

Trinity Bible Church  
Lesson 20  
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### 13. The Trial Of Satan and Appeal:

- A. Evidence indicates that God judges each creature individually and since Satan was the instigator, he would be the first to be placed on trial, which would establish a precedent. Rev 20:11-15
- B. Satan was put on trial for his sins, all of which man can duplicate. Ezek 28:16-18
- C. He was found guilty and his sentence was eternity in the Lake of Fire. John 16:11; Matt 25:41
- D. God, as the Righteous Judge, would declare the laws Satan violated, as per the ancient law that accusers are to personally confront the accused. In doing this notice that the truth would again be presented. Acts 25:15-16
- E. By reviewing the violated laws, all angels could easily realize that they too stood condemned for following their leader away from God. Satan's genius would easily seize upon this fact. Although it appears that most would have unconsciously violated God's laws, they would realize that they were no longer experientially righteous, like Eve. Job 4:17-19
- F. The principle of the "Second Witness" should be considered. Had there been Unfallen Angels, they could have testified against Satan. God could have called them as witnesses to Satan's sin. They would have been evidence of personal choice existing in a living being. It is clear that something during this trial was of such a nature that a third party was needed or else everything else could have been handled in the Angelic realm. Deut 19:15-21
- G. Satan filed a countersuit against God, thus an appeal. 1 Pet 5:8
  - 1. In a condemned state, Satan put his "wisdom" to work to try and protect himself. John 8:44
  - 2. From his Original Sin (Isa 14:12-14) and his subsequent sins (Eze 28:16), it is easy to extrapolate his accusations.
- H. Satanic reasoning would be key to his defense, such as:
  - 1. If God condemns all of them, then He is not Love and if He doesn't He is not Righteous.

2. If God doesn't condemn all then He was not truthful about judgment for sin.
  3. He could easily conclude that God wouldn't condemn all of them to separation from Him (death), because He created them to have a love relationship.
  4. He could claim that he won by majority vote.
  5. He could claim that it is God's word against theirs.
  6. He could have "reasoned" that he had God in a no-win situation that couldn't be won without compromising His declared character.
- I. At this point, God could have offered forgiveness of their sins, which is His prerogative as King and compatible with Mercy and Grace. Mark 2:1-12 & Luke 5:18-26
1. Forgiveness is a right God has always possessed as part of His Goodness (Grace). Psa 86:5; Neh 9:17; Exo 34:7
  2. This right is designed to lead people to Godly fear. Psa 130:3
- J. With an offer of forgiveness from God, Satan would focus on Divine Attributes that would immediately come into view, namely Love, Righteousness and Justice. Satan would challenge God with questions:
1. "How can a loving God cast His creatures into a lake of fire?"
  2. "How can Love, Righteousness and Justice be compatible with each other?"
  3. "Doesn't forgiveness violate Righteousness and Justice?"
  4. "Doesn't forgiveness prove God is not Unchanging?"
- K. Satan would argue:
1. Any offer of forgiveness is incompatible with Divine Essence.
  2. God's Kingship and the Volition of creatures are incompatible, claiming that God cannot be absolute King if the creature controls its own destiny through Volition.
  3. God's Omniscience is a Primary Cause of all decisions, and since God would know that Satan would fall before He was created, by creating him caused him to fall.
    - A. If God did not know he would fall, then He was not Omniscient.
    - B. If He did not truly foreknow all possible and actual decisions then He was not Omniscient.
    - C. If God did know and let it happen, then God is Evil and not Righteous.
  4. His environment was imperfect, claiming:
    - A. No creature can rule without falling, including You.
    - B. His position was too much for any creature to handle.

- C. His environment was not perfect, because he sinned in it and since God created an imperfect environment, He was not perfect.**
- 5. God's Omnipotence could not be used forever in a manner compatible with the rest of His Essence and policy, thus opening the possibility in his mind that he could be as powerful as God.**
  - 6. God was not Omnipresent since He was unaware of his plan until it was implemented.**
  - 7. God was not telling the truth, thus attacking His Veracity.**
  - 8. Death is incompatible with eternal life, and since God has lied (in Satan's reasoning), He too must die, which He cannot if He is eternal life.**
  - 9. God is as worthy of "death" as he.**
- L. These attacks are seen in Satan's titles:**
- 1. "Satan," which means "adversary" or "enemy." Rev 12:9**
  - 2. The "Devil," which means the "slanderer" or "accuser." Rev 12:9**
  - 3. "Abaddon" and "Apollyon," which means "destroyer" and refers to what his lies produce. Rev 9:11**
  - 4. "Beelzebub," which means "lord of the demons." Matt 12:24**
  - 5. "Belial," which means "worthless." 2 Cor 6:15**
  - 6. The "Dragon" indicating his politics. Rev 12:9**
  - 7. The "Evil One," referring to his practice. Matt 13:19,38**
  - 8. The "Father of Lies" referring to his methods of communication. John 8:44**
  - 9. The "Serpent" indicating his deceit. 2 Cor 11:3; Rev 12:9**
  - 10. The "Temptor" indicating his methods of operation. Matt 4:3; 1 Thes 3:5**
- M. Satan basically claimed that they were creatures condemned from creation, and since they were thus created condemned there is no way to ever approach God due to His Righteousness and Justice.**
- N. At this point, with the Truth having been presented again by God and Satan's charges against God declared, God would offer salvation to those who would change their mind and believe that the penalty for sin could be paid without compromise of His Essence.**
- 1. This would include the statement that God would provide beings and circumstances that would fit Satan's charges.**
  - 2. It would also include the offer to provide a Perfect Being that could and would pay the penalty for sin. Heb 2:9**