

Hello! This is Dorothy -

In **Isaiah chapter 6**, and also in the **first chapter of Ezekiel**, we have this awesome description of the throne of God, where He dwells in absolute majesty and perfect purity. When you speak to God, I do not know Who you think you are speaking to, but do you know who God really is? Can you understand where He is dwelling? We know in **Ezekiel chapter 28**, that it is described as **the holy mountain of God**. This is described as a **heavenly Eden**. However, the greatest treachery that came from the most magnificent demonstration of this awesome God's created skill was shown and described in **Ezekiel 28** and **Isaiah 14** in speaking of Lucifer, who was in the heavenly Eden, the garden of God.

The word **Lucifer** means *to shine* in the same way a star shines most brightly even when the sun is appearing in the sky. In other words, Lucifer was a radiant, celestial being created of God. As a created being, he was the most exalted being of all creation. His role was to reflect the awesome majesty of God - a perfect reflection of his Maker. Lucifer was *anointed*. That means he was *consecrated by God*. We read in **verse 14 of Ezekiel 28** - . . . **I have set thee so**- *that means I have established thee into the most unspeakable holy task of guarding*

the throne of the all glorious creator. Lucifer is described as being endowed with matchless beauty, clothed in radiant light, equipped with limitless wisdom and capacity, but also created with a power to make real, moral decisions. Thus, Satan's most basic moral obligation was to remain loyal to God, to remember always that no matter how exalted his position, he was still a creature. Lucifer, the grandest of all God's handiwork, resented only having this borrowed glory and Lucifer rebelled. This rebellion, in turn, impacted the other angels. Instead of teaching these angels doctrine and guiding them to worship God, instead, he influenced them and Scripture shows that one third of heaven's angels sided with Satan. This awful, angelic insurrection, which also affected the disobedience and sin of Adam, ultimately affected the newly created moral universe. This has been ruling the world system ever since! Don't be envious of that great leader or that person that you think you would like to be. Very, very often they are being handed goodies by Satan just to have power for an hour, but at the end to be brought to an everlasting punishment.

In **Philippians 2, verses 5-8** we read -

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God *-that is when God came down in a body to earth* - **thought it not robbery to be equal with God:**

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

What a complete contrast! Satan thought he had the victory when the spotless Son of God, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, was crucified through the very acts of wicked men who were inspired by Satan. He was going to have Him crucified. God, however, would prove complete redemption for the lost race, because it was through that alone which caused that you and I could come to know Christ. When He shouted forth, **It is finished**, Satan was defeated! As He came from the Garden to be tortured at a whipping post and cruelly crucified, He said to the chief priests, the captains of the temple and the elders

. . . This is your hour, and the power of darkness. (That is in **Luke 22:53.**) This hour was for Satan, but his age-long plot, which seemed to have worked, would soon be turned to the victorious hour of our risen Lord Jesus Christ! Yes, Jesus is alive! He has purchased the title deed of the world as our Redeemer. Satan's counterfeit on this world will continue but a short time. Jesus one day will establish His government here in this world. Turn totally for His glory now to Jesus and give Him all the praise, for He deserves it all.

In His precious Name. Amen.