The Human Fall

## Section1. The Root of Sin (Original Sin)

i. Literal?

[ God's Word: Gen 2:17 Death more valuable than life Jesus' Word: Mark 7:15, Matt 15:11 (Mouth – not sin)

ii. Symbol

What does the Fruit of G&E symbolize?

What was the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, such that Adam and Eve could not be forgiven and that God cast them out of the garden?

(Jesus: forgiveness, love your enemy)



#### (1) The Tree of Life &

the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil



## (2) The Identity of the Serpent

- i. Conversed with humans
- ii. Knew the will of God
- iii. Tempted human beings, intellectual
- iv. Lived in heaven (Rev 12:9)
- v. Ability, power
- vi. Transcends time and space



#### (3) The Fall of the Angel and the Fall of Human Beings



- O Snake (Satan): Fallen Archangel Lucifer (god of this world, acting like a king)
- O Root of Sin: Immoral sexual relationship (blood connection) b/n the fallen Archangel and Eve (lust)
- O Fallen Humans: children of Satan (inheriting the false love, life and lineage of the servant)

# 2. The Motivation and Process of the Fall (Why did the Fall Occur?)

## 1) Purpose for which the Angels were Created

- (1) The Mission of Servant (Heb 1:14, Rev 22:9)
  - i. Gen 18:10 Conveyed God's message of blessing to Abraham
  - ii. Matt 1:20, Luke 1:31 Conveyed the message of the conception of Christ
  - iii. Acts 12:7-10 Helped Peter to escape the prison by taking the chains of his hands
- (2) Praise and worship
  - i. Rev 5:11 "And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the living beings and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands."
  - ii. Rev 7:11 "And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four living beings, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God."

#### 2) The Motivation and Process of the Fall



3. How was it Possible for Human Beings to Fall during the Growing Period?

1) The Power of Love and the Power of the Principle



- i. During the growing period, it was possible for an immature Adam and Eve to Fall at any time if they encountered the power of unprincipled love (the angel's love).
- ii. This is similar to a situation where a train functions properly and the rail also functions properly but where the train can still be derailed if it collides with an external force coming from a non-aligned direction.

#### 2) Why God Set Up the Commandment

God gave the Commandment in order to prevent the Fall. During the period that Adam and Eve were immature, God could not govern them directly through love alone. Therefore, if they encountered a non-Principled form of love during this period, it was possible for them to fall. For this reason, God gave them the Commandment in order to prevent them falling.

## 3) The Period during which the Commandment was Necessary

The Commandment was necessary during the Growing Period



# 4. The Consequences of the Human Fall1) Satan and Fallen Human Beings



## (1) The Three Great Reversals

- i. Reverse the Lineage
- ii. Reverse the Right Ownership
- iii. Reverse the Realm of Heart (original nature) practicing a life of attendance

#### (2) The Three Great Liberations



## 2) Satan's Activities in the Human World



#### 3) What is Sin?

(1) Definition: Sin is a violation of heavenly law which is committed when a person forms a common base with Satan and sets a condition allowing give and receive action with him.

## (2) Types of Sin

- i. Individual sin (leaves)
- ii. Collective sin (branches)
- iii. Hereditary sin (trunk)
- iv. Original sin (roots)

## 4) Fallen Nature

When the Archangel betrayed God and formed blood ties with Eve through a sexual relationship, certain tendencies, inclinations, dispositions and temperaments spontaneously arose and were passed on to Eve and Adam. These became the fundamental nature, giving rise to fallen nature.

Satan Eve Adam	Original Nature	Fallen Nature	Restoration
	i. God's Viewpoint (love)	Inability to love from God's viewpoint (jealousy, envy)	Love
	ii. Position for existence (mediator)	Leaving one's position of existence' (rashness and intemperance)	Mediator
	iii. Dominion (obedience)	Reversal of dominion (arrogance)	Obedience & submission
	iv. Multiplication of goodness	Multiplication of evil (stubbornness)	Sacrifice & offering

## 5. Freedom and the Human Fall

1) The Principle Perspective on the Meaning of Freedom

(1) There is no freedom apart from the Principle.



#### (2) There is no freedom without responsibility.

Human beings perfect themselves by completing their portion of responsibility by the power of free will. Accordingly, there is no freedom without responsibility. Freedom without responsibility is not freedom; it is self-indulgence and dissolution.

(3) There is no freedom without accomplishment.

Through free will, the fruits of action are perfected so that human beings can obtain accomplishments that return joy.

2) The Fall was not caused by Freedom.

Human beings lost true freedom because of the Fall.



3) Reason That God Gave Humans Freedom

Freedom: Freedom moves human beings to take up the responsibility given to them through the Principle of Creation and seek substantial outcomes that bring God joy.
Free Action stemming from Free Will
→ Good Accomplishments → Bring Joy to God

4) Desire

**Desire**: Original Nature of Creation given by God to human beings **Purpose of Creation**: Joy  $\rightarrow$  Joy is experienced when Desire is fulfilled. If human beings had no desire:

- Human beings could not experience joy
- They would not have a desire to receive the love of God
- They would not have a desire to live
- They would not have a desire to practice goodness
- They would not have a desire to develop themselves
- <u>Neither God's Purpose of Creation or Providence of Restoration could</u>
   <u>be fulfilled</u>
- Human society could not be sustained, nor would it develop

## 6. The Reason God Did Not Intervene in the Fall

1) To Maintain the Absoluteness and Perfection of the Principle



If God intervened, this would result in denial of the absoluteness and perfection of the Principle  $\rightarrow$  God had no choice but to not intervene.

#### 2) That God Alone Be Creator



God only governs over that which has been created  $\rightarrow$  If God intervened or acted to govern the Fall, it would assign creative nature to Satan.

The Fall, sin and hell are all things that Satan created.

Therefore, if God interfered with these, it would result in God recognizing Satan as a second Creator who created evil.

Accordingly, in order that God alone exists as the Creator, God had no choice but to not intervene in the Fall of human beings.

3) To Establish Human Beings in the Position to Govern over God's Creation



- If God directly governed over human beings who are still within the realm of indirect dominion....
- $\rightarrow$  human beings would be unable to fulfill their own portion of responsibility
- $\rightarrow$  human beings would be unable to inherit the creative nature of the Creator
- $\rightarrow$  human beings would be unable to become God's children
- $\rightarrow$  human beings would be unable to attain the qualification to govern over the created world

For these reasons, God did not intervene in the Fall so that he could establish human beings as the Lords of creation.

## 7. The Anguish in God's Heart

## 1) Satan is an Adulterer (The Enemy of Love)

(1) Satan is the Enemy of Enemies who violated the Four Great Realms of Heart.

Violation of the Four Great Realms of Heart (daughter : sister, wife, mother, grandmother)

- (2) The *shimjung* of God, who must love the Enemy of Love
- (3) The *shimjung* of God, who must love the children of the Enemy of Love more than he loves his own children

If God has the concept of 'enemy' within his *shimjung* (heart), he cannot be God, the Absolute Creator.

We have to know and understand the inexpressible heart of God and liberate Him from His anguish.

## 2) Why does God have to love his enemy?

#### (1) Because the motivation behind creation is shimjung (heart)

- i. This is the reason that Satan accuses God, telling him "you must love your enemy".
- ii. During the growing period, human beings reach completion with the assistance of the angels.
  - $\rightarrow$  "How can these human beings be God's children?"

#### (2) Because God is a parent of shimjung (heart)

Striking one's enemy might bring momentary relief, but God cannot strike his enemy because he knows that the pain experienced in the heart of the enemy's parents, in the heart of the enemy's spouse, in the heart of the enemy's children and in the heart of the enemy's siblings and relatives would be even greater.

#### (3) Because striking one's enemy means recognizing that enemy's existence

The concept of 'enemy' does not exist within God's ideal of creation.

For this reason, God cannot strike His enemy, Satan (who is the Devil) because if He were to strike Satan, it would mean recognizing His enemy.

This is why God began the providence to bring Satan to submit and surrender naturally.

## 3) The motivation behind the emergence of Satan

- (1) When one cannot love as God loves (feeling alienated or left out, a sense of decline or diminishment of self, feeling sorry for oneself)
- (2) When one leaves one's proper position of existence (complaint and discontent)
- (3) When one strives to reverse dominion (ignoring natural or principled order, doing as one pleases without regard to others)
- $\rightarrow$  Live with absolute faith, absolute love, absolute obedience

## 4) Separation from Satan $\rightarrow$ Denial of Self

"Binding oneself using the Principle" = Principled Life (God's way of life) (Living for others)

(1) Complaint and discontent become conditions for Satan's accusation, leading to an invasion by Satan.

E.g. Peter, Judas Iscariot (Luke 22:3)

(2) Complaint and discontent are poison for my spirit self.

## 5) The Need for a Life of Faith

(1) Romans 7:22: Paul's lament  $\rightarrow$  the realization that there are two laws at work (the law of God, the law of Satan)



#### 1 John 1:8 -10

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.... If we claim we have not sinned, we make him (God) out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

## 6) What we must do

i. Become someone God can trust.

ii. Understand and comfort the heart of God.

iii. Become someone who can liberate God.