

The Fall Guy

Part One - The Fall of Lucifer

The fall season serves as an annual reminder of the world's fallen state.

1 John 2:15-16 (NLT)

Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. 16 For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.

The fallen state of the world began with the fall of Lucifer.

Isaiah 14:12-14 (NKJV)

“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, 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 of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’”

Many want to make the devil the fall guy.

Genesis 3:13 (NLT)

Then the LORD God asked the woman, “What have you done?” “The serpent deceived me,” she replied. “That’s why I ate it.”

How to Respond to the Fall Guy:

1. Do not fall for the lie.

2 Corinthians 2:11 (GWT)

I don't want Satan to outwit us. After all, we are not ignorant about Satan's scheming.

2 Corinthians 11:14 (GNT)

Even Satan can disguise himself to look like an angel of light!

2. Do not fail to consider the fall.

James 4:4 (NLT)

You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God.

3. Do not remain where you have fallen.

Proverbs 24:16

A righteous person may fall seven times, but he gets up again.

Revelation 2:5 (GWT)

Remember how far you have fallen. Return to me and change the way you think and act, and do what you did at first. I will come to you and take your lamp stand from its place if you don't change.

4. Engage in spiritual warfare.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (GNT)

The weapons we use in our fight are not the world's weapons but God's powerful weapons, which we use to destroy strongholds. We destroy false arguments; 5 we pull down every proud obstacle that is raised against the knowledge of God; we take every thought captive and make it obey Christ.

The fall guy wants to control us through a fallen worldview.

Romans 12:2 (CEV)

Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him.

1 Corinthians 3:19-20 (ISV)

For the wisdom of this world is nonsense in God's sight. For it is written, "He catches the wise with their own trickery," 20 and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are worthless."