

# Two kinds of spirits God vs. Satan

The creation itself  
as evidence of a  
Creator

- *For every house is built by someone,*



*but the builder of all things is God.  
(Heb 3:4)*

- But looking at the creation and all of its pain, suffering, death, and evil, what can people infer about the Creator?
- Is God non-existent, malevolent, indifferent, or absent?

**The Bible  
tells us who God is •**



God the Creator is not non-existent ... He is self-existent (Ex 3:14).

- God is not malevolent .. He is good and the source of life (Mk 10:18, Jn 1:4).
- God is not indifferent ... He is love (1 Jn 4:8).
- Then, God must be absent.

**God did not create the universe or us to be like this**

- God created both the spiritual and physical worlds.
- When God gave the breath of life to the spirit of a man, that man was made in God's image. We became something different from the animals, which don't have a spirit, living or

dead.

- This meant God, the origin of life, could dwell among us.

Breath  
of Life

Gn 2

God's

Family & Home

God

+

Angels

Life

Eternal

Life



Heaven on Earth

# Why did God leave & how did His creation change?

- God's perfect creation was broken when one of the spirits God created changed himself and began to pretend he was God (Is 14:12-15, Ez 28:1-11).
- This "Satan" or "opposer" even deceived a great host of angels to follow him instead of God (Jude 1:6, 2 Pt 2:4).
- Then, Satan, the "father of lies" (Jn 8:41-44)



even

deceived the man God was with into turning against God (Gn 3).

- Rather than destroy everything He had created and start over, God left us (Gn 6:3), handed creation over to His enemy (Rom 8:20-21, 1 Jn 5:19), and began His plan for its restoration.

**For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.**

**Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four footed animals and crawling creatures. Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would**

**be dishonored among them.** For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and **worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator,** who is blessed forever. Amen.

**Rom 1:21-25**

**Though while he lives he congratulates himself—and though men praise you when you do well for yourself—he shall go to the generation of his fathers; they will never**

**see the light. Man in his pomp, yet  
without understanding, is like the  
beasts that perish.**

**Ps 49:18-20**

**How can our spirits be restored to life and  
God?**

- If Satan deceived us,  
corrupting our spirits and

separating us from God, then  
what do we need to be  
restored to God and eternal

life?

- We need the truth about what is really going on and who God and Satan really are, but we also need the wisdom and the strength to live for God rather than ourselves.

**God**



## A couple of problems ...

1. If no one is good (Rom 3:10-13), all have sinned (Rom 3:23), and no one knows God (Mt 11:27, 1 Cor 2:11), then where can we learn the truth?
2. Every time God chose a

spokesperson and gave His Word so His messenger could share it, Satan continued to corrupt, deceive, and destroy.



**God**

# God's solution: A son, not a servant

- God had to send someone with true understanding of Him and His Word (Jn 3:31-33), but it had to be someone who could overcome the devil's temptation ... not another corruptible servant, but a son.
  - God trusted Jesus to overcome even until death, but how could God overcome Satan's interference
- in our hearts so that more than just Jesus would actually understand?
- Wouldn't it have to be something only God could do and the devil could not imitate?

**God** Jesus

**God's solution:**

**prophecy &**

# fulfillment

## God

- As the Almighty, God can create, which means He has the power to prophesy and fulfill (Is 14:24).
- So, for over 1,500 years, God gave His prophets visions of the future, which they faithfully recorded.
- When Jesus came, not only as a sinless sacrifice but to give us the Word, he fulfilled those prophecies as evidence that he was the one who could actually do so!

**Visions  
of future  
events**

Ex: Is, Jer, Ez

## The next phase of the plan of restoration

1. Despite His victory, God's plan for our restoration wasn't finished at Jesus's 1st coming. He knew Satan would again proceed to deceive, divide, and destroy.
2. So, Jesus and his disciples sowed the NT prophecies in our hearts

like a seed. Now, we have been waiting ~2,000 years for those promises to become a reality, and there are so many people claiming to speak on behalf of

God. How do we discern?

NT Prophecies

Visions  
of future  
events

God

NT Prophets Ex: Jesus,  
John

**Beloved, do not believe every spirit,  
but **test the spirits** to see whether  
they are from God, because many**

**false prophets have gone out into  
the world.**

**1 Jn 4:1**

**Now these were more noble-minded  
than those in Thessalonica, for they  
received the word with great  
eagerness, examining the**

# Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.

## Acts 17:11

### The final steps of God's plan of restoration

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|  | arrives, God wants us to  | OT prophecies helped  |
| 1. If everything were finished when Jesus came the first time, why would he have promised to come again? | reject all Satan's lies and learn and understand the truth of His prophecies and their fulfillment. | people better understand God and act according to His will, the book of Revelation is about a "revelation" of the fullness of God and His plan that will help us fully mature |
| 2. When the appointed time   | 3. Just as Jesus's testimony about the fulfillment of the   |   |

in our spirits so we can be  
restored to perfect unity with  
our Creator.

**GodLife**

**God's  
Family  
& Home  
Eternal Life**



## Heaven on Earth

**Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes;**

**and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”**

**Rv 21:1-4**

**Let's pray**  