

Introduction: Sin did not begin with us or even on earth. The first sin was committed in heaven. After looking into that we will investigate the sin committed on earth.

THE ORIGIN OF SIN IN THE UNIVERSE

1. The one responsible for the first sin, Ezekiel 28:11-17. The prophet was describing a supernatural being.
2. "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! 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; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'" Isaiah 14:12-14.
3. Five times Lucifer lifted up his will against the will of God. Thus, Satan's sin was rebellion against God and the pursuit of total independence from God.
 - A. "I will ascend into heaven": there are three heavens. The sky as we see it with atmosphere, the stratospheres, and the place God dwells. See Paul's "third heaven" 2 Corinthians 12:1-4
 - B. "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God": angels are referred to in Scripture as "morning stars." See Job 38:7; Rev. 12:3-4
 - C. "I will also sit upon the mount of the congregation": These words seem to express a desire for an earthly kingdom. In biblical symbolism a mountain means a kingdom see Isaiah 2:2; Daniel 2:35.
 - D. "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds": Lucifer wanted to possess divine glory, which in Scripture is often symbolized by or associated with clouds, see Exodus 13:21; Isaiah 19:1; Mark 13:26.
 - E. "I will be like the Most High": This is the climax of the other four desires. Lucifer revolted against God.

THE ORIGIN OF SIN IN THE HUMAN RACE

1. God created Adam and Eve in His image, at the top of the created order. Their rebellion led to their moral collapse and fall. Genesis 3
2. Adam and Eve had no polluted ancestry behind them, yet they sinned. Some believe if we morally clean up society, humans will no longer be subject or prone to sin. The first parents lived in a perfect environment, yet they sinned.
3. We were created to both receive and reciprocate the love of God. Real love is bestowed freely, not from compulsion. We show forth our love by obedience. "If you love me keep my commandments."
4. Adam and Eve did not need the forbidden fruit for any reason.
5. James 1:13-14 "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed."
6. Satan was not permitted to overpower Adam and Eve but to tempt them to disobey God
7. The difference between Satan's fall and humankind's fall is that Satan fell without any external tempter.

LAST WORDS: Do not fixate on sin but worship the Lord with your whole being.