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We can learn so much about sin and God from the study of the first sin. The first sin was committed by the Morning Star, later to be known as, the red dragon, the great dragon, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan.

We just noted five Biblical words used to describe our sins:

1. Transgressions.
2. Iniquities.
3. Sin.
4. Evil.
5. Wickedness.

God responds or reacts to any category of sin. As we will see here God's perfect righteousness reacted to Morning Star's sin by casting him as profane from the mountain of God.

Now, any time you start to become 'lax' in your thinking about sin, just remember what happened on the cross to our Lord. In Isaiah 53 alone, we have seven words used to describe what happened on the cross.

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Verse	English Text	Hebrew Verb Stem
Verse 4	He bore— <i>our griefs</i>	Qal perfect
Verse 4	He carried— <i>our sorrows</i>	Qal perfect
Verse 4	stricken— <i>by God</i>	Qal participle— passive
Verse 4	smitten— <i>by God</i>	Hophal participle
Verse 4	afflicted— <i>by God</i>	Pual participle
Verse 5	pierced <i>because of our transgressions</i>	Piel participle
Verse 5	pierced <i>because of our transgressions</i>	Pual participle

Now, I know most of you do not know the impact behind the Hebrew verb stems but even without understanding them you can see that His final three hours on the cross were absolutely overwhelming to our Savior. And remember, these strikes were because of our sins, each of the five words we have just noted. The point I want you to get is that God responds, reacts to our sins. The Bible is filled with God’s reaction to personal sins of people: Adam and Eve, Cain, Judah, Moses, Saul, David and various kings of the northern and southern kingdoms.

Now we must return to our study of the first sin ever committed by the seal of God’s creation, the Morning Star.

Back to Ezekiel 28:16 **by the abundance of your trade You were internally filled with violence and you sinned.** We learn more about sin. It starts within our souls, our thinking! We stop loving Jesus Christ in the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Then, as a result of stop loving Jesus Christ, we start looking at ourselves, and all we do and all we are. Then we begin to resent Jesus Christ and violence stirs up inside us, and we sin!

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Now, what we have to know about sin, any sin, is the cause of effects in our lives...Sin always has consequences, whether you see them or not!

**Ezekiel 28:16 ...Therefore I have cast you as
profane From the mountain of God...**

and you sinned Therefore. Effect of sin. People, God's Holiness responds to our every sin—Every sin: (mental attitude sins, sins of the tongue, overt sins). God acts, first and every time, no matter how small. We are out of fellowship with the Holy Spirit, we are no longer empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are no longer led by the Holy Spirit. You probably will not feel any different but the fact remains you are out of the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. To deny this, is to deny that God responds, reacts to our every sin. In other words, God is not Holy. Know God and know that He is perfect righteous and therefore His righteousness **must** respond to our every sin. So we must acknowledge that we have sinned, that we have stopped trusting in the Holy Spirit and we are carnal. Therefore, we must go back to what we stopped doing—trusting in God, trusting in the Holy Spirit and we are immediately back into the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, restored to harmony with God, to fellowship with God. Just as when we were unbelievers, the moment we trusted in Jesus Christ, some 34 things happened to us, changed us for all eternity.

So do not skip over **Therefore—you sinned, therefore.** And people, this happens in our own lives every time we sin...

Therefore I. God.

cast you. This is the intensive Piel.

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This Hebrew word is translated in various ways.

Name of Translation	Translation
NIV	so I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God.
New Living Translation:	so I banished you in disgrace from the mountain of God
Berean Study Bible:	so I drove you in disgrace from the mountain of God
Christian Standard Bible	so I expelled you in disgrace from the mountain of God
Contemporary English:	So I forced you to leave my mountain
Net Bible	so I defiled you and banished you
God's Word Translation:	so I threw you down in disgrace
Young's Literal Translation	And I thrust thee

So it has been translated: **to cast; drove, destroyed you, Banished in disgrace; drove in disgrace; expelled in disgrace;**

forced to leave; I defiled you and banished you; I threw you down in disgrace; I thrust thee.

So, we have some nine different words for this one Hebrew word. But, I think you get the idea of what God did in response to Morning Star sinning. People, please know your God from His Holy Word. So many take some concepts from the Bible, then they conjure up their own image of God, which of course is most dangerous.

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Ezekiel 28:16 ...You sinned, therefore, I cast you out as profane from the mountain of God And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub From the midst of the stones of fire.

Ezekiel 28:16 ...I have cast you from the mountain of God...

Turn to Revelation 12:

Rev. 12:9 and the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

And the great dragon. He is called Red dragon (Revelation 12:3) and here great dragon.

Was thrown down. In Ezekiel chapter 28 he was *cast out*. Here he is **thrown down** *Aorist Passive Indicative: ballo* - to throw, to cast off.

Aorist Tense simply refers to the event...some point in time.

Passive Mood The subject, the great dragon, receives the action of the verb.

Indicative mood refers to the reality of this event, of this dragon being thrown out of heaven.

We do not know who did the actual throwing. Was it Michael? I don't think it was Michael, because in Jude 9 Michael would not attack the devil.

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God the Father? Jesus Christ? Holy Spirit? We are not told but, in all probability, it was his arch enemy, the second member of the Godhead, and the only revealed member of the Godhead.

What we are told is that there was a *war* between the angelic forces led by Archangel Michael against the dragon and his angelic forces!

And then we are told that the dragon and his forces were not strong enough to overpower Michael and his forces...

And so, there was no room for the dragon and his forces. So, they were **cast out of heaven**. This we know!

We know of five falls of this Satan

I. Original fall in eternity past: the pre-historic world.

1. Lucifer—seal of creation—top angel, who was probably priest representing God to angels on planet earth and angels to God. Ezekiel chapter 28 lists some of his exceptional gifts in creation.
2. At some point Lucifer...became arrogant: Ezekiel chapter 28 and proclaimed: **I am**. Let's read Isaiah 47:8-10 **two wills in conflict**.

This was the 1st fall of Lucifer---in the soul!

3. This led to Satan's great declaration of the five **I wills** recorded in Isaiah chapter 14.

1st fall of Satan was arrogance! Independence of God.

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II. Second fall of Satan.

1. The second fall was a result of the first fall. Arrogance always leads to harmful overt manifestations...this time...the second fall of Satan.
2. There was war in heaven. Satan and all the angels who followed him, lost and were cast down into the deep. We get a glimpse of this war and the results in such passages as Job chapter 25; Exodus chapter 15; Habakkuk chapter 3 and several passages in the Psalms.
3. The result of this fall is that Lucifer is changed to Satan and Genesis chapter 1 opens up with the deep covering the earth.

III. Third Fall: This one is recorded in Revelation chapter 12, where Satan is cast out of heaven again...in the middle of the Tribulation. He moved his angelic forces to heaven but was defeated by Michael. The result is that he is once again cast out of heaven to earth...this time resulting in a great battle – Armageddon.

IV. Fourth Fall: This one is yet to occur in the future, after the battle of Armageddon, Satan is cast into captivity, probably beneath earth for some 1000 years of Millennium. (Rev. 20:1-3).

V. Fifth and Final Fall: this takes place at the end of the Millennium. Ezekiel 28:18; Revelation 20:10.

People, please remember what we are studying is why we are here and why the Spiritual warfare we are involved in is occurring, who is the enemy of your marriage, your spiritual life and this assembly.

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Ezekiel 28:16 Therefore I have cast you as profane From the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you,

Piel imperfect of the verb translated to destroy.

When we think of the verb ‘to destroy’ we usually think of termination of existence. But this Hebrew word carries other ideas than termination of existence. Neither angels nor mankind will be exterminated from existence. The great question is where will we spend eternity?

This Hebrew word is translated: *to destroy; to expel; to banish*. The Hebrew word is defined as to destroy, to perish, to be lost, to reduce to some degree. The Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament.

It says when this word is used in the *Hiphil* or *Piel*, as it is here, it means to kill or breakdown. Here is God’s response to Morning Star’s sin. To get an idea of what is going on note the process:

First: you sinned therefore I have cast you as profane From the mountain of God.

Secondly: And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub from the midst of the stones of fire

Therefore, contextually this does not refer to banish from existence but to banish from existence from this sacred place. People, please think. This is as it were, a puzzle and we must draw from Isaiah chapter 14 and Ezekiel chapter 28. In Isaiah 14 we have the words declared by this creature, after he has been banished from these sacred places, the mountain of God and the stones of fire. So in reaction to his being banished, he uttered the

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words: **“But you said in your heart,”** This is God declaring the state of mind of the Morning Star, after being banished from the sacred places.

Isaiah 14:13 ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north.

Isaiah 14:14 ‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’

You can hear his tone in his words. Instead of repenting, and turning to God, he increased his arrogance and his stand against God. It is amazing how arrogance refuses to see what God is doing. This is why Spiritual Love is not Arrogant.

Ezekiel 28:16 By the abundance of your trade, You were internally filled with violence, And you sinned; Therefore I have cast you as profane From the mountain of God. And I have banished you, O covering or guarding cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Ezekiel 28:17 “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; (this is added to verse 16) “*by the abundance of your trade, you were internally filled with violence.*”

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Along with that violence came arrogance.

Your heart. This word is used to describe the real person we are. This is referred to as: your heart, your soul, inner being. This is where we decide how we will use our free will. The Hebrew word is generally used to refer to the immaterial inner self; or as the seat of one's inner nature; or even to the mind, the thinking of a person. As in

Genesis 6:5 Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

It also refers to that area where free will expresses itself.

Exodus 35:5 Take from among you a contribution to the Lord; whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as the Lord's contribution: gold, silver, and bronze,

This verse makes it clear that we have free will, to decide what we are going to do and not do.

2 Chronicles 12:14 He did evil because he did not set his heart to seek the Lord.

**Job 11:13 If you would direct your heart right
And spread out your hand to Him.**

Now let's be sure we understand that there is nothing wrong in 'beauty,' physical beauty, or symmetrical beauty, nothing wrong. Remember, God

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created him with this super beauty. There is nothing wrong with beauty. The issue is how you use it. He allowed it to corrupt his soul and increase his arrogance. He started in arrogance by all his activities, now he increases his arrogance because of his beauty. Remember Spiritual love is not Arrogant. Just a word on beauty: many a lady has fallen and corrupted their souls because of their beauty. Unfortunately, they soon discovered they can get what they want from men because of their beauty. I prefer the saying that a woman's beauty will get her a chair at the table, but it is her soul that will determine if she stays. Ladies, and you handsome men—you know who you are—remember God gave you your beauty. Use it to further His plan in your life.

Next, we come to compounding his arrogance.

Ezekiel 28:17 ...You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor...

This requires a little work. What is the relationship between 'wisdom and splendor?' We could spend a great deal of time in just looking at wisdom. For example, in the first book given to man there is a great deal about wisdom.

Job 28:12 But where can wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding?

And dear people, if you find this place, you are a very wealthy person. Job 28:12-28. The answer to where wisdom can be found is in

Job 28:23 "God understands its way, And He knows its place.

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Job 28:28 “And to man He said, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; And to depart from evil is understanding.’”

Another passage to the understanding of the importance of wisdom is in Proverbs chapter 8 where wisdom is personified.

Proverbs 8:1 Does not wisdom call, and understanding lift up her voice?

Proverbs 8:11 “For wisdom is better than jewels; And all desirable things cannot compare with her

Proverbs 8:12 “I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, And I find knowledge *and* discretion.

Proverbs 8:13 “The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverted mouth, I hate.

Proverbs 8:14 “Counsel is mine and sound wisdom; I am understanding, power is mine.

God alone knows all wisdom and where wisdom dwells.

Job 28:12 “But where can wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding?

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Job 28:20 “Where then does wisdom come from? And where is the place of understanding?

Job 28:21 "Thus it is hidden from the eyes of all living And concealed from the birds of the sky.

Wisdom for mankind begins with a fear and reverence of God.

Psalm 111:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do *His word*. His praise endures forever.

Job 28:28 And to man He said, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom;

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Note carefully, the fear of the Lord is wisdom and also is the beginning of knowledge.

Those who deny His creation of the world lose out on His wisdom:

Psalm 104:24 O Lord, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; The earth is full of Your possessions.

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Jeremiah 10:12 *It is He who made the earth by His power, Who established the world by His wisdom; And by His understanding He has stretched out the heavens.*

Having an understanding of wisdom, lets now look at our passage:

You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. To grasp the dangers of this to our wisdom we have to understand ‘splendor.’ The Hebrew word means splendor or brightness. This is one of those Hebrew words that is somewhat difficult to fully and correctly grasp. This is the picture of the splendor of the Lord on Mt Paran in Deuteronomy 33:2 or on Zion in Psalm 50:1 showing forth the brilliance of His Holiness, His splendor. Theologically, this is what Jesus was referring to in His declaration of being the Light of the World.

Now, in its relationship to wisdom. At the heart of wisdom is humility! In the wisdom of humility which is not self-degradation but is the truth of seeing yourself especially when compared to the wisdom and glory of God and of Jesus Christ. The ‘brightness’ or splendor in the heart of the Morning Star blinded his eyes and blinded his wisdom so that he began to look upon himself as great, greater even than God. Sometimes students of the Bible wonder how this creature, Morning Star, could be so arrogant as to think he would overcome God. People, please learn from this verse how one’s wisdom can be so darkened by blindness, that arrogance. So, if you cherish wisdom, guard your soul against the brightness of obsession of self. Be so humble as to recognize the beam of arrogance and put it out immediately.

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Question: how do I guard against arrogance? How do I put out this splendor of self? Here is where the wisdom of the Word of God comes in.

1 Corinthians 13:4...spiritual love is not arrogant.

So, the answer is to guard yourself all the time by being in the power and leading of the Holy Spirit by faith staying in fellowship with God and with our Lord Jesus Christ. Only in the power of His Spirit do we have the power to overcome the lusts and passions alive in us which appear with brightness and blind us as to true wisdom of who we are before God. And blind as to living a moral life that is honoring to God. It is only in the power of the Holy Spirit that we are able to overcome all the passions of our Inherited Sin Nature.

People, wisdom is knowing where to go to find knowledge. And wisdom begins with bowing before God as God Almighty. This is something Morning Star lost, due to the brightness of his own radiance causing him to become blind as to the greatness of God. His beauty and his wisdom and his activities became so bright they blinded him of humility before God and exalted himself above God. This is why people refuse to see God as the Creator and the one in authority to lay out morality and activity for life. This is why people refuse to be humble and believe in Jesus Christ as Savior. This is why Christians refuse to humble themselves and be restored from sin, by faith through grace. They must be part of this experiential salvation, or deliverance from sin. Please do not allow yourself to be blinded by your own perceived splendor and live in the light of His Spirit, so that you will live in the wisdom of God.

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1 Corinthians 1:24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Ezekiel 28:17 ...I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, That they may see you.

Ezekiel 28:18 “By the multitude of your iniquities, In the unrighteousness of your trade You profaned your sanctuaries. Therefore I have brought fire from the midst of you; It has consumed you, And I have turned you to ashes on the earth In the eyes of all who see you.

Ezekiel 28:19 “All who know you among the peoples Are appalled at you; You have become terrified And you will cease to be forever.”””

Ezekiel 28:17 Therefore I have cast you as profane From the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the stones of fire.