

Choose Your Star

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Whether we believe it or not, or are aware or not, there are only two stars to choose from during our lifetime. In most cases, one star is chosen actively while the other is chosen passively, or by default. Historically, most people have been guided by the latter star. This document will review some of the differences between these two stars and the effect they have on mankind.

As this subject is Bible-based, God's primary definition of a star will be used.

"The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches..." (*Revelation 1:20b; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted*).

God described stars as singing for joy when the foundations of the earth were established. Obviously, physical stars do not sing or express joy,

To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? (*Job 38:6-7*).

There is a clear distinction between the morning stars mentioned in Job 38:7, and the sons of God. The phrase sons of God, more often than not, refers to angelic beings who do not have the same authority and responsibility as morning stars,

Now there was a day when the sons of god (angels) **came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan** (ex-morning star) **also came among them** (Job 1:6).

Before his rebellion against the Most High God, Lucifer was a morning star who was granted authority to minister in matters pertaining to religious instruction and musical works,

How you have fallen from heaven, O Lucifer (Day Star), **son of the morning!** **How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!** ¹³**For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars (angels) of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north** (abode of Divinity); ¹⁴**I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High'** (Ezekiel 28:12-14; Ed. notes in parentheses).

You (Lucifer; Day Star) **were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.** ¹³**You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, the sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold** (similar to the apparel worn by a High Priest; cf. Exodus 28:15-21). **The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes (musical talent) was prepared for you on the day you were created.** ¹⁴**You were an anointed cherub who covers; I established** (appointed) **you; you were on the holy mountain** (gov't) **of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones** (symbol of God's law; cf. Deuteronomy 33:2). ¹⁵**You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.** ¹⁶**By the abundance of your trading** (merchandising/trafficking) **you became filled with violence within, and you sinned** (transgressed God's law; cf. 1John 3:4); **therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; and I**

destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones (Ezekiel 28:12b-16; cf. Luke 10:18; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Another Morning Star, or Day Star, was also created but he did not commit any sin and sought with all his might to fulfill the work that his heavenly Father committed to him,

I, Jesus, have sent my angel (Gabriel or Michael; cf. Daniel 8:16; 9:21; 10:21) **to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star** (Revelation 22: 16; Ed. note in parenthesis).

We also have the prophetic word made more sure, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts (2Peter 1:19).

I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near (yet); **a Star shall come out of Jacob** (specifically through the family of Judah; cf. Genesis 49:9-12); **a scepter shall rise out of Israel** (cf. John 19:19)... (Numbers 24:17a; Ed. notes in parentheses).

The morning star is an office in God's realm that can be granted to others in the future, but it will be based on their willing obedience to every word of God per Matthew 4:4.

He who overcomes, and keeps my works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations –²⁷ *‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the potter’s vessels shall be broken to pieces’-as I* (Christ/Messiah) **also have received from my Father; ²⁸and I will give him the morning star (Revelation 2:26-28; Ed. note in parenthesis).**

Before his rebellion against God's law, Lucifer and the other morning star who became known as Christ/Messiah spend time together and participated in religious discussions and activities,

For it is not an enemy who reproaches me (Christ/Messiah); **then I could bear it. Nor is it one who hates me who has magnified himself against me; then I could hide from him.** ¹³**But it was you** (Lucifer), **a man my equal, my companion and my acquaintance.** ¹⁴**We took sweet counsel together, and walked to the house of God in the thron**g (Psalm 55:12-14; Ed. notes in parentheses).

However, because Christ willingly obeyed his Father even to the point of dying a cruel and painful death, he was exalted by his heavenly Father *above his companions*, one of whom used to be a morning star who was Christ's equal,

But to the Son He (the Father) **says: “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.** ⁹**You have loved righteousness** (cf. Psalm 119:172) **and hated lawlessness; therefore God** (the Father), **your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness more than your companions”** (Hebrews 1:8-9; Ed. Notes in parentheses).

After the test of time, one morning star rejected the light that represents God's law and commandments and now pretends to be virtuous and righteous (cf. Proverbs 6:23).

For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light (2Corinthians 11:14).

Conversely, the other morning star has proven himself faithful and obedient consistently,

For we do not have a High Priest (Christ) **who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tested as we are, yet without sin** (Hebrews 4:15; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Though he (Christ) **was a son, yet he learned obedience by the things which he suffered.** ⁹**And having been perfected, he became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey him** (Hebrews 5:8-9; Ed. Note in parenthesis).

There are only two choices in life; one represents Satan's value system, while the other represents Christ's values that are identical to those of his heavenly Father. Those who choose and embrace Christ's values can eventually inherit everlasting life, while those who follow Satan's values can only look forward to a time of judgment for their lawless conduct, and it will not be a pleasant experience,

I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live (Deuteronomy 30:19; cf. Matthew 8:11-12).

There is a misunderstanding within Christianity that obeying God's law and commandments is humanly impossible and, because Christ obeyed his Father's every word, we do not have to. In other words, Christ did it for us. However, this is a false teaching as the following scriptures confirm,

For this commandment which I command you today, it is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off. ¹²**It is not in heaven,**

that you should say, 'Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' ¹³**Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us that we may hear it and do it?'** ¹⁴**But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it** (Deuteronomy 30:11-14).

The morning star "Christ" did not consider God's law and commandments a burden, or inconvenience. However, the morning star "Lucifer" felt that obeying God's law and commandments was an impediment to his goals and objectives, which were self-serving,

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. ³**For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And, (that) His commandments are not burdensome** (1John 5:2-3; Ed. Note in parenthesis).

The morning star "Christ" confirmed this vital truth during his earthly ministry,

"...if you want to enter into life (everlasting), **keep the commandments"** (Matthew 19:17b; Ed. note in parenthesis).

So, the values of "the star," or angelic being, that you choose, and embrace will determine whether you inherit everlasting life, or wait for a future judgment that will shake all those involved to the core. Just as there were originally two morning stars, so there are two choices as Elijah pointed out to the ancient nation of Israel,

And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow

Him; but if Baal, then follow him.” But the people answered him not a word (1Kings 18:21).

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