

LESSON 5



The War that began

BEFORE US... AND STILL GOES ON

INTRODUCTION

We all feel that something is off. That the world is cracked. That there are forces pulling us upward... and others dragging us down. You don't need to be religious to sense it there's a tension running straight through human existence, and the Bible doesn't hide it. It doesn't sugarcoat reality or decorate it with cheap spirituality.

It talks about a war. Not a war of armies or weapons or distant galaxies. A war that is deeper, older, and closer.

A war over what we think, what we love, what we believe. A battle that didn't start in us... but now runs through us. Most people don't understand it, but everyone feels it. Because this story began long before the first human... and it's still being fought in the heart of every single one of us.

LET'S EXPLORE THE BIBLE

A. A perfect being who rebelled

- **Ezekiel 28:12–15** (NKJV) – Lucifer was created beautiful and perfect, until wickedness was found in him.
- **Isaiah 14:12–14** (NKJV) – He exalted himself seeking to be equal to God.
- **Revelation 12:7–9** (NKJV) – He was expelled from heaven with his angels.



B. The nature of the conflict

- **It is not a struggle between equals:** God is Creator, Satan is a fallen creature.
- **John 8:44** (NKJV) – The devil is “a liar and the father of lies.”
- **The conflict is moral and spiritual:** truth vs. lies, love vs. selfishness.



C. How evil came to earth

- **Genesis 3:1–6** (NKJV) – Satan deceived Adam and Eve.
- **Romans 5:12** (NKJV) – Sin brought separation, suffering, and death.



D. God's plan to resolve it

- **Genesis 3:15** (NKJV) – God promised a Redeemer from the very beginning.
- **Colossians 2:15** (NKJV) – At the cross, Jesus defeated the powers of evil.
- **Revelation 20:10** (NKJV) – Satan's final destiny will be destruction.





LET'S REFLECT ON A FEW POINTS

1. Why do you think a perfect being could rebel against God?

2. What strategies does Satan use today to deceive people?

3. How does it give you hope to know that the end of the conflict is already assured?

PERSONAL DECISION

Today I can choose to be on the side of the One who has already won: Jesus. His victory can be mine if I trust Him. I will obey His Word and remain firm, even if the enemy tries to turn me away.

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR THIS LESSON

Is Satan just a symbol of evil?

No. The Bible presents him as a real, personal being who acts with intention and purpose to draw humans away from God (Job 1:6–12; 1 Peter 5:8, NKJV). Denying his existence does not eliminate him; it only makes his deception easier.

Why didn't God destroy Satan immediately?

If He had done so at the moment of rebellion, created beings would have seen Him as a dictator. That's why God allowed evil to develop so the entire universe

could see its consequences, and when the time for its final destruction comes, it will be eradicated forever with no possibility of reappearing (Nahum 1:9, NKJV).

Was Adam and Eve's disobedience symbolic?

No. It was a real event in human history (Genesis 3, NKJV) that brought death, suffering, and separation from God. Since then, all humanity lives in the midst of a global spiritual conflict.



DID YOU KNOW...?

What role do I have in this conflict?

We are not spectators: every day we make decisions that show whose side we are on. God invites us to stand with Him, because this conflict will end with Christ's final victory (Revelation 21:4–5, NKJV).

IMPORTANT TIP

Don't ignore the reality of the conflict or the seriousness of sin. Choose today to stand on the side of the One who has already won, and live each day in that victory.

KEY TEXT

“SO THE GREAT DRAGON

“WAS CAST OUT ...

THAT SERPENT OF OLD, CALLED THE DEVIL AND SATAN, WHO DECEIVES THE WHOLE WORLD; HE WAS CAST TO THE EARTH, AND HIS ANGELS WERE CAST OUT WITH HIM.”

(Revelation 12:9, NKJV)



FINAL TIP

In August 1945, World War II ended, the bloodiest conflict in modern history. For six years, the world was divided into two sides, and millions of lives were marked by pain, destruction, and death. Although the war ended in the history books, its scars remain to this day

That experience helps us understand that life is not neutral: we are all in the midst of a greater conflict, an invisible battle that began long before empires and human wars existed. The Bible calls it “the great controversy”: a conflict between good and evil, between Christ and Satan, that is fought not only in heaven but also in every heart.

Here arises a question that many ask: if God is love, why does evil exist? The Bible reveals to us that evil was not born from God, but from the rebellion of a created being who chose to turn away from the truth. Since then, we are all involved in this great conflict. The good news is that the end is already assured: on the cross, Christ defeated the enemy, and soon we will see the final victory.

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CONCLUSION

We didn't choose to be born into this conflict, but we can choose which side we live. The Bible doesn't paint us as helpless victims it shows us as free beings with the power to decide. Evil is real and destructive, but it's not eternal. It's not invincible. And it will not speak the final word.

God doesn't ask you to fight alone. He invites you to understand why the fight exists, what's at stake, and where the story is heading. This war started long before you... but God has made sure it won't end without you.

EVALUATE YOUR LEARNING

1. Mark with a T if the statement is true or F if it is false.

- () The Bible teaches that God created Satan evil from the beginning.
- () The origin of evil is related to the pride and rebellion of a being created perfect.
- () The conflict between good and evil is a struggle of equal forces between God and Satan.

2. According to the lesson, what was the main cause of Lucifer's fall?

3. Why is the conflict between good and evil not primarily physical, but moral and spiritual?

WHAT MOST CAUGHT YOUR ATTENTION IN THIS LESSON

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