

**“There is great gain in godliness with contentment.”  
(1 Timothy 6:6)  
Contentment**

When did it all start and when did all the evil in the world begin. If you said, 'Satan' you are right . Another question to ask is 'why'. Why did Satan choose, and it was a choice, to bring the world to the state of evil that exists in the world today.

The answer is... envy or jealousy. In the book “The Wisdom of Solomon” which is part of the Apocrypha (Catholic and Orthodox Christians regard most of the books as fully canonical) chapter two, verses twenty three and twenty four, state:

“For God created man to be immortal, and made him to be an image of his own eternity. Nevertheless through envy of the devil came death into the world: and they that do hold of his side do find it.”

Of course, Isaiah 14, pinpoints the source as well:

“I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.”

Wanting to be what he could not be, he therefore has sought to destroy that which he envied, God and His creation.

If he could not have it, then no one could have it. Insane jealousy which would even prefer to destroy himself in pursuit of destroying that of which he was jealous.

Envy, as you may know, is one of the seven deadly sins in the Catholic Church.

Solomon points out in Proverbs 27:4:

“Wrath is cruel, anger is overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?”

ESV Translated envy in the King James Version.

Lucifer is described in Ezekiel 28.

“You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; “You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.”

Most of us would think that this sounds like a pretty glorious position, but even this was not enough to bring contentment.

The dictionary definition of contentment is a “state of happiness and satisfaction”.

So Lucifer became Satan, the destroyer. He could not find happiness and satisfaction because of his envy and his jealousy at not being number one, so unlike the apostle Paul who said:

“I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.” Philippians 4:11

So, one of the major reasons the world is in the wreck it is today is because of discontentment, due to jealousy and envy.

“Through envy of the devil came death into the world.” Wisdom of Solomon 2:24

Thank God for Jesus!

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