

Trinity Bible Church
Lesson 23
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14. Angelic Salvation:

- F. If all angels fell, there must have been an offer of salvation which some of them accepted. Rev 16:5 Cf 15:4
- G. If all angels did not fall and the sole issue was "How can a loving God cast His creatures into a Lake of Fire," then Christ could have taken on an angelic form to pay the penalty for sin, with no need for another creature. It is also possible that an unfallen angel would have qualified and volunteered. Cf Rev 5:3
1. If no salvation had been offered to angels, Christ could have taken angelic form and paid the sin penalty to answer Satan's challenge.
 2. Had no salvation offer been made and Christ had paid the penalty for sin, Satan would have then asked "why no salvation," since Your Righteousness and Justice have been satisfied.
 3. God's plan called for bringing a new creature, humans, into existence to answer all Satan's charges.
- H. Angelic Salvation was graphically illustrated by the Tabernacle.
1. The Ark of the Covenant. Exo 25:10-22
 - a. Both the Tabernacle and Temple are a "copy" of the heavenly things. Heb 8:4-5; 9:23-24
 - b. The Ark in the Most Holy Place portrays the Glorified Hypostatic Union of Jesus the Messiah. It points out that Christ will accomplish the Plan of the Ages.
 - c. Two Cherubim are made to be an integral part of the Covering which is the "Mercy Seat" or place of Propitiation.
 - d. It appears that these two Cherubim filled Satan's position after his fall. Eze 28:14
 - e. The symbolism clearly shows that they had a need (hollow) and partake of the Act of Propitiation and hence partakers of the righteousness of Deity (pure gold). This parallels human beings who accept Jesus Christ as their savior. 2 Peter 1:4-5
 - f. These two angels underwent some form of transformation (hammered work), being a partaker of Propitiation and permanently affixed to the Deity of God.
 2. The Linen Curtains: Exo 26:1-6
 - a. The Cherubim on the white linens denote that they share Christ's Experiential Holiness. Rev 19:8
 - b. The blue, purple and scarlet material indicate they share His place of origin, His royalty, and His work. Eph 1:18-21; 3:8-10
 - c. Had the Cherubim simply been observers of the Angelic Conflict, they could have been made out of Olive Wood as statues and placed within the Tabernacle, like they were in the Temple. Cf 1 Kings 6:23-28

3. **The Veil. Exo 26:31-35**
 - a. **The symbolism of the Veil is clearly identified as the humanity of Jesus Christ. Heb 10:20**
 - b. **The fine white linen refers to the Experiential Righteousness of the Holy Ones of which Christ was foremost. Rev 19:8**
 - c. **The positioning of the veil under the white linen curtains tells us that He was made for a little while lower than the angels. Heb 2:9-10**
- I. **Our Resurrection Bodies will be equal to angels, due to our adoption as Sons of God, and infers Righteousness has been imputed. Luke 20:34-36**
 1. **Concerning the composition of our new bodies, we will be equal to angels.**
 2. **Concerning our position and authority, we will be greater than angels. Heb 2:7; 1 Cor 6:3**
 3. **The "equality" extends to marriage and procreation, as well as death. We will never again partake of those things.**
 - a. **Resurrected mankind is not able to die again in any form, either physically or spiritually. Rev 22:3**
 - b. **Angels were never able to die physically, i.e. a separation of body and soul, but were able to die spiritually through sin.**
 - c. **They can no longer die spiritually, since they too will be in heaven and there is no longer any curse, consequently, they are no longer able to sin.**
 4. **This "equality" reasonably extends to the need for Reconciliation. Col 1:16,20; John 14:6**
 - a. **Reconciliation requires the Imputation of Righteousness called Justification, which is received by faith in Jesus Christ. Rom 4:5; 5:1**
 - b. **The Imputation of Righteousness ultimately renders the creature "Not Able to Sin." 1 John 3:9**
 - c. **Without this imputation, by God's design, since angels and man are so similar, a creature with volition would still be able to sin. Thus it appears that it is God's plan that only fallen creatures can receive this Imputation of Righteousness.**
 - d. **If an angel existed who did not fall, the potential to fail would still exist.**
 - e. **It is clear from scripture that the destinies of angels has already been determined. John 16:11; Matt 25:41**
 - f. **If some angels had never sinned, and God had imputed this Righteousness to them for choosing to side with Him, would not Satan have objected, "Why did you not do this before?"**
 - g. **Satan could have asserted that if God could do this in a manner consistent with His Essence, why didn't he do so when they were created, being perfect and unfallen.**
 - g. **Conclusion: our bodies being equal to angels indicates that Righteousness has been imputed.**