

A Reasons to be loyal:

❖ The love of God.

- Love must be shown. First, God showed His love between the three persons that He is. Then, His loved moved Him to create other beings in order to share His love with them.
- All the beings God has created have been given the ability to love and to lavish love on others.
- Besides, love is the principle behind all the laws that God has established.
- Therefore, sin (rebellion against God's laws) should've never existed, and it couldn't have been created by God.

❖ Free will.

- In addition to the ability to love, all the creatures (from the angels to humankind) have been given something inherent to love: freedom. Nobody is forced to love.
- Freedom came with a risk: someone might choose not to love. We cannot understand why it happened, but it happened. This is how sin appeared in the universe.
- Although sin is contrary to God's nature, He allowed its existence at an expensive price: the life of His Son (1 John 4:10).

B Reasons to rebel:

❖ Ingratitude (Ezekiel 28:12-19).

- God explained to Ezekiel how rebellion began in Lucifer's heart by using the king of Tyre as an example (Ezekiel 28:12-19).
 - (1) He was created perfect and beautiful (12-13).
 - (2) He was put in a high-ranking position (14).
 - (3) Iniquity was found in him, so he had to be expelled from Heaven (15-16).
 - (4) He became vain because of his beauty and wanted to be worshipped instead of God (17-18).
- He was no longer thankful to God for having created him. He thought he was more important than he actually was. He used his free will to rebel against his Creator.

❖ Pride (Isaiah 14:12-15).

- Isaiah 14:12-15 introduces another reason why Lucifer rebelled against God: pride.
- Lucifer needed his own worshippers to fulfill his goals. In order to get them, he accused God of being what Lucifer actually was: selfish, arrogant, and a liar.
- This is the mysterious origin of evil in the universe.

C Reasons to care:

❖ The great controversy (Revelation 12).

- Should we care about what happened in Heaven thousands of years ago?
- Of course! Revelation explains that Satan (rebel Lucifer, symbolized by a dragon) "swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth" (Revelation 12:4 NIV).
- The controversy in Heaven spread throughout Earth. Satan repeatedly attacked the people of God (symbolized by the woman in Revelation 12:1) to avoid the coming of the Archangel Michael (Jesus) to Earth (Revelation 12:2, 4)
- Jesus got the victory. Satan was defeated by His death and resurrection (Revelation 12:5, 7-11). However, the war has not finished yet (Revelation 12:12-13, 17).