

If ‘God’ is in Control How Come Satan is Doing Damage?

We know that our King is in control of world affairs and that nothing happens without his permission and without him knowing about it. If this is the case, how come Satan can cause damage and mayhem?

On top of that question, how can the Spirit warn us, prophetically or personally, of Satan’s plans in advance of them coming to pass, so we’re protected?

These are questions many people have asked in the past, and probably each day at the present time. Like the answer to why does a good God allow evil in the world, the answer to my 2 questions requires reprogramming to understand how the spirit realm works. Unfortunately people only know what the church tells them, what they read in the Bible, or what someone has theorized. What we need is actual facts so the answers can be found.

The Heavenly Legal System

The book of Job gives us the biblical introduction to the answer: There is a court system in the spirit realm where legal matters are thrashed out.

This concept is not taught in Christian circles because it doesn’t fit with the theology that God is fully in control and Satan is a ‘cast-off’ from the heavenly entourage of the Throne room.¹ Satan was expelled from Heaven and deported to Earth, never to return again, so the teaching goes. This teaching has some biblical basis, but it’s not all there is to know. It’s actually a stunted view of the facts because the Bible has been used as the ultimate source of the spiritual facts needed to answer the questions.

The book of Job states that “there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan² also came among them.”³ Did you get that? Satan came into God’s presence!

These “sons of God” are the ‘elohim’⁴ that Psalm 8⁵ refers to and it’s the same word used in the narrative of the creation of Adam⁶. Most bibles refuse to have ‘elohim’ translated as ‘god’ because it’s considered to affirm polytheism or pantheism. Actually, the Orthodox Jewish Bible and The Passion Translation both include the term ‘elohim’ in Psalm 8. Many others use ‘god’, the translation of elohim.⁷

To the surprise of some, there are heavenly beings that we are totally unaware of because they aren’t referred to in the Bible. Their absence from scripture doesn’t mean that they don’t exist. For example: If the book of Revelation containing John’s vision of Heaven was not part of the biblical canon, we wouldn’t know anything about some of the other beings that are there. This information came from a vision, as did some of our knowledge of the spirit realm in Daniel and some of the OT prophets. The point is, what other records of the apostles are missing from the Bible which had information about other spirit beings? But I digress.

So, in Job, it’s recorded that Satan came into the presence of God where the elohim were. This seems to be heretical, but it’s there in the Bible. How could Satan enter Heaven where there is no evil? It doesn’t make spiritual or logical sense. The answer is that there are ‘levels’ (7 in fact) in Heaven, only one of these is the Throne Room or heavenly ‘holy of holies’. In the location of the meeting, Job records that Satan had a discussion with God and they worked out an agreement together.⁸ In this incident: Satan made an accusation; God gave a response; Satan retorted; God replied; Satan made a request; God made a ruling. Can you see that this was legal interaction, a mini court proceeding, if you wish.

There are established entities in heaven known as the ‘Divine Council’ or ‘Heavenly Courts’. There are numerous ones of these, with differing levels of significance. How do we know? Easy. People have gone there and seen what goes on. Others have been taken there so they can present either a witness statement,

1 – Isaiah 14:12

2 – ‘The Adversary’

3 – Job 1:6

4 – ‘little gods’ or ‘lesser gods’

5 – Psalm 8:4 – “Yet You have made him but a little lower than God [or heavenly beings]...” (AMPC)

6 – See Genesis 1:27

7 – e.g. NASB, NLT, NRSV, VOICE, GNV, EXB, CSB, AMP

8 – Job 2:1-7

a statement of demand, or a legal argument. These people were invited to come, they didn't just 'crash' the court.

You can find teaching on the heavenly courts in the references at the end of this document

Others access the courts as part of their intercession. This method is more like appearing before a judge to get something dealt with. It's just like the way King David, King Solomon and Moses worked in their judicial roles.

Believe It Or Not

What I've covered about the courts of Heaven would be considered heretical by just about every Christians. You can find a lot of such objections on the Internet. It's your choice whether or not you believe what I've written or, for that matter, the eyewitness evidence in the references.

Tien, a member of our Prophetic Council team, utilizes the heavenly courts as part of her intercessory activities. You can contact her if you know her and ask her to explain it to you. If you don't know her, email me and I'll connect you.

The point is that the heavenly judicial system is a reality, not a theory. It's been experienced by many Kingdom-minded people around the world. Religion, of course, will stick with *sola scriptura*⁹ at the detriment of people's knowledge, disabling their functionality as a son.¹⁰ We have so many rights and privileges as sons that it will take a lot more revelation and experience for us to move forward into where we are supposed to be. The courts of heaven is just the beginning. For example: Inhabiting Heaven is another experienced reality that's available to us.

Uncovering How Satan's Functions

The way Divine Council works is that Satan ('The adversary') attends the council as the 'accuser of the brethren'¹¹. This is why he has that title – he accuses us before God, just like he did with Job. It's not that he accuses us in our mind, although his demon workers do that as one of their main demoralizing tactics.

In the councils, Satan is given permission to do certain things as a result of the court's deliberations. When we (Father's sons) don't jointly fulfil our roles as the managers of the planet properly or we fail to be the overseeing *ekklesia* for our city, God has no recourse but to allow Satan's accusations to have consequences. These, like with Job, are permission to perform chaotic acts. The very same thing happens in our lives and the lives of our family members when we don't take seriously and conscientiously our adult roles as family overseers. This is particularly the case for fathers who are heads of their families.

Can you now see why chaos and damage occurs in our nations, families and personal lives because we abdicate our responsibilities as sons and 'heads'? God has no 'legal right' to prevent Satan from doing his 'worst' when we step outside the bounds of our responsibilities. We are the kings with kingdoms of our own to rule over, and jointly to oversee our nation. Our kingship is not just a title we can boast about or relax in, like any royalty, it comes with heavy responsibilities.

God knows what Satan will do in the future because it's been divulged in one of the council sessions. This is why he can warn us and tell us how to deal with it as sons.

So, the mystery, the confusion of understanding Satan's ability to do things is now obvious.

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