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# THE SELFISH ANGEL

This story is taken from Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28, and *Patriarchs and Prophets*, chapter 1.

## CHAPTER ONE



Long ago before the earth was created, God made all the angels in heaven. There were many kinds of angels, such as cherubim and seraphim, and each had a job to do. There was an angel above all of them named Lucifer.

He was a covering cherub beside God's throne, first in rank of all the heavenly angels. He was handsome, intelligent, and majestic, and next to God's Son he was honored above all others. In humbleness he served before the throne of God, ready to praise Jehovah and obey His every command.

Then God announced that He was going to make a new world, a place where a new kind of creature would be made in the image of God. This made Lucifer jealous because he wanted God to include him in the plans. He had been blessed by God above all the other angels, but he wanted to receive even higher honors in heaven. He wanted to be as important as Jesus, who was God the Son, and have the angels worship him as

well. He kept his feelings secret at first and continued to meet before God's throne with all the angels. But his heart was not right with God.

Soon he was asking questions among the angels that made them doubt God's goodness. He suggested that maybe Jesus did not truly care about their happiness and wanted only their worship.

He questioned God's rules in heaven. He didn't think angels needed anyone to tell them what to do because they were intelligent and holy. He told the

angels that they were not really free if they had to do everything Jesus said.

Many of the angels agreed with Lucifer, while others became horrified that he would suggest such things. Soon the angels were arguing with one another about who was right, God the Son or Lucifer.

Finally, God the Father called for a grand assembly of everyone in heaven. God the Son was seated on the throne with the Father, and the hosts of holy angels were gathered around them.

The Father made it very clear that He and the

Son were equal because They had always existed together. That would never change. He explained that God's laws were designed to help everyone be happy and that they must always be obeyed. Every creature in the universe was free to serve the Creator, but God's law could not be changed because it was an expression of God's character.

So Lucifer left the presence of God, never to return. Now he spoke openly against Jesus. He began his work of deception by painting a picture of God that he

knew was not true.

Many of the angels pleaded with Lucifer to stop what he was doing. They told him that the Father was good and fair. Jesus tried to reason with him too, explaining that rebelling against the Creator would only destroy Lucifer himself.

But Lucifer wouldn't listen and became all the more rebellious. He accused the loyal angels of being slaves to Jesus and His rules. The loyal angels were amazed that Lucifer was successful in getting

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others to rebel with him by promising them a new and better government in which they would be truly free! His popularity increased, and soon he had great numbers of angels siding with him. This made him even bolder. He imagined that soon he would have all the angels on his side, and the throne of Jesus as well.

The good angels warned the rebellious angels that the end of all this would be punishment and death. They begged them to go to God and ask to be forgiven for doubting His goodness, and some began to listen to their advice.

Then all were called before the throne of God once more to have each case decided. Lucifer came with his millions and stood defiantly against God. There was no shame on his face as he announced that the only way he would be happy was to be made equal

with Jesus in the heavenly courts. This, of course, would never happen because Jesus was God, and no creature can be equal to the Creator.

There was war in heaven. The battle was real, and angels from both sides fought against each other. Satan hoped to conquer the Son of God, but the good and true angels prevailed. Lucifer was driven from heaven, and all his rebellious angels with him.

So ended the story of Lucifer's fall from heaven. No longer was he an honored covering cherub in the Father's presence. He was now Satan, the prince of darkness, the father of lies, and the enemy of all that is good.



# CHARACTER-BUILDING ZONE



## PRAYER OF GROWTH

“Dear Father in heaven, help me to be happy with the blessings you have given me and not to be jealous or selfish in any way.”



## FURTHER-THOUGHT QUESTIONS

- In what ways was Lucifer selfish?
- What was the result of Lucifer’s selfishness?



The characters you are building will last for eternity.  
Build carefully and choose your materials wisely.

	OBEDIENCE	FAITH	
KINDNESS	LOVE	HONESTY	PATIENCE
	SHARING	PRAYER	BIBLE STUDY
COURAGE	GENTLENESS	SURRENDER	HUMBLINESS