

# The Exchange

## The First Exchange

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(Romans 1:21-23) For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

Worship is our response to what we value most.

## The First (Bad) Exchange

### ✓ What was Satan's desire in the beginning?

(Isaiah 14:12-14) How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, "I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."

(Isaiah 14:11 NKJV) Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, and the sound of your stringed instruments.

(Ezekiel 28:12-17) "You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: carnelian, chrysolite and emerald, topaz, onyx and jasper, lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings."

(Luke 10:18) He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."

### ✓ What is Satan's current desire?

(Matthew 4:8-10) Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

### ✓ What is Satan's hope?

(Revelation 13:4) People worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?"

(Revelation 17:13-14) "They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast. They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers."

## Lesson Learned - Guard Your Heart

(Proverbs 4:23 NLT) Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

### ✓ (Pride) - Be thankful.

(Psalm 100:4) Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

### ✓ (Greed) - Be generous.

(1 Timothy 6:18-19) Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

### ✓ (Guilt) - Be honest.

(Psalm 32:3-6) When I kept silent about my sins, my bones began to weaken because of my groaning all day long. Day and night your hand laid heavily on me. My strength shriveled in the summer heat.

Selah

I made my sins known to you, and I did not cover up my guilt. I decided to confess them to you, O Lord. Then you forgave all my sins.

Selah

For this reason let all godly people pray to you when you may be found.