



## Daily Verse and Comment

### Ezekiel 28:12-17

(12) "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD:

"You *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.  
The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes  
Was prepared for you on the day you were created.

(14) "You *were* the anointed cherub who covers;  
I established you;  
You were on the holy mountain of God;  
You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.

(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  
You became filled with violence within,  
And you sinned;  
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.

(17) "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty;  
You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor;  
I cast you to the ground,  
I laid you before kings,

That they might gaze at you.

*New King James Version*

We should never underestimate Satan's power nor his hatred for [God](#) and man. He surreptitiously broadcasts his evil, spiritual intents into our minds, subtly working to turn each member of the “little flock” away from God ( [Ephesians 2:2](#)). We should carefully consider the account of his actions in [Ezekiel 28:12-16](#) as typical of his *modus operandi*. Although nothing was withheld from him, as he was created by God as the ultimate in beauty and function, “perfect in [his] ways,” he did not remain true, turning away from God, a picture of cancerous discontent.

In verse 17, we see the source of this discontent—pride: “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty. You corrupted your [wisdom](#) by reason of your splendor.” [Satan](#) was full of pride, the very thing we must guard against so that we do not corrupt the wisdom God has given us.

Satan is called “an angel of light” because he has a talent for presenting evil in a good light, which can confuse and deceive us if we let our guards down and drift away from God's truth ([II Corinthians 11:3](#), 14-15; see [Revelation 12:9](#)). Without this truth as our guide, we can easily fall prey to Satan's darts of discontent. After all, this is Satan's world for a while longer. So while we continue to witness the growth of discord and discontent based on his false notion that life should always be fair, we should anticipate and be thoroughly prepared for life—occasionally and even frequently—to be *unfair*, for now.

However, as we head into the final stages of the age of man, we should keep in mind that each of us was created by God, complete with everything we need to function according to His will. While we may lack the power, wealth, talent, and beauty that Satan—or perhaps a brother—has been gifted, we will soon be given so much more, if, among other things, we learn to be content with what our generous and loving God has provided us.

We should always remember that discontentment is common and hurtful, while contentment is rare and of great benefit ([I Timothy 6:6](#)). For true contentment is a byproduct of the gift of [faith](#) that each of us, as the elect, has been granted by God.

Foolishly comparing our lot in life with that of anyone else's can never bear any good fruit ([II Corinthians 10:12](#)). We should, instead, only measure ourselves by the Word of God—the life of [Jesus Christ](#). In doing so, we will discover a proper perspective, finding [peace](#), security, and contentment within God's sovereign plan ([Philippians 4:6-11](#)). Like Job, our focus need not be on what seems fair—what we possess or lose today—but on God's promises for our future, when we will take possession of the most indescribable gift of all, eternal life with our just and loving God!

— Geoff Preston

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