

Ezekiel 28:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Analysis

"Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee." This confirms that Satan was created good—evil isn't eternal or inherent but entered through willful rebellion. The phrase "till iniquity was found" indicates a transition from righteousness to sin. This demonstrates that moral evil originates in will, not nature. God created all things good (Genesis 1:31); sin is corruption of good, not an independent principle. The Reformed emphasis on God's goodness in creation and sin as privation appears here. Evil has no independent existence but parasitically corrupts the good.

Historical Context

This verse (587 BC) addresses theodicy—why does evil exist if God is good and sovereign? The answer: God created moral agents with genuine freedom to choose obedience or rebellion. Satan's fall demonstrates that even perfect environment and nature don't guarantee perseverance without grace. Lucifer in heaven chose rebellion; Adam in Eden chose disobedience. This underscores the necessity of God's preserving grace for perseverance—even unfallen creatures could fall without divine sustaining. The passage vindicates God's character while explaining evil's origin in creaturely rebellion, not divine causation.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does Satan's creation as perfect challenge the idea that some people are just "naturally evil"?
2. What does this teach about the necessity of God's sustaining grace for perseverance in holiness?

Interlinear Text

תָּמָּ יִם	אֶתָּה	בְּדִרְכֶּ יָךְ	מִיּוֹם	הַבְּרָאָה	עַד
Thou wast perfect	H859	in thy ways	from the day	that thou wast created	H5704
H8549		H1870	H3117	H1254	
נִמְצָא	עַד	בְּרָאָה			
was found	till iniquity	H0			
H4672	H5766				

Additional Cross-References

2 Peter 2:4 (Sin): For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

Romans 7:9 (Sin): For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

Ezekiel 28:12 (Parallel theme): Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

Lamentations 5:16 (Sin): The crown is fallen from our head: woe unto us, that we have sinned!

Isaiah 14:12 (Parallel theme): 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!

Proverbs 14:34 (Sin): Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

Ecclesiastes 7:29 (Creation): Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

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