

What Is That?

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Why did Jesus come to earth?

Why did He die on Calvary?

Jesus said that He came to seek and save that which was lost!

What was lost?

Lucifer

- A. **LUCIFER'S POSITON: EZEKIEL 28: 13-15** - You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone *was* your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created.
¹⁴ "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.
¹⁵ You *were* perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.

In the beginning there was no devil.

- Lucifer was a created being.
- God did not create the devil.
- He was created "the anointed cherub that covered."

3 cherubs in scripture

- Michael was the cherub of war
- Gabriel the cherub of announcement
- Lucifer cherub of worship.

Positions cause some to get messed up because they want position.

COVERING: a covering, to screen, to cover, *to cover oneself*, a protector, to lay over.

He covered God, with worship.

Isaiah spoke of the angels, when he **said I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne and...**

Isaiah 6:2-3 - ² Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one cried to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!”

Nehemiah 9:6 - ⁶ You alone *are* the LORD; You have made heaven, The heaven of heavens, with all their host, The earth and everything on it, the seas and all that is in them, And You preserve them all. **The host of heaven worships You.**

If God is going to be anywhere, he will be covered.

- Not with people but **with praise**.
- Praise covers God. Worship...

David said, Psalm 22:3 - ³ But You *are* holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel.

This angel covered God with praise, and this angel was covered.

- God dwells in and inhabits praise!
- Therefore, we must be a praising church!
- It releases the miraculous.
- Gen 1 the creation happened after praising angels.

Because God inhabits praise, this releases miraculous to work among us!

- Drug addicts, bondage, etc. set free.

I established you: — ***to give, to put, to set,*** to appoint, to assign, to designate...

- God said. *I established you, I put you there...*

INIQUITY - ***evil: - perverseness, unjust, unrighteousness; wicked.***

- **He moved** from his place and fell.
- Because he attempted to set up his own kingdom, throne, place of authority!...

B. SATAN’S FALL -

Isaiah 14:12-15 - The Fall of Lucifer

¹² “How you are **fallen** from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!

*How you are **cut down** to the ground, You who weakened the nations!*

¹³ **For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend** into heaven, **I will exalt** my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ ¹⁵ **Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.**

- Lucifer wanted to set up his own throne... or kingdom...

FALLEN - *fall, lie, be cast down, fail.*

CUT DOWN - a primitive root; *to fell a tree*; generally, to destroy anything:

I WILL ASCEND - Basically, suggests movement from a lower to a higher place

I WILL EXALT - "*to be high, exalted.*" - Basically, represents either the "state of being on a higher plane" or "movement in an upward direction."

Lucifer, the one created to worship is cast out –

Lucifer’s object of worship changed from God to himself!

- *“I will be like the most High, I will be like God...”*
- God had lost His worshipper.

Adam - God created a man to worship God...

Free will, choice to choose to worship.

Isaiah 43:5-7 - ⁵ Fear not, for I *am* with you; I will bring your descendants from the east And gather you from the west; ⁶ I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ And to the south, ‘Do not keep them back!’ Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth—⁷ Everyone who is called by My name, ***Whom I have created for My glory;*** I have formed him, yes, I have made him.”

- Created to bring God glory!

Revelation 4:11 - "You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

WE WERE CREATED TO GIVE GOD PLEASURE!

- The Garden of Eden was to be a place of worship!
- **Man was to** cultivate it to be a place of worship!
- **TO BRING GLORY TO GOD!**
- **Because Adam and Eve failed** to do so it became a place of war!!!

The devil tempts Eve to eat the fruit, "*pleasing to the eye...*"

- She and Adam got their eyes off God and onto an object!

The devil tells her:

Genesis 3:5 - ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

- Exalt yourself to be a god!
- Equate your will with God's will!
- Replace God as the object of surrender and adoration!

CROWN SELF and remove God from being your object of WORSHIP!

- **THIS IS HUMANISM!**
- IT IS ABOUT ME!

GOD HAS NOW LOST THE THING ON THIS PLANET HE WANTED, BECAUSE ADAM REPLACED THE OBJECT OF WORSHIP!

Hosea 13:2 - ² Now they sin more and more, and have made for themselves molded images, Idols of their silver, according to their skill

- They create idols **according to their own understanding**

Ephesians 4:18 - ¹⁸ having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart.

Religious people that worship something, their rituals, tradition, but the TRUE OBJECT OF WORSHIP IS MISSING!

**NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES GOD LOSES HIS WORSHIPPER
HE CONTINUES TO LOOK FOR MORE!**

When God lost Adam to sin He lost HIS ONLY WORSHIPPER ON THE PLANET!

AND SO, UNFOLD THE STORY OF REDEMPTION!

- God's plan to bring us back into relationship with Him!
- RESTORED TO GOD'S ORIGINAL PURPOSE!

GOD IS SEEKING NOT RETURNING REBELS BUT RESTORED SONS!

God is looking to restore intimacy with man! He is looking for something that was lost!

WHAT WAS LOST? - He knew where man was and is, but *man was/is lost!*

1 Cor 10:26 - *for "the earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness."*

Ezekiel 18:4 - "Behold, all souls are Mine; The soul of the father As well as the soul of the son is Mine; **The soul who sins shall die.**

- HE EXPECTS TO BE THE CENTERPIECE OF YOUR LIFE!
- WHEN SOMETHING ELSE IS; IT IS SIN, IDOLATRY!
- IT SHALL DIE...

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What was lost?

- "That which..." – it doesn't say who.
- A restrictive clause – used to describe something non-human!

"WHAT IS THAT..." – WORSHIP!

Lucifer – God lost his worship

ADAM/MAN – lost THE WORSHIPPER!

God set His plan to restore the man, His Worshipper!

The blood, Tabernacle, the Lamb slain of New Testament!

REDEMPTION, RECONCILIATION, JUSTIFICATION, SALVATION – GOD RESTORING MAN INTO WORSHIP

- **SAVED TO SOMETHING! (*Worship*)**
- **RESTORED TO THE ORIGINAL MODEL!**

The woman at the well said.

John 4:19-22 - ¹⁹The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.”

²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. ²²***You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.***

- **Jesus wisely ties worship in with salvation!**

JESUS SAYS,

John 4:23-24 - ²³But the hour is coming, and now is, ***when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth;*** for the **Father is seeking such to worship Him.** ²⁴God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must ***worship in spirit and truth.***

- **THE FATHER SEEK’S TRUE WORSHIPPERS!**
- **Jesus told the woman.**
- ***“I know you are a worshipper!***
- ***But I am looking for TRUE WORSHIPPERS...***

SAVED TO WORSHIP!

Salvation is God’s attempt to get *you and I back to the original relationship!*****

Worship is:

Giving – 1 Chron 16:29 - Give to the Lord the glory due His name; Bring an offering and come before Him. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

Lifestyle – Psalm 96:9 - Give to the Lord the glory *due* His name; Bring an offering and come before Him. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

Everything we do is to worship Him!

When we get to Heaven it is what we will do:

Revelation 4:10-11 - ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall before Him who sits on the throne **and worship Him** who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

¹¹ **“You are worthy, O Lord,** to receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”

Revelation 5:12-14 - ¹² **saying with a loud voice:**

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ **And every creature** which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying:

“Blessing and honor and glory and power *Be* to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!”

¹⁴ Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders ***fell and worshiped Him*** who lives forever and ever.

CLOSE:

Jesus gave us the same responsibility as when He came to seek and save THAT WHICH WAS LOST!

John 20:20-23 - ²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

²¹ So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! **As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.**” ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, **“Receive the Holy Spirit.**” ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained.”

**WE HAVE BEEN COMMISSIONED TO SEEK AND SAVE -----
THAT WHICH WAS LOST, WORSHIP!**

- **FIND AND RESTORE TRUE WORSHIPPERS**
- **Just like He did!**