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8. After man had sinned, how did God show His love, and His willingness to forgive?

"For God so loved the world, that He _____ His only begotten _____, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." **John 3:16.**

NOTE: In as much as **God**, who is **LOVE**, who delights in mercy, and who changes not, offered pardon and granted a period of probation to man when he sinned, it is but reasonable to conclude that a like course was pursued toward the heavenly intelligences who first sinned, and that only those who persisted in sin, and took their stand in open revolt and rebellion against God and the government of heaven, were finally cast out of heaven. **Revelation 12:7-9**



The Foundation Bible Lessons

PART 2:

Sin; Its Origin, Results, and Remedy

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1. **WITH** whom did sin originate?

"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the _____
_____ the _____." **1 John 3:8**

NOTE: Without the Bible, the question of the origin of evil would remain unexplained.

2. From what time has the devil been a murderer?

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer _____ the _____, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him." **John 8:44**

3. What is the devil's relationship to lying? "When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a _____, and the _____ of _____." **Same verse.**

4. Was Satan created sinful?

"Thou wast _____ in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, _____ was found in thee." **Ezekiel 28:15**

NOTE: This, and the statement in **John 8:44** that he "*abode* not in the truth," show that Satan was once *perfect*, and *in the truth*. Peter speaks of "the angels that *sinned*" (**2 Peter 2:4**); and Jude refers to "the angels which *kept not their first estate*" (**Jude 6**); both of which show that these angels were once in a state of sinlessness and innocence.

5. What further statement of Christ seems to lay the responsibility for the origin of sin upon Satan and his angels?

"Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, _____ for the _____ and _____." **Matthew 25:41**

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6. What led to Satan's sin, rebellion, and downfall?

"Thine _____ was _____ because of thy _____, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy _____." **Ezekiel 28:17.** "Thou hast said in thine heart, *I will _____ into heaven, I will _____ my throne _____ the _____ of _____: I will sit also _____ the _____ of the _____, in the _____ of the north: . . . I _____ be _____ the _____.*" **Isaiah 14:13,14**

NOTE: In a word, **PRIDE** and self-exaltation led to Satan's downfall, and for these there is no justification or adequate excuse. "**PRIDE** goeth, before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." **Proverbs 16:18.** Hence, while we may know of the origin, cause, character, and results of evil, no good or sufficient reason or excuse can be given for it. **To excuse it is to justify it; and the moment it is justified it ceases to be SIN. All sin is a manifestation of selfishness in some form, and its results are the opposite of those prompted by LOVE.**

The experiment of **SIN** will result finally in its utter abandonment and banishment forever, by all created intelligences, throughout the entire universe of God. Only those who foolishly and persistently cling to **SIN** will be **DESTROY WITH IT**. The wicked will then "be as though they had not been" (**Obadiah 16**), and the righteous shall "shine as the brightness of the firmament," and "as the stars forever and ever." **Daniel 12:3.** "**Affliction shall not rise up the second time.**" **Nahum 1:9.**

7. In contrast with the pride and self-exaltation exhibited by Satan, what spirit did Christ manifest?

"Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but *made _____ of no _____*, and took upon Him the form of a _____, and was made in the likeness of *men*: and being found in fashion as a man, *He _____ Himself*, and became obedient unto _____, even *the _____ of the cross.*" **Philippians 2:6-8**