

## THE ORIGIN OF SIN

Four categories can be identified: 1-In relationship to God, 2-In relationship to Satan, 3-In relationship to Angels, 4-In relationship to Man

### 1. IN RELATIONSHIP TO GOD

The Bible is much cleared; God is incapable of sinning and doesn't even have the ability to sin. But God foreknew of sin and included in his plan a Savior from before the foundation of the world.

#### Revelation 13:8 (KJV 1900)

<sup>8</sup> *And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in **the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.***

God is not the author of sin but He is the creator of Satan who is the author of sin.

### 2. IN RELATIONSHIP TO SATAN

Concerning Satan, he is the first creature to sin

#### Ezekiel 28:15 (KJV 1900)

<sup>15</sup> *Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.*

The nature of the first sin was Satan's desire to be like God.

#### Isaiah 14:14 (KJV 1900)

<sup>14</sup> *I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*

So the actual origin of sin is pride, which is expressed in Satan's desire to be like God.

### 3. IN RELATIONSHIP TO ANGELS

The origin of sin in relationship to angels is found in:

#### Revelation 12:3-4 (KJV)

<sup>3</sup> *And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and **behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.*** <sup>4</sup> ***And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth:** and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.*

This passage points out that one third of the angels fell with Satan when they participated in the satanic revolt against the authority of God.

### 4. IN RELATIONSHIP TO MAN

With man, sin began in the Garden of Eden with Adam's fall.

#### Romans 5:11-12 (KJV)

<sup>12</sup> *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

The nature of the first human sin is the same as that of Satan's sin: the desire to be like God.

#### Genesis 3:5 (KJV)

<sup>5</sup> *For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, **then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.***

The actual act of sin was **disobedience to a specific commandment.**

#### Genesis 2:16-17 (KJV)

<sup>16</sup> *And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, **Of every tree of the garden thou mayest***

*freely eat: <sup>17</sup> But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

**Genesis 3:6 (KJV)**

*<sup>6</sup> And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.*