

Two Fathers

According to the scriptures we have a heavenly Father, the Living God, who created us. He is perfect in every way. He walked with Adam and Eve in the Garden in the cool of the day. Our fellowship with Him was perfect in every way. Through the temptation in the Garden everything changed. Lucifer, one of three very powerful angels, used the arena of creation to usurp the Creator's authority. When Adam and Eve fell to temptation, we gained a new father through sin and rebellion.

THE PERFECT FATHER (My Creator)

Matthew 5:48

Characteristics: Pure Fellowship, Clear Identity, Unashamed nakedness.

THE TRUTH: "I am an adopted son, adopted into the Kingdom by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Christ has gone to prepare a place for me."

How secure do you feel as a child of God?

THE IMPERFECT FATHER (Satan)

John 8:41-59

Characteristics: Broken Fellowship, Clouded Identity, Hiding Nakedness from the Pure Light

THE LIE: "I am better than God has spoken. I am like God and His authority must be

questioned. I take what is His and claim it as mine."

How familiar does this reality feel to you?

There is ample biblical data to paint the picture of this "two father" reality.

God created the angelic realm (Psalm 148:1-6) and the affairs of men are linked deeply to the angelic dimension (Ephesians 6:12; 1 Peter 1:12).

Lucifer, Michael, and Gabriel appear to be archangels, and apart from the "angel of the Lord," are the only angels named in the God-story. They are extremely powerful.

Demons (angels who fell in Satan's rebellion) appear do the will of Satan (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6).

Satan is the originator of sin (Ezekiel 28:15) and needs God's permission to tempt men (Genesis 3:1-19; Job 1,2). He is the tempter (1 Corinthians 7:5) who appears as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14), counterfeiting the works of God to tempt and accuse man (Revelation 12:9,10). He is immensely powerful and is subjected completely only to the power of God (Jude 1:8-10). He was judged at the cross (Colossians 2:15) and his sentence will be executed in the future in the lake of fire (Revelation 2:1-3,10).

The angels who kept their place before the holiness of the Father and did not follow Satan's rebellion will remain eternally before the throne of God where they cover and magnify the holiness of the Lord (Ezekiel 1:4-21). There are also those who go out as ministering spirits to those who will become heirs of salvation (Hebrews 1:14).

Man was created lower than the angels, and through the incarnation Christ subjected Himself to this lower place that He might lift us with Himself above the angels (Hebrews 2:9; 1:4). Satan's power is formidable - but subjected in every way to the will of his Creator.

We may live wisely (2 Corinthians 2:11; Ephesians 6:11) and without fear (Luke 22:31) in the midst of this war into which we were birthed.

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

- Romans 8:38,39

Other Passages

about the Prince of Darkness from which we can learn:

Luke 10:17-20; Job 1:6-2:10; Isaiah 14:3-19; Ezekiel 28:11-19; Zechariah 3:1-5; Matthew 4:10; 12:26; Mark 1:13; Luke 22:3; Acts 5:3; Romans 16:20; 2 Corinthians 2:11; 11:14; 1 Thessalonians 2:18; 1 Timothy 1:20; Revelation 3:9; 12:9; 20:7

My thoughts about angels:

Demons and Deliverance

Demon Miracles: (10 non-people, 6 demons, 5 sick, 4 blind, 3 death raising, 2 paralyzed, 2 lame, 1 leper, 1 deaf person)

Synagogue Demoniac: Mark 1:23-28; Luke 11:14

Blind and Dumb Demoniac: Matthew 12:22; Luke 11:14

Gadarene Demoniac: Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-29

Dumb Demoniac: Matthew 9:32-33

The Syrophonecian's Daughter: Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30

The Demon Possessed Boy: Matthew 17:14-18; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:38-42

Demon Passages and teaching: (James 2:19; 3:15; Leviticus 17:7; Deuteronomy 32:17; Psalm 106:37; Matthew 10:8; 1 Corinthians 10:21; Revelation 9:20)

My thoughts about demons:
