

SANCTIFICATION IN CHRIST

REV 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, **Now is come salvation, and strength,** and the kingdom of our God, **and the power of his Christ:**

REV 12:7 And **there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon;** and the dragon fought and his angels,

There will be war in heaven even as it is on earth. It will be the struggle of good (holiness) against evil.

ISA 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, **O Lucifer, son of the morning!** *how* art thou cut down to the ground, **which didst weaken the nations!**

Lucifer (lit. meaning) “the bright one”. Lucifer (Satan) fell from a prominent position in heaven. Lucifer’s fall from grace not only weakened individuals, but whole nations were affected by sin. Lucifer was once a Cherub enjoying his privileged God given status around the throne of glory, however, Satan is now reduced to a dusty existence at ground level.

Gen 3:1 Now **the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field** which the LORD God had made.

The Word of God says, “the serpent”. (v.1) (was more subtle than any beast)

Gen 3:2 And the woman said unto **the serpent,**
Gen 3:4 And **the serpent said unto the woman,**

Gen 3:14 And **the LORD God said unto the serpent,** Because thou hast done this, **thou art cursed above all cattle,** and above every beast of the field; **upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:**

What many people do not realize is that we are dealing with a serpent and that this serpent can talk. God cursed Satan for his continual pride and put him on his belly. The serpent still deceives people just like he did in the Garden of Eden, when he deceived Eve.

The earth or flesh (iniquity) promoted by Lucifer has weakened the nations. (Isa 14:12)

REV 20:3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, **that he should deceive the nations no more**, till the thousand years should be fulfilled:

During the millennium the devil will be locked up for 1000 years. During this period the devil and his deceiving angels and high ranking spirits will not weaken or have any spiritual influence on nations.

Rev 21:24 And **the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it:** and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

Every man and woman must make the transition from deception (Satan's way) to absolute truth (God's way). The Bible says, that nations will be saved and be gathered into heaven and walk in the light and glory of God. (Rev 21:24)

What a contrast to see what does please God. (Rev 14:5)
Acceptance of the God's Word brings holiness. A walk of holiness frees us from "falsehood" making us blameless before God.

REV 14:5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for **they are without fault before the throne of God.**

PRO 2:1 My son, **if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;** 2So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, *and* apply thine heart to understanding; 3Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and* liftest up thy voice for understanding; 4If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures; 5**Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.**

Oh, that we would invest in the truth of God, no matter what the personal cost.

PRO 23:23 **Buy the truth, and sell it not;** *also* wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

JN 17:17 "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. "

EPH 5:26 **That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,** 27That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; **but that it should be holy and without blemish.**