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- Intro Music - “My Father Is So Good To Me”

Intro narrative by Carl Vasta

Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God’s Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what’s happening to us in our daily lives.

I’ll touch on such topic as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I’ll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic is **WHY DOES GOD ALLOW THE DEVIL**

The Bible tells of Lucifer, the Anointed Cherub, the angel who was created perfect and without sin, but because of his beauty and splendor, his heart became proud and his wisdom was corrupted. His desire for the honor and glory, which belonged to God alone, caused him to sin and rebel against God, his Creator.

Lucifer and his followers were judged by God, cast to the Earth, where they await their punishment. After his fall from grace, the bible never refers to the name Lucifer again. It was his name only in the state of

grace. He would be referred to as: ***Satan, Beelzebub, Devil***, the ***tempter, serpent*** and other names.

At Proverbs 16:4, it says *'The LORD has made everything for his own purposes, even the wicked for a day of disaster.'*

Satan can only do what God allows him to do and God does use Satan for his purposes!

God created a man and a woman in the Garden of Eden after His own image and gave them the power and the freedom to choose whether they would believe and love God.

We know that love cannot be commanded. You cannot force a person to love you and somebody cannot force you to love them. So how do you know if a person's love is genuine?

I believe that our God is all knowing of his creation, their thoughts, and their direction. So he does not need the devil to know if a person's love is genuine, but... because a lot of the time people don't believe what he tells them, he uses the devil to prove his word is valid.

God gave Adam and Eve a tree and placed it in the garden and told them not to eat from it or they would die. Remember, he gave them free will to choose.

Some people say that it was a choice between good and evil, but if everything in the universe was good, there would be no choice.

But I have heard people choosing between good things saying, "I love diamonds", "I love cars", "I love chocolate".

So it's not just a choice between good and evil. ***It is proving God's word is valid!*** What he said would come true, ***"if they ate from that tree, they would die"***.

God asked the devil when he came from walking the Earth in the book of Job, ***"Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."***

And the devil told God, ***"But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."***,

God's word was proved true because Job didn't curse God. He said,

***"Naked I came from my mother's womb,
and naked I will depart."^[c]***

***The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away;
may the name of the LORD be praised."***

(the book of Job, Chapter 1 Verse 20)

When Jesus was with his disciples, he told them many times that he was going to be put to death in Jerusalem and even on a cross.

Again, God's word was proved right!

Peter tried to tell him, ***"God forbid it Lord, this shall never happen to you."***

And Jesus said, ***"Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me: for you are not setting your mind on God's interest, but man's."***

(the book of Matthew, Chapter 16 Verses 21-23)

Again in the garden at the Mount of Olives, after the last supper, Jesus said, ***“You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered.’***

“But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.”

But Peter answered and said to Him. ***“Even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away.”***

Jesus said to him, ***“Truly I say to you that this very night, before a cock crows, you shall deny Me three times.”***

Peter said to Him, ***“Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You.”***
All the disciples said the same thing too.

(the book of Matthew, Chapter 26 Verses 30-35)

Again, God’s words were proved true in the court yard of the high priest when the Devil accused Peter of being one of Jesus’ apostles, through three different people and Paul denied once, took an oath and denied twice, and began to curse and swear the third time saying, ***“I do not know the man!”*** And immediately a cock crowed and Peter remembered the words which Jesus had said, and he went out and wept bitterly.

There are many example in the whole bible where God used the devil to prove what He was said was true. So as Christians, we must reject sin at every opportunity it presents itself to us, but more important is for us to believe every word that GOD has spoken!

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I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given His Son Jesus, (the good shepherd), to bring you back to him

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