

Trinity Bible Church  
Lesson 34  
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## 20. Man's Role in the Resolution of the Angelic Conflict.

- A. With the Restoration of planet earth, God brought into existence a Free Moral Agent in which all of Satan's charges would be answered.
  - B. God created mankind with a role in the resolution of the dispute. Eph 6:12
  - C. He established the same policy of "grace preceding the penalty for judgment" with this new Free Moral Agent as He did with the angels.
  - D. God presented this new Free Moral Agent with truth and Laws as He did to the angels, knowing they would sin, but not causing it. Gen 2:16-17; 3:1-7
  - E. God designed a Straight and Narrow Path to approach Him that was based on His Righteousness. Matt 7:13-14
  - F. Satan's objective in the Angelic Conflict is to try and show that God in some way lied about His Essence.
- G. So he put into operation his plan, which is called "evil." 1 John 5:19; 2 Cor 2:11
- 1. Evil 1 is defined as the title of Satan's plan, which is designed to disrupt the Essence of God and distort Grace.
    - 2. Evil 2 is defined as a "Thought Process" which is in direct conflict with the Word of God.
      - a. This Evil is spread by demons and men under its influence. 1 Tim 4:1
      - b. It can be triggered by the Sin Nature. Gal 5:16-17
      - c. It is based in the rejection of God's truth. Heb 3:12
      - d. It rationalizes itself, seems right, but is foolish. Isa 5:20; Prov 14:12; Prov 12:15
      - e. It is marked by an arrogant, elitist attitude. Jas 2:1-4; 4:14-16
      - f. It possesses an earthly wisdom. Jas 3:13-16
      - g. It leads to more evil. Rom 1:30
      - h. It builds happiness on other's unhappiness. Psa 35:12
      - i. It leads to arrogant speech and action. Prov 8:13
      - j. The Believer is to desire this removed from his soul. Rom 13:12; Eph 4:22-24
  - 3. Evil 3 is defined as "Human Good." Human Good is doing a good thing for the selfish reason or doing a good thing for a good reason, but to the exclusion of the glory of God. Matt 7:11
    - a. Human Good seeks to impress men apart from a loving relationship with God. Matt 6:5-6
    - b. The primary test is Spiritual Love. If it is not involved, good works are simply "Human Good." 1 Cor 13:1-3
    - c. Human Good counterfeits Divine Good in that it is self-serving and not Christ oriented. Matt 6:1-4
    - d. Human Good twists Divinely Prescribed Principles of function for selfish gain, thus making one a "worker of iniquity" who is promised ruin. Prov 10:28
    - e. Satan uses this system to pervert the gospel as well. Gen 3:7

- f. Human Good leads to Secular Humanism as seen in the New Age Movement. 2 Pet 2:1-3; 2 Cor 11:13-15
  - g. A Human Good system of salvation and obtaining spirituality by works is seen in all the cults and major world religions.
4. Evil 4 is defined as "Personal Sin," which is violation of a law of God. Col 3:9
- a. By definition, to sin means to miss the mark, and where there is no law there is no sin. Rom 4:15; 5:13
  - b. The Believer is to obey God's "Charge." Gen 26:5
    - 1). This first means to view God's laws as valuable.
    - 2). This includes commandments which emphasize the Mental Attitude orientation to authority.
    - 3). And statutes which focus on the overt applications.
    - 4). And laws which focus on the specifics.
  - c. These words define areas where we might "miss the mark."
    - 1). In our attitude. Matt 5:27-29
    - 2). In our speech. Jas 3:2
    - 3). In our actions. Rom 7:5
  - d. Satan's plan is to tempt to sin. Jas 1:13; Matt 4:1
  - e. All sin is abhorrent to God, due to His absolute Righteousness. Gen 3:6
  - f. Those who continually practice sin without confession of sin and change are ensnared in Satan's plan. 1 John 3:8
5. Evil 5 is defined as the Overt Organizations of Evil.
- a. They conspire to attack God's Truth. Ps 83:1-8
  - b. They can be governments (individual or collaborative), societies (both secret and open), or religious movements (with some even calling themselves "Christian").
  - c. They include those who may begin in the Truth and then become ensnared by Satan's schemes become evil and thus enemies of God. James 4:1-4
  - d. This would include those who want to build their own kingdom and not spread the word about the divine one. Gen 10:8-13
  - e. This would include organizations that are designed to take the place of the Local Assembly.