

Trinity Bible Church  
Lesson 35  
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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
- H. Evil recognizes the existence and tendencies of the human Sin Nature and uses it to its own ends. Rom 7:18; Mark 7:20-23
  - 1. The Sin Nature came about as a result of Adam's eating from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Gen 3:6 Cf Rom 5:12
  - 2. All the trees of the Garden of Eden were designed for good with this one exception. Gen 2:16-17
  - 3. So this "Knowledge of Good" was of such a nature that it was off-limits, i.e. Human Good.
  - 4. Satan's plan of Evil, distorts grace (Evil 1), affects the thought process (Evil 2), manifests itself in human good and personal sin (Evil 3 & 4), and is attracted to overt organizations (Evil 5).
  - 5. The Sin Nature supplies a trend away from God which continues throughout life, and that must be battled. Rom 6:12
  - 6. Therefore, begotten man comes into the world in a state of hostility with God. Rom 5:8-10
  - 7. Apart from salvation, man can never have fellowship with God in time or eternity. John 3:18
  - 8. Apart from obedience to the Truth, man can never have a relationship with God in time, even if he is saved. Rom 2:8-10
  - 9. Evil lays snares via idolatry, which is anything considered more valuable and relevant than God, to keep one entrapped. Psa 106:36
  - 10. Satan will use any and all means to keep the Unbeliever imprisoned and the Believer neutralized. Rom 6:6
  - 11. Entering one area of Evil, opens the door to others. 1 Cor 10:5-12
- I. Ways that Believers become a casualty to evil:
  - 1. Failure to recognize the total and complete inspiration of the Scriptures. 2 Tim 3:16-17
  - 2. Failure to consistently assemble with other believers, or study the Word of God. Heb 10:25; 2 Tim 2:15

3. **Lack of concentration during times of intake or application. 1 Thes 5:6**
  4. **Failure to literally interpret the Scriptures. 2 Pet 3:1-7**
  5. **Failure to do what is right in the Lord's eyes, because of doing what one personally views as "right." Deut 21:9; Judg 17:6; Prov 12:15;**
  6. **Rejection of the Literal Truth. 1 Cor 15:12-13**
  7. **Refusal to apply. Gen 3:6**
- J. God designed for man a means by which fallen and hostile man can come to God and have victory over the Cosmic System.**
1. **It is based on Faith. 1 John 5:4**
  2. **The faith must be in the right object thereby removing positionally and eternally the penalty for the effects of the Evil of sin. John 3:16,36; Col 1:21-22**
  3. **God provided a supernatural ability to understand spiritual things. 1 Cor 2:10-16**
  4. **Obedience to Truth by the power of the Holy Spirit temporally overcomes the power of sin. Col 3:12-17; Jas 1:22-23**
  5. **Each Unbeliever who is saved and every application of Truth resists the devil and shows his charges invalid, in that it demonstrates a freedom from sin. Jas 4:7; 1 John 2:1-2**
- K. Mankind's role in the Angelic Conflict is to prove Satan's charges against God are invalid.**
1. **The way that God deals with man establishes the Integrity of the Court. John 3:18 Cf John 16:8-11**
  2. **He demonstrates Volition by bringing into being a creature that is initially Not Able to Not Sin and provides the means by which that creature can become Able Not to Sin and then Not Able to Sin.**
  3. **He demonstrates His Sovereignty by controlling the events of History without overruling Volition.**
  4. **He demonstrates throughout history how Grace is compatible with His Righteousness and Justice, by giving angels an appeal.**
  5. **He demonstrates His Righteousness and Justice in every situation throughout history both to nations and individuals.**
  6. **God will provide a human made initially in a lower niche than angels who willingly came to God from every possible situation to answer every possible charge of Satan. 1 Cor 6:3**
  7. **He demonstrates His Omniscience and Veracity by foretelling what will happen and does not overrule volition to make it happen.**
  8. **His Veracity demonstrates the Immutability of His Purpose of desiring the Highest and Best for His Creation. Heb 7:18**
  9. **His Eternal Life will be shared as a manifestation of His Love to all who simply believe in His son. John 3:16**
  10. **The death of Jesus the Messiah on the Cross, the Only Begotten Son of God, as an innocent victim, demonstrates how He could condemn those who initially began in a relationship of "sonship" and yet chose to rebel against Him. Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7 cf Luke 23:15 cf Matt 25:41 Cf Rev 20:11-15**
  11. **His Omnipotence is demonstrated by holding things together for this appeal to run its course. Heb 1:3**