert at it; and he did it to a third of the angelic realm – incredible! And as others have seen this through time that which is in their mind is set, powerfully so, to *loathe evil*, to *hate* those things that they see, to *fight* against those things that they see - Michael and his angels – very possibly a third of the angelic realm that was his – they fight. That’s what they do. they go out and they fight against Satan. And so does Gabriel and his – they fight. And God lets them and there’s that which they’re growing in in the sense of the mind, in a very profound and awesome way – to *hate evil*, to *loathe evil*, to *fight against evil* – that is their choice, it’s set in their being. But there are other beings that don’t have that kind of a mind.

What happens in us? God wants us to come to hate evil! And you can’t make that judgement unless you live it. You can’t make that kind of a righteous judgement, soundness of mind, until God opens up your mind and helps you to understand *your spirit*, the spirit that’s in you in your mind - until God begins to help you to see that, *then* you begin to make choices. You make choices as to whether you’re going

to repent of certain things or whether you're going to hold onto it and how long you're going to hold onto it. What is it that you have to experience in life until you combat it and fight it and come to hate it and loathe it? The more you loathe and hate evil... something is becoming *set* in your being, but you're still a physical being and God can work with this mind because it's not made the same as spirit where it's set. Because the moment it sins [mind of angels], it's *set* in that from then on – will not change, does not desire to change, cannot, has no desire whatsoever. It is what it is by choice!

What an awesome thing that God made us and gave us a mind that's composed of that which is physical – *physical matter* – and yet there's a spirit essence connected to it that can change! ...that can be worked with! That when God's spirit comes along in the mind and works with the spirit essence that's there; and because we're physical and because there's this physical glob up there, there's that which is physical in spirit that works together that can be moulded and fashioned, that can be changed with time. And when God's spirit comes along a transformation in the mind begins to take place. *What an awesome thing!* ...that God knows how, is able to, does, will bring into existence Elohim! And the greater part of that Family very soon now through this process! And to understand there's no other way! No other way but that we have to experience this first! It's a process of *conviction!* It's a process of the mind being set! With God's spirit your mind can become set, by *choice*, in God's way of life. It's a profound thing! ...and I really can't explain it all in terms to you. I find myself lacking, but there are things I know and see and can't convey fully just by words – trying the best I can... but you know what?

It's just like anything that happens out here – there are friends you have, there are family members you have and you *want* to give this to them. And you might talk till you're *blue* in the face telling them about the plan of God because you're excited when you first come along...and you can't give it to them. There aren't any words... You can have them sit down and you can read from the beginning, from Genesis 1:1 all the way up through Revelation; you can read through it and you can expound on it and talk about it and tell about the whole plan of God and things you see and understand. Well, they're not going to sit there anyway, but anyway, you can't give it to them, because it's of God's spirit that begins to work with the mind. It's such an *incredible thing* we go through to become a part of *Elohim* and the miracle of God transforming your mind that can be done in a physically created being that is impossible to do in a spirit created being. *It cannot be done!* Incredible! To understand God's creation and His purpose and what He's doing.

Ezekiel 28:11 - Moreover the word of the Eternal came to me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation unto the king of Tyrus... Really interesting as we go through this because in this particular set of scriptures here there has always been that within the Church of God that we've come to and said that this is talking about a physical king of Tyrus (which there's a type), and it's talking about this physical king... But it starts talking about Satan at a particular point and then it goes back to the physical king again...and it all has to do, primarily, with what we have always believed in God's Church. That spirit beings cannot die because they're made spirit. If God makes something of spirit it's just there for all eternity from then on – that's what we've believed. That's why we believed that, about Ezekiel as well. "Look at it; Ezekiel 28:11." No, that would be to believe that every spirit being created has self existing life inherent in themselves once they're created and that just isn't true. *Neither does Elohim;* neither those who come into Elohim have self existing life inherent within themselves. God says only He does...only He does and there is none else.

Ezekiel 28:11 – Moreover the word of the Eternal came to me saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation against the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus says the Lord Eternal; you seal up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Incredible what He created in this one being. **You have**

been in Eden, it's a Hebrew word that has to do with 'a place of pleasure, of fullness of life'; **the garden of God**; Generally we just take that as being someplace where Adam and Eve were. No, it's more than that. There's that which was spiritual and that which was physical. And that which God gave as a place of pleasure, a place of fullness of life in that which God had created before Him. So there are those things that are of a type.

So again...**in the garden of God**. In the beginning of the creation of mankind, the garden of Eden was a physical creation made for the enjoyment and pleasure of those whom God had given physical life. There was also a garden of Eden that was a spiritual creation of the spirit realm that was for the pleasure and enjoyment of those whom God first created, the angels.

Verse 13 - You have been in Eden, the garden, speaking of an enclosure, a garden, a surrounding, of God; **every precious stone was your covering**, this isn't something physical....**the sardius, topaz, the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald**, again, things we can't comprehend that God said existed. ...**the workmanship of your tabrets and of your pipes**, again, a spirit being, not physical. And this, the word for 'pipes' here is like 'the settings', the term used by jewellers – that which God set, made in him, created with him – that which summed up his life that God created and made – set Himself. God is the one who *set* everything for him. ...**and your pipes was prepared in you in the day that you were created. You were the anointed cherub who covers; and I had set you so:** 'anointed cherub who covers' – shows the power and the glory in that which had to do with the very throne of God, the majesty of God Almighty. He said I placed you there.

...**you were upon the holy mountain of God**; when it uses 'mountain' it has to do with government. Mountains are always about, in that respect of that which is given biblically, as a matter of government. ...**you were upon the holy mountain of God; you have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire**. We don't understand what all this means – it's spirit, a spiritual creation having to do in this case here, with power and glory and majesty that surrounded God and His creation, of those things that the angelic realm could see. And Satan was at the *pinnacle* in that creation – that's what God is showing.

You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, till iniquity was found in you. By the multitude of your merchandise, this has to do with the word 'traffic' and 'trafficking and trading'; **they have filled the midst of you with violence**, injustice, oppression, wrong ways – *evil!* That's what came out of it in the way Satan did things. ...**and you have sinned: therefore I have cast you as profane out of the mountain of God**: having *nothing* to do with God's Government; but away from that totally and completely... **and I will destroy you**, and it *means* what it says, **O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire**. The word 'destroy' again, means 'to cause to vanish, to do away with, to cause to perish, to cease to exist'. This follows up from the previous statement of having been 'cast out of the mountain of God', the Government of God. Satan was removed, caused to vanish from the presence of God in the sense of being removed, being able to come into God's presence before His throne. There are those things that have happened throughout time, but this also carries with it a more thorough removal from God's presence, which is to completely do away with Satan, to cause him to vanish, to perish from existence.

Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty, that which can happen to human life and does happen over and over again in life that we have to fight as human beings. And it's so easy for human beings to be lifted up by who we are, by who we think we are, or by what we think we have and whatever. **Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty, you have corrupted your wisdom**, "You

had wisdom! You *had* what I gave to you – a mind in perfection in thinking. I gave it to you! I *gave* these things to you, fully and completely! Wisdom! But you’ve corrupted it by your thinking.”

It’s amazing what happens in the human mind, the more we sin the more that the mind becomes corrupted and unsound. The more we learn of God and receive of God’s way and God’s truth the more soundness of mind, the wisdom, the thinking that is beautiful that we can grow in. It’s an awesome thing! The more we yield to God and the more we can grow of that kind of a mind; this mind *can be transformed*! It can be *changed*; it’s such a beautiful picture, it truly is!

So again here, He says, **You have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness**: in other words how he began to see the importance of himself. Never, never, never let that happen to you *in* God’s Church. *Never* let that happen to you in God’s Church – to ever be lifted up with self-importance – especially when it has to do with government...to *enjoy* having government over others. No, it’s a responsibility, it’s an opportunity of service. It’s not about control, it’s not about self, it’s not about the individual, it’s not about being looked up to and *admired* and *respected* and all those things. There are those things that come as automatic because of God’s service that are part of life – but don’t receive it to yourself ever, ever, *ever*, *EVER* – because in the day you do is the day you cease to be of any value whatsoever to God and His purpose and plan. And on *that* day you begin to actually *hurt* others until you repent; and then God may or may not choose to continue to use you. I’ve seen that over and over again in God’s Church; too many times candidly, in God’s Church, in the government that was established and set and people making wrong choices going astray and making wrong choices – because they like to be looked up to. It’s a putrid thing.

Just as with the angelic realm, they saw things that happened, the conviction that is there that you grow in, the mind you grow in through time...and I was *blessed* to be able to witness evil, wrong choices – because it’s helped me come to a far deeper conviction and a far greater hatred of pride and evil and individuals who like to be admired, who think they’re better than others, who think that when they have to eat at a banquet or something that they have to be up on risers at a table with china and silver and crystal, where others that are eating in the congregation out there are at lower tables with just regular stuff to eat with. They’re not quite up there... *they’re not quite up there with the rest of us important people*. I lived that in God’s Church! *I had to SIT THERE in God’s Church FEELING SICK! I FELT SICK, totally uncomfortable* (thank God), *that I had to sit in such a place! What a DESPICABLE thing that I couldn’t go out and sit with anybody that I wanted to...* well, because I was under government and there were certain things I had to live by and do to a point...and that’s another story.

You can come to learn to hate and loathe evil and I deeply believe that’s why God has moulded and fashioned those things within me to bring me to where I am today, to what I can do today. It’s because of the experiences; and if I hadn’t gone through the experiences I could not be today who I am today – it wouldn’t be in my mind. I would begin to look to myself and be lifted up by things around me because that’s just human nature, begin to like certain things, and that’s just human nature. You’ve got to *hate* that which hurts. You’ve got to *hate* that which hurts within the Government of God. And we’re all a part of the Government, the Family of God, we truly are; and yieldedness to God Almighty in what we do and how we respond.

You’ve got to hate evil in order to change. You’ve got to hate evil to conquer and overcome; and I hope through these series of sermons that we’re really going to come to a point where we learn to hate *this kind of thinking*. That’s why I’ve talked about peace and I’ll spend the time on that again. As I was going through the sermon series on peace, almost day by day by day, week by week by week I heard of people

in God's Church who were *not getting* along, things that were being said about others – and on and on it went; of a problem here and a problem there because people couldn't get along because people *didn't know how to live peace! They didn't know how to OBEY GOD and they sinned, and Sinned, and SINNED in a time when I was TALKING about and God was giving us that which creates and brings about peace!* But because we're so carnal peace didn't exist! And because we didn't *hate* and *loathe* things that came out of our mouth enough!

You've got to *HATE* hurting people; you've got to *LOATHE* hurting people by things you say, to where you *BITE YOUR TONGUE* so you won't say something that would hurt and cut someone else; to where you don't just let the *MOUTH BLAB* endlessly without thought. You've got to *hate* the evil that comes out. I hope you understand what I'm saying! You've got to be worked up about it! You've got to be *zealous* about it. You can't be namby-pamby about it. "I hate when I hurt somebody else, I just really hate it..." but if you do it and you say things and you cut and you destroy and you think you have a *right* to do it then you have *exactly the same kind of mind that had the gall, the guts to stand before the Great God of the universe and say, "I don't agree with that."* Anytime you ever disagree with something that God gives and you have the guts and the gall and the *stupidity* to say, "I don't agree with that." Because your actions tell whether you agree or don't agree.

Do you understand what I'm saying? You've got to *hate* that, you've got to *loathe* evil because you see it in *yourself!* It's easy to see it in others; that's what the problem is. And because you see it in others you lift yourself up by it and you don't think... "I'm not that bad, I don't do that. I don't do that! I don't say that to different ones." So you think you're a little bit better than they are. Don't do that! Don't ever get lifted up!

Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty, because you saw yourself better. That's exactly what its saying. ...**you've corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness: I will cast you to the ground, I will lay you before kings/before leaders, and they'll look upon you.** This is not the king of Tyrus as previously thought. **You have defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trafficking; therefore I will bring forth a fire from the midst of you, and it shall devour you;** see there are things created on a physical realm. We understand fire. And there are things in the spirit realm. And there are types; and God has the power to bring about, to do something, whether it's going to happen on a physical realm, spirit realm or a combination, or whatever God does – because God has the power to do it – because everything that God sustains He can destroy and He's going to destroy it (for lack of a better word), by a 'show' that is evident to others.

It's not going to be something that just disappears into nothingness without a show... of fire and brimstone...**and it shall devour you.** Means 'to consume, to destroy, to be eaten up' **and I will bring you to ashes,** it's a word that means 'cause to be scattered' **upon the earth in the sight of all them who look upon you. All they who know you among the people,** meaning nations and kindred's, **shall be astonished at you:** they're going to be dumbfounded to think, "*You did all this? And this is you now?* Not so great... you thought you were great... looks what happened because of our choices." ...**and you shall be a terror,** the word means, 'a trouble, a cause of fear'; *a cause of fear...and you shall never be anymore.*

It's *good* to fear your God, to *understand* that if you choose the wrong thing, if you choose anything *different* from what God has said is the way of peace; it's good to fear God to know this can happen to you. It's good to know that God doesn't owe us life. It's good to know that life can end and *will end* for *all* who choose other than God and God's way of life. And *that* is our choice.

What a beautiful thing, what an awesome... it's hard... isn't it kind of hard to understand, to believe, to comprehend that *anyone* would choose anything different – but that's been the choice of all mankind for 6,000 years. We've all chosen different. And even when we come into the Church, too often we still do and we have that battle.

What an awesome process of God taking us through these things that because God created peace, in time it was inevitable that evil would come out of it because of *free moral agents*, in the sense of the mind that God gave and made.

So with that we'll continue to build on that as we continue on tomorrow.

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