

Trinity Bible Church
Lesson 12
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5. Man.

- A. Man is the Third Party in the Conflict. Why?? Deut 17:6; 19:15
- B. God and the angelic creation influence man's decisions. 1 Tim 4:1-2
- C. Man is the weakest of the involved beings. Psa 8:4-5; 2 Pet 2:11
- D. Natural Man can only recognize visible and material things through normal human means of perception. Cf 1 Cor 2:10-16
- E. Spiritual things are understood in Regenerate Man. 1 Cor 2:10-16
- F. As a Believer we are to walk by faith and not by sight. 2 Cor 5:7
- G. Appreciation of spiritual things is received in relationship with the Lord through the Holy Spirit and His Word. Heb 11; 2 Tim 2:15
- H. Mankind was created perfect and placed in perfect environment, as were the angels. Gen 2:7-8 Cf Eze 28:13
- I. The first man and woman were created with a Body and Soul, hence, their being had a material and immaterial part, like angels. Gen 2:7
- J. Unfallen man was permitted to be tempted by Satan. Gen 3:1-7
- K. This parallels what Satan did with the other angels. Eze 28:18; John 8:44 cf 1 John 3:15
- L. Man procreates, unlike the angels, and all progeny receive the results of Adam's fall. Rom 5:12-15
- M. Mankind is born in a Fallen State and hence starts a spiritual "zero," alienated from God and hostile to Him. Col 1:21-22
- N. Man must therefore come to God from a fallen state, with an antagonistic mind, and in a hostile environment.
- O. So every spiritual thing to man is a result of God's Grace. Cf Gen 2
- P. If man does not undergo a change through belief in Jesus Christ, he shares Satan's destiny. John 3:18; Matt 25:41

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Section III: What are their Similarities and Differences?

6. Comparison Of God, Angels And Man.

- A. **Absolute Spirituality:**
 - 1. **God is Immaterial.**
 - 2. **Angels are material in body, immaterial in soul and invisible to man.**
 - 3. **Man is material in body and immaterial in soul.**
- B. **God is Eternal Life, while Angels and Man have Everlasting Life.**
- C. **All three parties possess Self-Consciousness.**
- D. **Absolute Infinity: God is Infinite without boundary and transcends the material in body and immaterial in soul.**
- E. **Man is Self-Limited by His Attributes in that one can and does compromise another.**
- F. **Man and Angels have Unlimited Volition in the perfect ability to choose.**
- G. **God has no Source while Man and Angels have their Ultimate Source from God.**
- H. **God is Immutable while both Man and Angels are Changeable.**
- I. **God is Absolute Truth and knows all Truth. He does not acquire knowledge. Man and Angels learn by choice.**
- J. **God is Perfect Love and needed no object but Himself.**
 - 1. **Both Angels and Unfallen Man were initially the direct recipients of God's Love.**
 - 2. **When sin entered the scene, Divine Discipline was required because God's Righteousness and Justice could not be compromised.**
 - 3. **God's love motivated Him to provide salvation for man, and since His Love is unchanging it is reasonable that He also provided salvation for angels. John 3:16 Cf 2 Peter 3:9**
- K. **God's Integrity required that an earned penalty be satisfied.**
 - 1. **Angels can acquire integrity but don't have to be satisfied.**
 - 2. **Man can also acquire integrity by choice through the Word.**
- L. **God is not subject to time, as are both Angels and Man.**
- M. **God transcends space, while Angels and Man are in space.**

- N. God has the same intensity at all points, while Angels and Man's intensity is limited to their finite being.**
- O. God is Omnipresent while Man and Angels are not.**
- P. God is Omniscient, while Angels have less knowledge than God, but more than Man.**
- Q. God is the Absolute Sovereign, while Angels have hierarchy that is directed or permitted. Man has rulership over lower creation and towards other men.**
- R. God is Absolute Power, while Angels are simply powerful, and more so than Man.**
- S. God is Absolutely Truthful to Himself and all Creation.**
 - 1. Angels had to choose whether or not to believe that truth.**
 - 2. As does man.**
- T. God is Absolutely Faithful to His Creation in expressing His Divine Attributes.**
 - 1. Godly Angels are loyal to Him while the Ungodly are not.**
 - 2. Man has to make a choice concerning each circumstance.**
- U. God deals in Grace to His Creatures with volition, while Men and Angels are recipients.**
- V. God demands Righteousness and Justice from His Creatures, while Men and Angels must adjust to it.**
- W. God has Motivations which are always perfect in the expression of His Essence. Angels have True Emotions as does Man, and are therefore subject to change.**
- X. There is no Sin or Evil in God as He always chooses Righteously. His volitional creation has to choose. Begotten Man has no choice as to the presence of that which is inherently evil. Rom 7:20-25**
- Y. God has always been Perfect:**
 - 1. Angels started out that way as did Adam and Eve.**
 - 2. No begotten man except Jesus Christ starts out perfect.**