The Truth About Lucifer

Tony Mauck · Isaiah 14:12

INTRODUCTION

- There is one name conspicuously absent from the list. And many would know him by this name, and that is the name of Lucifer.
- Why is the belief that Satan is Lucifer so firmly entrenched in people's minds?

1 The Word Translated Lucifer

Isaiah 14:12; Luke 10:18

- Lucifer is the Latin name for the planet Venus.
- He says, I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning.
- And so many connect the two passages because of similarity of language.
- And so if people say something long enough, people start believing it.

2 Spoken About the King of Tyre and Babylon

Ezekiel 28:11–19; Isaiah 14:10–14

- Literally, the passage describes the overthrow of a tyrant, the king of Babylon.
- Just because many scholars see it as that, doesn't make it so.
- Obviously, this seems to picture Satan and his role in the introduction of sin into the world, but yet this is said about the king of Tyre.
- But again, in this context, these are words spoken against the king of Babylon.

3 A Similarity of Language

2 Peter 1:19; Revelation 22:16; Philippians 2:9

- One problem that we experience in our study of these passages is a similarity of language.
- The root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star.
- But the true morning star is not he who exalted himself, but he who humble himself and is therefore exalted with a name that is above every name.
- Similarity of language, even the exact same word, can mean something in one context and mean something else in a different context.

4 Star of the Morning Is the King of Babylon

Daniel 4; Daniel 5; Ezekiel 28:2–6

- This star of the morning, Son of the Dawn, is a reference to the King of Babylon, because that's who Isaiah says it is about.
- He was instructed by Daniel that he had not learned the lesson that Nebuchadnezzar learned about pride.

- Because your heart is lifted up and you have said, I am a God.
- Why is that? Because they possess the same heart as the king of Tyre.

5 The Proud Person Is Going to Be Humbled

Matthew 23:12; James 4:6; James 4:13–16

- What are these passages telling us? The proud person is going to be humbled.
- We've got to beware that we don't develop that mindset. The mindset of self-sufficiency.
- Humble yourselves. God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.
- It's pride that causes us to think that there will definitely be a tomorrow, and a day after that and a day after that.

6 Every Problem Connected to the Problem of Pride

Romans 11:36

- Every problem that man has spiritually is in some way, shape, or form connected to the problem of pride.
- Look, we've got to swallow our pride. And humble ourselves.
- The issue is God is right. And I need to submit to him.
- We only are what we are because of him and for him. Because from him and through him and to him are all things.

THE CHALLENGE

So you need to humble yourself in obedience to the gospel of Jesus Christ and respond to his invitation while there's time and opportunity.

MY NOTES