

Trinity Bible Church
Lesson 36
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20. Man's Role in the Resolution of the Angelic Conflict.

- 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;
- 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
- I. Ways that Believers become a casualty to evil:
- J. God designed for man a means by which fallen and hostile man can come to God and have victory over the Cosmic System.

- K. Mankind's role in the Angelic Conflict is to be witnesses to demonstrate that Satan's charges against God are invalid. John 1:6-8; Heb 2:1-4
 1. The way that God deals with man verifies the Integrity of the Court. John 3:18 Cf John 16:8-11
 2. God demonstrates individual responsibility by giving an already fallen creature the ability to make moral decisions and receive the consequences of those decisions, be they good or bad (John 3:18). The offspring of this new creature will initially not be able to never sin, but by grace through faith in Jesus the Messiah will be given the ability to not sin.
 3. God demonstrates His Sovereignty by controlling the events of History without overruling the creature's ability to decide. He retains the right as king to overrule speech (Balaam) and actions (Saul).
 4. His foretelling of events and the outcome of history, without overruling human volition, demonstrates His Omniscience and Veracity. Rev 22:6-7
 5. God demonstrates throughout history how Grace is compatible with His Righteousness and Justice, by permitting the angelic appeal of the verdict. Matt 25:41
 6. He demonstrates His Righteousness and Justice, tempered with grace, in every situation throughout history both to nations and individuals. He gives them a chance to repent until the judgment for their sins must be executed. Gen 6:5-7; Gen 18:20-21; Rev 18:5
 7. Since men are to be witnesses, it is reasonable that God will provide at least one human, made initially in a lower niche than angels, who willingly came to God from every possible situation and passed every possible life test, to answer every possible charge of Satan. 1 Cor 6:3; Cf Rom 3:19
 8. His Veracity demonstrates the Immutability of His Purpose to provide the Highest and Best for His Creation. Heb 7:18
 9. His Eternal Life will be shared by grace through faith, righteously and justly, 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;**
 11. **His Omnipotence is demonstrated by holding things together for this appeal to run its course. Heb 1:3**
- L. The Resolution of the Angelic Conflict is not based solely on numbers.**
1. **God establishes a Theocratic Kingdom not a democracy. Rev 19:16**
 2. **No vote will be taken at the Great White Throne Judgment. Rev 20:11-15**
 3. **Most of mankind will be cast into the Lake of Fire. Matt 7:13-14**
 4. **God established a set of "Books" however that will account for all the numbers. Rev 20:11-15; 2 Cor 5:10; Dan 7:9-12**
- M. During the course of Human History, God judges all aspects of Evil to demonstrate the futility of its self gratification. Ps 110:1; Jas 3:14-17**
1. **The Thought Process of Evil (Evil 2) will be totally eliminated in the Eternal State, since there is no more curse. Rev 22:3**
 2. **Human Good was rejected at the Cross, being of works, because salvation is by grace through faith in the work of Christ, according to the Plan of God. Eph 2:8-9**
 - a. **Hence, Human Good is not the basis of rewards for any Believer. Rom 8:6-8**
 - b. **The Church Age Believer's Human Good is burned up at the Judgment Seat of Christ. 1 Cor 3:10-15; 2 Cor 5:10**
 - c. **The Human Good of Believers of other Dispensations would be removed at their respective Resurrection when their deeds were evaluated. Dan 12:2-3,13**
 3. **Personal sins were judged on the cross. 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Pet 2:21-25**
 4. **The Sin Nature was judged on the cross. Rom 6:5-7**
 5. **Overt Agencies are judged throughout history as they reach their maximum potential for evil.**
- N. Every time God's Truth is obeyed in our human existence the futility of Satan's System and his accusations against God are demonstrated. The more difficult the application, the stronger the witness to God's Grace and Plan. Gen 22; Php 2:5-11**
- O. Every failure to apply God's Truth is another opportunity for God's Grace and demonstrates the fact that His Omniscience has accounted for failure within His Master Plan. We are not to view sin lightly. Rom 6:1**
- P. The objective after salvation is to remain on the Godside of History, which is done by loving God and loving others.. Mark 12:29-31**