

## [Did God Create Sin?](#)

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### **Did God ultimately create sin?**

Twenty words from the original biblical languages can be translated into the English word "sin." Written 522 times, "to miss the target or mark by choice" is the most frequently used. Other words translate as "to break the standard or rule purposely," "go astray," "get lost," and "rebel."

Sin is not temptation. The thesaurus' synonyms for temptation are "attraction," "bait," and "persuasion." For example, the Serpent tempted Adam and Eve in Genesis, yet they did not sin until the fruit was eaten. Jesus was tempted in the wilderness (Lk. 4), but still lived a sinless life ([Heb. 9:14](#); [1 Pet. 1:19](#)).

Sin is not a noun representing something tangibly created such as a car, but it is a verb demonstrating a conscientious action such as turning direction. Sin is a willful crossing of the line that God has drawn.

The first to cross that line was God's closest angel Lucifer. [Isaiah 14:13-14](#) *"You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'"*

Satan's prideful desire to set himself up above God swayed a third of the angels of Heaven to rebelliously act and become demons ([Rev. 12:4](#)).

Adam and Eve crossed the line while there was just one simple rule to follow. *"And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die'"* ([Gen. 2:16-17](#)).

We have crossed the line more than once in our own lives. We sin not against man, but God, who sets the boundaries — boundaries that were created for our own very good. The Bible tells us just what those boundaries are.

Jesus taught that our desire to sin is always self-focused, springing from the heart and mind. MY will! MY desires! MY way! *"But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart"* ([Matt. 5:28](#)).

Jesus went on to set our standard of holiness in [Matthew 5:48](#), *"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."*

If we have all rebelliously crossed the line and are incapable of being perfect ([Rom. 3:23](#)), what hope is there for us when the time comes for our rebellion to be judged by God? While living on Earth, we have the opportunity to make both a heart adjustment and a choice — to humble ourselves and accept the loving sacrifice Jesus made which has placed our punishment instead onto Him.

God did not create sin, but He did create a way to be forgiven from it.