

## Lesson 19

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### \*The Angelic Conflict\*

The Angelic conflict originated before man existed on the earth. This great warfare started when Lucifer, the anointed Cherub, the highest of all angelic creatures, challenged divine authority and revolted against God.

Isa. 14:13-14 - "But you (Lucifer) said in your heart,

'I will ascend to heaven; I will braise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north.

14) 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'

Eze. 28:12-15 - "Son of man (A FUNERAL DURGE)

(a reference to Lucifer), take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

13) "You were in Eden, the garden of God;

Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper;

The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, was in you.

On the day that you were created, they were prepared.

14) "You were the anointed cherub who covers, and I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire. 15) "You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created until unrighteousness was found in you.

By Divine judgement, Lucifer was removed from his exalted position and sentenced to eternal condemnation, with the sentence to be executed in the future.

**Matt. 25:41 - (the judgement) "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;**

All of the angelic beings must have been shocked at the fall of Lucifer for his rejection of God's grace! He actually managed to convince 1/3 of the angels to follow him.

The arrogance of the once great angel had made himself and the following angels an adversary of the Holy God that created them. This is called the Angelic Conflict.

## What's our purpose?

The Angels that had rebelled were part of a heavenly trial.

God immediately threw them out of heaven to the earth.

Lucifer, now labeled as Satan - "the Adversary" complained that God had unfairly judged them. God postponed the sentence on the angels. God, a righteous and just God created mankind. (a creature that was inferior to the Angels) God made the conditions to duplicate the conditions of that prehistoric revolt. Like the angels, God gave us free will, just as He had the angels. That free will would be tested in humans just as He had with the angels. Man would be tested whether he would choose for or against God.

Therefore, man came under close scrutiny of both the elect and fallen angels. **Luke 15:7,10**

Luke 15:7 - "I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Luke 15:10 - "In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Human history is both the extension and resolution of this heavenly conflict.

Satan himself instigated the events that led to man's fall. Adam, the first man, followed the same pattern of arrogance which initiated the Angelic conflict, but Satan had not counted on the grace of God, providing salvation, long before the need arose.

**1 Pet. 1:18-23 - knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19) but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. 20 ) For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you 21) who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. 22) Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, 23) for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.**

God did not abandon man after he fell in the garden of Eden. After the fall, God would test man's volition again, in the full state of sinfulness. God offered salvation through faith in the coming savior, Jesus Christ. Satan was present when God Did these things. (Gen. 3:13-15, Rev 12:17)

**Enmity** - The state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something.

Although God would reveal information progressively to Satan, concerning the work on the cross Jesus would do, Satan instantly understood the implications that would prove God was just and righteous to all of His creation. As a result, Satan would go on full attack throughout mankind's history, trying to thwart the plan of God. Although God's plan involves mankind, mankind must choose to exercise God's plan. Human history is divided into dispensations; each dispensation containing its own rules that man must abide by. When the man obeys God's rules, the objections by Satan in eternity past are answered in God's favor. Since man was created to settle the Angelic conflict, the righteousness of God the Father demands that man choose obedience to His laws, that is, His divinely revealed principles, promises

doctrines, techniques and rules for living respective to the dispensation in which man lives.

Without a divine perspective on how man should live, man tries to develop his own rationales and justify them. Since he is also a fallen creature, man cannot possibly live up to God's plan on his own. It is this set of truths by which man lives that guarantees that human history won't destroy itself before the conclusion of the Angelic conflict.