

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

HOW CAN I KNOW THAT GOD HAS FORGIVEN ME?

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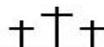
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Before the universe was created, God created spiritual beings, which are known as angels, the holy ones, the stars of heaven or sons of God. Again, God does not tell us how or why He did this and how long ago it happened; the Bible only gives us some limited information. Let's take a look at what we can glean from the Bible:

- God informs Job that the angels were in existence when he created the earth. **Job 38:4-7**
- The angels were created with a free will, but if an angel decided to rebel against God and sin as a result, there would be no redemption for them. **Matthew 25:41**
- Lucifer was an anointed cherub, which is a high ranking angel with access to the very throne room of God. He was in charge of leading other angels in the worship of God, but one day he made a decision that he did not like his position, so he made plans to dethrone God and take His place. **Ezekiel 28:11-19; Isaiah 14:12-17**
- Jesus gave us more details of what took place. Lucifer did not rebel by himself, but he traveled all over the creation enticing other angels to join him; as a result, he was able to persuade one third of the created angels to join him in the rebellion. **Revelation 12:3-4**
- Jesus also tells us that the rebellion was much larger than just refusing to worship God, Lucifer and his now fallen angel's waged war against God. This war raged through the universe until the rebellion was put down by God's holy angels. **Revelation 12:7-12**
- We are not given much information about the trial that followed the defeat and capture of Lucifer and his fallen angels. From the words of Jesus we know that the Lake of Fire was prepared for the Devil, and after the thousand years kingdom, the sentence is going to be executed. **Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:10**
- During his trial, Lucifer must have challenged God's righteousness. **Romans 3:5-26; Ephesians 3:1-11**
- As a result, Lucifer and his fallen angels were confined to the earth, while God proved to the entire angelic civilization that He is righteous and that it was Lucifer himself who made the choice to reject God. It was not God's fault, but Lucifer's that his eternal destiny is in the Lake of Fire.



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- ❑ This is the reason why God created man with a free will, so he could voluntarily choose to accept or reject God; but God also set in motion a plan that would allow man to be forgiven and redeemed when he sinned.
John 3:16

SUMMARY

- ❑ Angels are created beings that are eternal. They were created with a free will but there was no redemption they sinned.
- ❑ Humans are created beings with a soul that is eternal and can never die. Man was created with a free will and the possibility to be redeemed if he would turn from his sins and repent. **Isaiah 55:6-11**
- ❑ Satan cannot steal your salvation but he can destroy your testimony and steal your eternal rewards in heaven and reduce you to a pauper who is stripped of all glory. **Romans 8:31-39; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15**

ARE YOU WISE ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND THESE TRUTHS OR ARE YOU BEING OUSMARTED BY THE DEVIL?

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?