

Trinity Bible Church
 Lesson 13
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The Angelic Conflict

7. Summary Of Differences Between Angels And Men:

- A. Presently they have a different type of body than man.
 - 1. At the Resurrection/Rapture we will have a body very similar to theirs. Luke 20:35-37
 - 2. They presently behold the Resurrected Christ. Rev 4-5 et al
 - 3. Our new bodies will be able to behold Him. 1 John 3:2-3
 - 4. Yet each body, both of Angels and Man will be different as to appearance. 1 Cor 15:40-42
- B. Angels were not created condemned (Eze 28:15), but man is born condemned in Adam. Ezek 28:15; Rom 5:12
- C. All Angels, then Adam and Eve initially received God's Love, whereas mankind that is born receives His Justice with the Imputation of Adam's Original sin. Rom 5:14-15
- D. Angels are faster, more powerful (2 Pet 2:11) and more intelligent than man, but they don't surpass nor even approach God.
- E. Angels had a choice regarding sin concerning whether or not to fall, whereas man is condemned from birth.
- F. Mankind was initially placed in a lower status than angels. Heb 2:7
 - 1. "Lower" in regards to humanity refers to entry into the world in a Fallen State for the descendants of Adam.
 - 2. It also refers to being in a position with comparatively little glory and honor. John 17:5; Cf Heb 2:7
 - 3. And subject to man's hostile environment. Heb 2:8
 - 4. And subject to physical death. Heb 2:9
- G. The similarities and differences between these two creatures will help answer questions concerning the Angelic Conflict.

8. Significant Similarities Between Angels And Men:

- A. Both are called "stars." Job 38:6-7; Rev 1:16; Rev 1:20
- B. Angels are called "sons of God," and believers become "sons of God." Job 1:6; Job 2:1 cf Rom 8:12-17; Luke 20:34-37
- C. Both Satan and Adam "sealed a pattern." Ezek 28:12; 1 Cor 15:22

- D. Angels have a body (Gen 6:1-4), soul (Isa 14:12-14) and are spirits (Heb 1:7, 14), while man has a Body, Soul and Human Spirit. 1 Thes 5:23
- E. Both Angels and Man have similar standards. Rev 21:16-18
- F. Both will wear the same types of garments in the Eternal State. Rev 15:5-6; Rev 19:14
- G. Both are called "holy." Rev 14:10
- H. Some are called "Elect." 1 Tim 5:21; Rom 8:33

9. Comparison of Angels, Adam and Jesus Christ.

- A. Jesus Christ has a definite relationship to both Angels and Man, partially displayed in the "Angel of the Lord" passages. 1 Cor 15:45
- B. All three parties started out in an unfallen condition. Gen 2:7; Eze 28:15; Isa 7:14 Cf Matt 1:24-25
- C. All three had a body, soul and spirit. John 1:14; Matt 26:38; John 9:30
- D. While men and angels are called stars (See Point 8.A.), Jesus Christ is called the "Bright Morning Star." Rev 22:16
- E. All are called "Sons of God." See Point 8.B.
 - 1. Angels, both Godly and Ungodly are called by that title. Job 38:7; 1:6; 2:1; Ps 89:6
 - 2. Adam, since he was created by God would be a "son of God."
 - 3. Believers become adopted "sons of God." Rom 8:14-17; Luke 20:36
 - 4. Jesus Christ is the "ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD." John 3:18
- F. Christ as an Angel:
 - 1. He is called the "Angel of the Lord" around 200 times.
 - 2. At times He just spoke and did not appear. Gen 16:7-11; 21:17
 - 3. He also appeared in various forms and spoke. Gen 18:1; Exo 3:2; Jdg 6:11-12
 - 4. The "Angel of Yahweh" is clearly Yahweh delivering a message. Gen 22:11-17
 - 5. He is clearly the one who REDEEMED Jacob from all evil. Gen 48:16
 - 6. The "Angel of the Lord" had the authority to remove the iniquity of Israel. Zech 3:1-10
 - 7. The Angel of the Lord announced the birth of John and Jesus. Luke 1:11,13,18; Matt 1:20,24

8. **Christ makes an appearance as an angel in heaven during the Tribulation. Rev 8:3-5; cf Luke 12:49**
 9. **And also as a "reaper of the earth."**
 - a. **Christ said the reapers of the harvest would be angels. Matt 13:37-39**
 - b. **Christ does the reaping. Rev 14:14-20**
 10. **These passages, however, do not prove that He was an angelic at the First Advent. He was however, an obvious messenger from God. John 6:44 et al**
- G. Christ as the Last Adam. 1 Cor 15:45**
1. **He is the only human being besides Adam and Eve to come into being in an unfallen condition.**
 2. **He produced no literal offspring as they would also be in an unfallen condition without the Imputation of Adam's Original Sin.**
- H. The Trinity was the Father of the humanity of JC. Luke 1:32 Cf 1:35**
1. **Even the demons recognized this. Mark 5:5-7**
 2. **All creatures with volition who owe their existence to God are classified as "sons". Ps 82:6**
- I. The main point is that there are tremendous similarities between Christ, angels and Man.**