

## **THE BLESSING GOD'S ORIGINAL INTENT Part 1**

Before we introduce THE BLESSING, let's go back just a little to discover the condition of the earth. In Genesis 1:1 we learn that God created the heavens and the earth. We know that God does not have any darkness in Him. We read the account in verses 3-26 of that same chapter, that everything God made was excellent.

So when we read Genesis 1:2, we learn that the earth became without form and void, and darkness was everywhere. There is no darkness in God so where did it come from?

Lucifer had been the worship angel in Heaven. His purpose for being created was to worship the Most High God. What a privilege and honor to have such a high position.

Ezekiel 28:14 says, "Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou was created, till iniquity was found in thee."

He was created perfect in all his ways. God does not create things with imperfection, void, and dark. Some have thought, "Why did God created the devil? Well, God did not create the devil; He created a beautiful creature, an archangel. Ezekiel tells us that iniquity was found in him.

The earth at one time was lush and beautiful. It is possible, even probable that Lucifer had a kingdom on earth prior to Genesis 1:2. We see in Isaiah 14 that at some point in time, Lucifer begins to think he can be like God. He thinks he can exalt himself above God's throne. In verse 13, it says, "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God..." This would indicate that wherever Lucifer was, he would have to go up, or ascend to reach heaven. And he makes reference to "his throne".

Jesus says in Luke 10:18, "Behold, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." Sin was found in Lucifer and he could no longer be what God created him to be. He lost his position and authority. Lucifer himself had become corrupted. His beauty and wisdom was now twisted and wicked. Lucifer had even deceived one-third of the angels to follow him in his attempt to overthrow God's power and throne.

Isaiah 14:16, 17 says of Lucifer, “They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee and consider thee, saying, “Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, and did shake kingdoms; That made the world *as a wilderness*, and destroyed the cities thereof...”

So now, in Genesis 1:2, the Spirit of God begins to hover over the planet called earth. It was a creation of God that had been turned into a wasteland. It was desolate, barren, void of form, and dark. That is what Satan does to everything he touches.

This is the condition of earth in Genesis 1:2. But we see that God has a plan for His planet. In Genesis 1:3, we read that God begins to SPEAK to things. He speaks to darkness and says, “Light be!”. (Notice, this was *before* He created the sun.) He speaks to water and separates it. He speaks to space and determines the atmospheric heaven and then speaks for waters to move and for dry land to appear. He speaks and trees, plants, animals and wildlife appear. We notice in these opening verses that God speaks into existence what He desires to see.

In Matthew 6:33, Jesus gives us an important instruction. The Amplified Version gives this verse like this: “But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His Kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.”

One of the principles of the Kingdom of God is *speaking to things*. You may say, “Well, that is good for God, but not for me!” We notice that God created things in the earth with the ability to reproduce after its own kind. When God said, “Let us make man in our image and likeness”, God created mankind to look like Him and to behave or operate like Him. We have been made to be like God!

In Genesis 2:7, “And the Lord God formed man out of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.” Old Hebrew translations say, “and man became a speaking-spirit, just like God.”

Remember, Lucifer was created in the angel class. They are spirit-beings without bodies. They have specific purposes assigned to them. They are not in the God-class. But Man was created just like God. He was created a speaking-spirit with the authority to act just like God in the earth.

(This is a continuing series on THE BLESSING. Read Part 2 in the May newsletter teaching.)