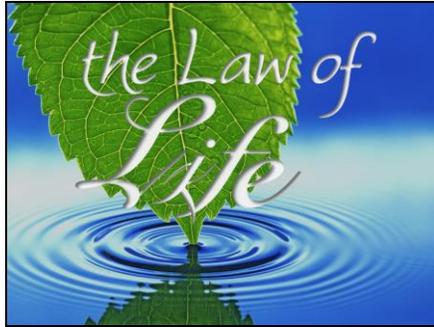


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the Law of Life

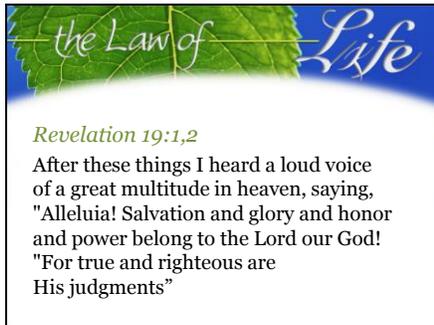
John 6:38

15 My Maker and My King

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Of course John is talking about... **the restoration** of all things...

When redemptions story reaches its final chapters... and **sin and death are no more**

He is talking about when... all of men... and heaven... will **again sing one harmonious song**

Of love... and service... and praise... to the one who loved us... and gave himself for us

Yet... this is **the way it used to be...** and in many ways probably still is... from day to day in heaven

Everyone in Heaven praised their Creator... and considered Him to be... true... righteous... and His laws just... and fair

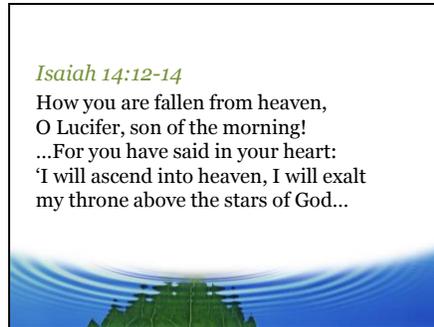
However... even now... **Heaven is marred...** All is not at peace...

For the bible tells us that long ago... The harmonious song of heaven... was disrupted... **by a discordant note!**

It started quietly at first... imperceptible to most of heavens host... perhaps even to the one who hummed it first strain

Isaiah gives us a glimpse... into the disharmony... with these words:

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Lucifer... son of the morning...  
**Sin originated with him...** it was born in  
**selfishness and discontent...**

**Covetousness...** the last of God's 10  
commandments...  
Is so often... **the seed thought** of the  
heart...that leads to the breaking of the  
others!

Isaiah continues:

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Lucifer had some **serious "I"**  
**problems...** that caused him to be blind  
to reality.

Unfortunately... he **didn't keep his  
trouble to himself...** but as it festered  
he shared his discontent

John let us know that... **1/3 of the  
angles followed him** in his discord and  
rebellion.

Revelation 12:4 His tail drew a third of  
the stars of heaven and threw them to  
the earth...

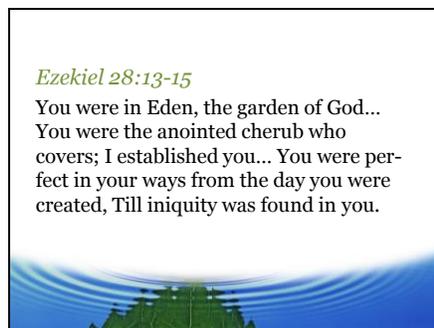
Ezekiel gives us a little more insight into  
who he was:

God didn't make Lucifer evil... He made  
him perfect... but like all of us  
**He made him free...** free to think... free  
to choose...

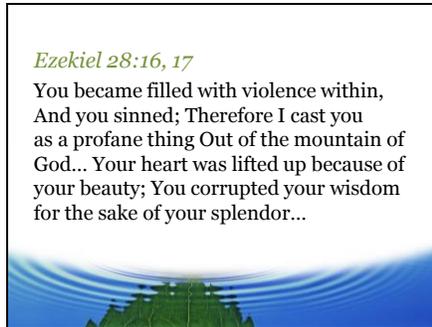
**Free to love...** or to not love... free to  
serve his maker... or to serve him-self

Unfortunately... Lucifer chose the later:

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**So what was God to do?**

God could have said... I brought you  
into this universe... and **I can take you  
out of it!**

That **would be justice**... but it would  
**not be merciful**... nor love

Nor would it cause any... of the  
remaining loyalist... to **serve Him** from  
love... but **from fear**

So the Father and the Son conferred...  
and **made a plan**... to save the universe  
from rebellion

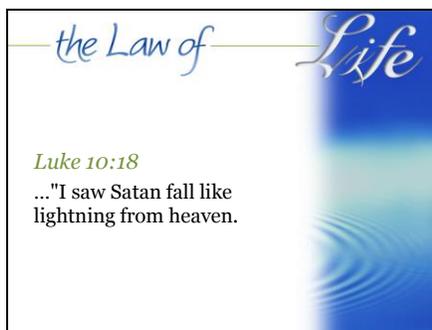
Jesus would one day say... to a  
**disharmonious crowd:**

The Law of Life... that governs the  
universe... the **heartbeat of harmony**  
That pulses in every vein... that  
**connects every world**... every being...  
to the heart of God

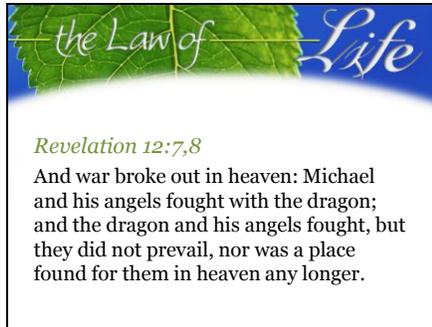
That Law of Life... Was first broken in  
heaven... by the anointed... Guardian  
Cherub

And War ensued... with the first...  
**"Mutiny on the Bounty"**...

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Have you ever wondered... **What the war was all about?**

Yes it was over rebellion... Yes... Lucifer attempted the first... **Coup d'état** Yes... he thought He could **do a better job**... at running the universe... than the one who made it

**How did he pull it off?**

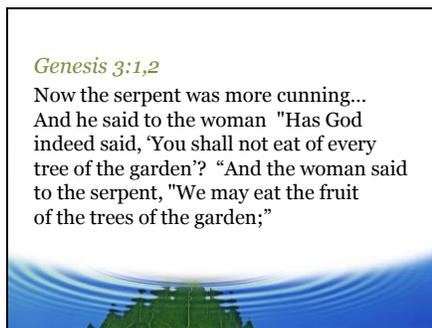
Satan depicted God... as the first **“Captain Blige”**

An egotistical tyrant... stuck on having things... **his way or the highway** Keeping... everyone from advancing... subjecting them to... unjust rules and regulations

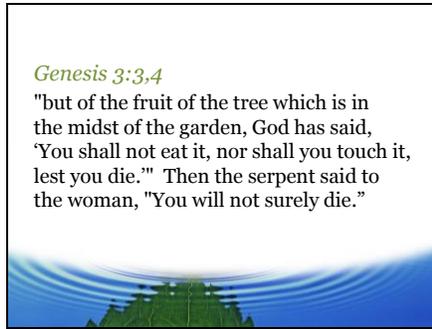
Lucifer claimed... he would set all of heaven... truly free... from tyrannical rules

Listen carefully to his words... **to Eve in the garden:**

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So reads... in just a few short verses... the **sad sad story** of the... fall of man and the... beginning of sin and death

Angels had sinned... and yet they did not die... they are still alive

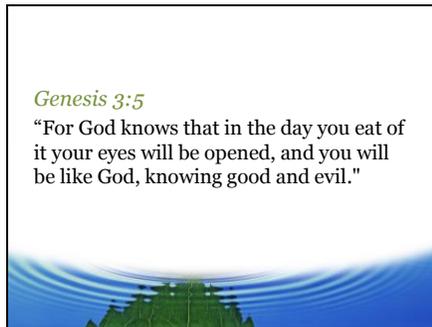
While men have died... **Why is that?**

In mercy God would let man die... not permanently... but as it were to sleep

As mercy to the future generations... and to the righteous

Yet Lucifer... promised... actually insinuated... that there were **greater things to be had by disobedience**

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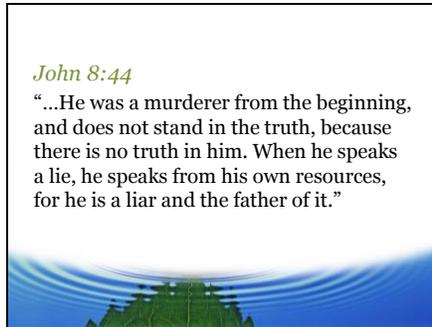


Just what He had coveted... to be like God

Thus ever since... to malign and distort... the Character of God  
To implicate God... with his (Lucifer's) own evil characteristic...

This is why Jesus would say:

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*John 8:44*

“...He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”

The originator of Covetousness... Jesus says also became... the **first Murderous slander** and... thus the Father of Lies

### **What is a lie?**

What is it to bear false witness?

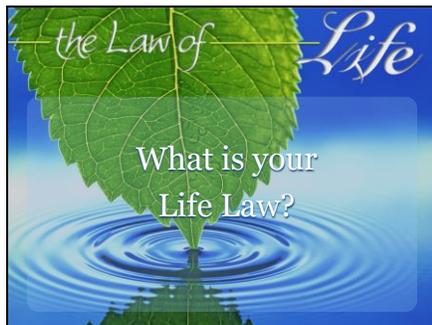
Simply put... it is to tell and untruth... more subtly... it is **intentional deceit!** Like at the Tree in Eden... or before that in heaven

He said I will be... “like”... the most High... Oh how terrible far he was in his imaginations

### **What was / is Lucifer’s Life Law?**

...Self-Centeredness

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the Law of Life

What is your  
Life Law?

Think about this for a minute...

Most of us **have several...** like

We may even have some secret ones...

But if you had to boil it down to one...  
What would it be?

Positive:

People are genuinely good...  
Do unto others as you would  
have them do unto you

It more blessed to give than to  
receive

A cheerful heart doeth good like  
a medicine!

Negative:

Trust no-one!  
Take all you can get... Get all you  
can take

Concur and divide!  
Everyone is out to get me

These all color... how we respond to others... and to God

Is it there any doubt why man might ask?

**What is God like?**

**What is heaven like?**

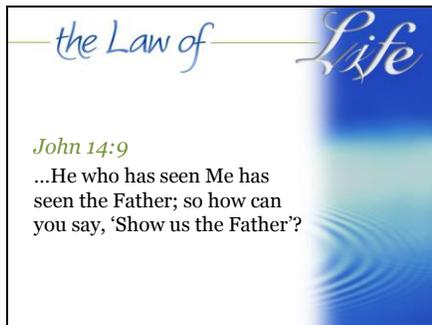
Thus God has revealed to us... the **Greatest Contrast...** the **Purest Picture** of

Who He is... and What heaven is like.

The honest seeking disciple Phillip once asked.

"Lord, **show us the Father**, and it is sufficient for us."

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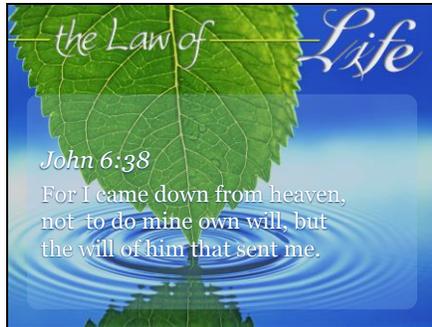


Jesus is the living... breathing illustration of... Who God is... and What Heaven is like.

He is God made flesh... and flesh made God

**We asks... What was the law of Jesus' life?**

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### **What does it mean to follow Jesus?**

To walk in His steps... to follow His example... to Live as He lived

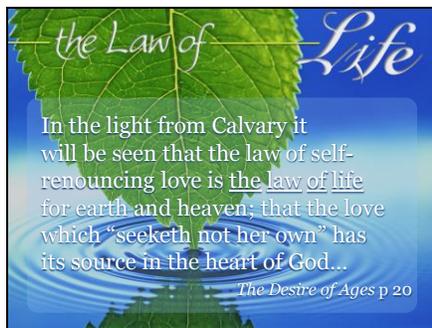
To value what He valued... To be like Him... That His Life Law might be ours

But to do this... we must have... the same connection he had!

### **What was Jesus' Life Law?**

In the DA chapter 1... there was a statement... that arrested my attention... as never before

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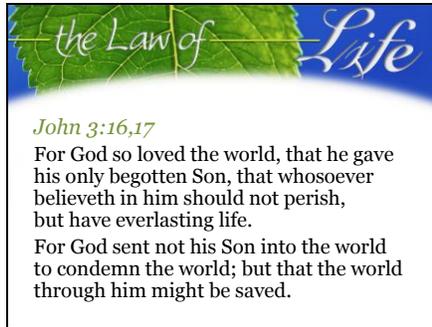


Just prior to this... "It will be seen the glory shining in the face of Jesus is the glory of self-sacrificing love."

Glory among others thing has taken on a new depth of meaning

Even common text like this:

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**1 Jo 4:9** In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

This is a... **Top down**... law... the Law of Life

Is not a Command... **it is a Character**...

It is who God is! ...Self-renouncing love

It has its source... in the heart of God... and it is the **heart throb**... that pulses through the veins of heaven

To be like Jesus... is to be self-renouncing... to follow Jesus is to renounce-self... **to surrender**:

Self's Will... Self's Way... Self's Plans and Desires

For something **infinitely greater**... God's Will for me... His Way... His Plans... His Desires... His Character...

Nowhere is this illustration greater... nowhere is the contrast between... **Covetousness and Compassion** Greater... than the cross of Calvary

It is here that:

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DA p 57 "At the cross of Calvary, **love and selfishness... stood face to face.** Here was their crowning manifestation."

DA p 223 "It is this principle of self-sacrifice that his (*Satan's*) kingdom is established to destroy, and he will war against it wherever manifested."

It is here that the **Purest testimony** of Who God is... and What heaven is like... is revealed to men  
It is why Paul would say:

1Co 2:2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

Moses had asked God... Show me who you are... Reveal to me your glory... vs Satan's Story  
And God said:

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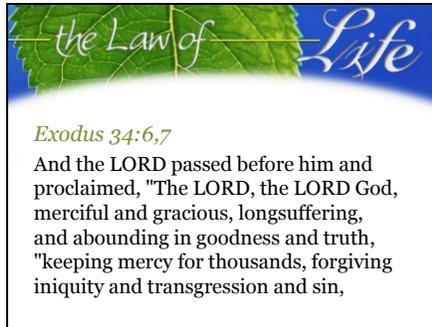
AV – adds "*each other*"

11 Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
And righteousness shall look down  
from heaven.

12 Yes, the LORD will give what is good;  
And our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness will go before Him,  
And shall make His footsteps our  
pathway.

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Satan's accusation from the beginning has been... that God can not be both Just and Merciful

That the two characteristics are mutually exclusive... One can not be true to the law... the penalty of sin is death

It also says in verse 7: "...by no means clear the guilty..."

It is this aspect of the... Righteousness of God... His Awful Justice...

Not just His unwillingness to forgive...

But His inability to

forgive...transgression of His law

Because it is... who He is... The law is a transcript of His character

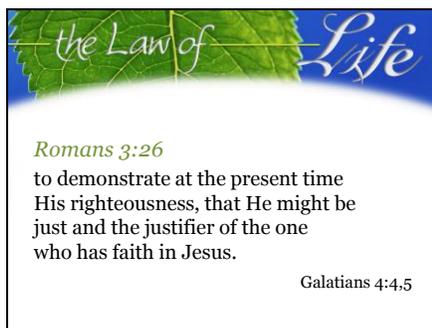
Thus Satan say... God can not be Merciful... He must be Just...

Mercy and Justice can not kiss they are exclusive

**He is right!**

But **God had a plan...** a plan by which He could be Just and Merciful

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Ga 4:4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Romans 3:23-25 read as follows:

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,

Satan had tempted our first parents with these words:

God knows... that in the day you eat of it you will be like Him

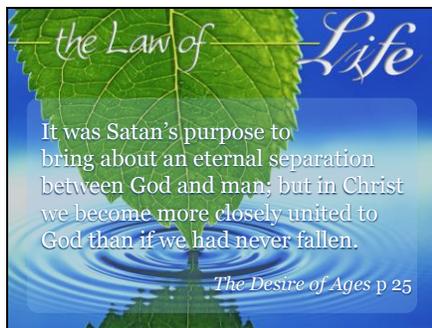
And yet in Jesus... God made flesh... the Man who is God... ]

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam...

Satan's temptation is fulfilled...

Man is not just "like" God... In Jesus Man is God... and God is man... Look:

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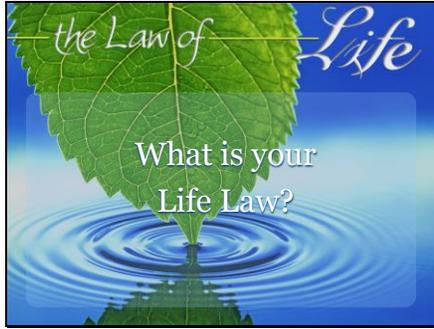
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The Law of Life... is Self-Renouncing Love... the Love that seeketh not its own

Joh 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

Joh 10:17,18 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. "No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

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What is your  
Life Law?

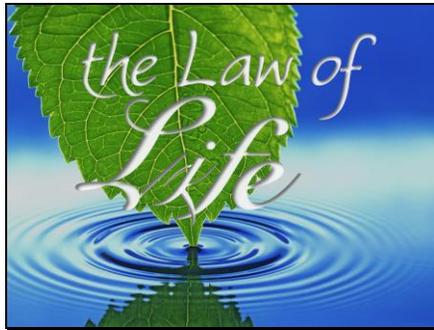
What is the Law of Life of the Universe...It is the Character of God

The Law of redeeming Love... the law of Self-renouncing Love...

This is the Law I want to be pulsing through my veins... the Heart and Character of Christ beating in my chest

What about you?

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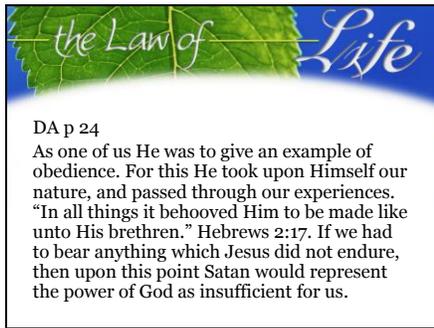
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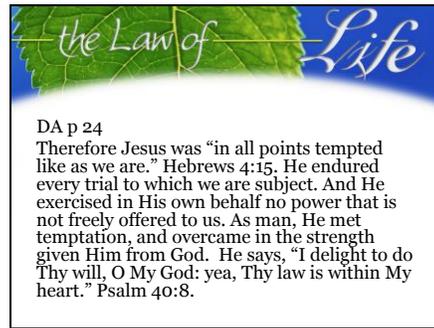
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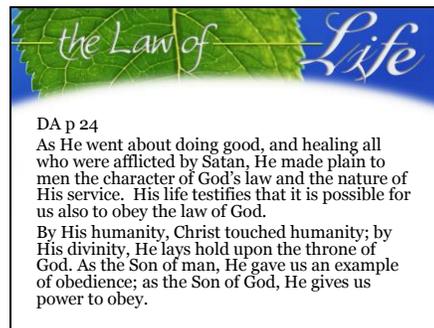
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As one of us He was to give an example of obedience. For this He took upon Himself our nature, and passed through our experiences. "In all things it behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren." Hebrews 2:17. If we had to bear anything which Jesus did not endure, then upon this point Satan would represent the power of God as insufficient for us.



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Therefore Jesus was "in all points tempted like as we are." Hebrews 4:15. He endured every trial to which we are subject. And He exercised in His own behalf no power that is not freely offered to us. As man, He met temptation, and overcame in the strength given Him from God. He says, "I delight to do Thy will, O My God: yea, Thy law is within My heart." Psalm 40:8.



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As He went about doing good, and healing all who were afflicted by Satan, He made plain to men the character of God's law and the nature of His service. His life testifies that it is possible for us also to obey the law of God.

By His humanity, Christ touched humanity; by His divinity, He lays hold upon the throne of God. As the Son of man, He gave us an example of obedience; as the Son of God, He gives us power to obey.

