Origin of Evil – Ezekiel 28:11-19

1. What is Evil?

A. Who do you think of when the word evil is spoken?

a. Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin ...etc

b. When using evil we often see it associated with evil people

B. What do you think of when the word evil is mentioned

a. Atrocities?

b. murders, rapes, molestation...etc

2. Evil Defined

A. Evil is often thought of as a tangible object, like a person, place, or thing.

a. Evil is not an entity unto itself, as some may describe

b. Evil is actually the absence of something

B. When thinking of evil it is important to put it in its proper place

a. Evil is the absence of good!

b. Or for the Christian we know that it is the absence of God.

3. So Where did Evil come from?

A. We know it did not come from God

a. Romans 12:2 - "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

b. 1 Chronicles 16:34 - "O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His loving kindness is everlasting."

c. Luke 18:19 - “And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.”

B. Evil was not always here

a. Genesis 1:1-31 “vs 31. God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. Evening came and then morning: the sixth day.”

C. Evil came shortly after creation (Read selected scripture)

a. Satan was created perfect, but without God nothing is good.

b. Satan is the embodiment of Evil

3. What Can We Learn From This Knowledge?

A. We can see from this world that evil has not limits, except what God places on it

B. Evil will not always be a part of us

a. A quick study of the end of Revelation will tell us what happens to evil eventually

C. God will always be good, and will allow evil, but will use it for good.

a. Genesis 50:20 - As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about [a]this present result, to keep many people alive.

b. Romans 8:28 - And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Closing

I do not pretend to know why evil is allowed to exist, but I do know that God will eventually have enough of it and will destroy it. We can see a precursor to that with the flood, and Sodom and Gomorrah. Through the blood of Jesus Christ we have victory of evil, Satan, and the grave. As Christians we can have a hope everlasting that will forever be “very good”.