## THE ANGELIC CONFLICT (#1) (It's Origin)

Teleiology is a theology term used to describe the study of spiritual growth maturity in CWL

(Heb.5:14) "But solid food is for the <u>mature (teleios</u>), who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil." (Matt.4:4)

We are studying 12 church age doctrines that are essential for spiritual growth maturity. Today we are studying the ninth Teleiology doctrine:

Grace	Positional Truth	Angelic Conflict
Dispensations	Spiritual Gifts	
Spirituality	The Will of God	
The Faith Cycle	Suffering	

You might wonder how important is the doctrine of the Angelic Conflict? The Bible opens and closes with it.

- **The Bible opens** with the beginning of human history and the angelic conflict (Adam, Eve, and Satan) (Gen.2:17; 3:1-7).
- **The Bible closes** with the end of human history and the angelic conflict (Millennium, Gog and Magog, GWTJ, and Lake of Fire; Rev.20).

The Angelic Conflict (A/C) is a doctrinal term to describe the spiritual warfare between satan's evil forces and God's divine agencies in the world (Eph.6:10-20).

This lesson will study four aspects of the Origin of Angelic Conflict. Jesus made reference to the angelic conflict in our lesson text (John 16:5-11).

We will examine our lesson text by the following three homiletical points.

- Change of Comforters (Jn.16:5-7)
  - Jesus Christ (2nd member of Godhead) to Holy Spirit (3rd member).
- **Conviction of the world** (Jn.16:8-11)
  - Sin, righteousness, and judgment.
- **Condemnation of the ruler of the world** (Jn.16:11)
  - Has been judged (krino / perf.p.ind.3ps).
- 1. The origin of the A/C started in eternity past with the angelic revolt of the guardian angel, Lucifer (Isa.14:12-15; Ezek.28:11-19; Rev.12:1-13).

After this revolt was resolved, he was demoted to titles like satan, devil, and evil one (Rev.20:2; 1 John 5:19).

(Isa.14:12) "How you have fallen from heaven, **o star of the morning, son of dawn**! You have been cut down to earth, you who have weakened the nations!"

(Gen.1:2-3) "And the earth was formless and void, **and darkness** was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; And there was light."

(1 John 1:5) "And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that **God is light**, and in Him is no darkness at all."

(Acts 26:18) "To open their eyes so that they may turn **from darkness to light** and **from the dominion of satan to God**, <u>in order that</u> they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me." (1 Pet.2:9)

## 2. There are at least four things that are important to mention resulting from the judgment of Lucifer's revolt in eternity past.

- One-third of the total number of angels who followed Lucifer in the angelic revolt was judged (Rev.12:4; Luke 4:33-35).
- This resulted in two categories of angels being established: Holy and fallen (Mark 8:38).
- Lucifer was demoted in status to satan, devil, and evil one (Luke 1:3-4; Rom.8:35-39).
- Satan and the fallen angels were sentenced to lake of fire at the end of human history (Matt.25:41; Rev.19:11).

## 3. Satan led two unsuccessful revolts at the beginning of human history.

Satan led a personal revolt against the plan of God with **Adam and Eve** inside and outside of Garden of Eden (Gen.2:17; 3:1-7; 2 Cor.11:3) [AOS] (2 Cor.4:1-8; 1 John 3:12) [Cain].

- It resulted in divine judgment upon the human race (Eph.5:8; Col.1:13).
- This resulted in the human race being identified as fallen and under 13 judicial charges of AOS such as spiritual dead (Rom.5:12-21).
- It was through this revolt that satan gained the status of ruler of the world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; 17:15; 1 John 5:19; 2 Cor.4:4).

Satan led his evil forces against the plan of God and the **Antediluvian civilization** (Gen.5-9; Isa.54:9; Luke 17:26).

- The fallen angels that were involved in this revolt were imprisoned in Tartarus until the middle of the Tribulation (2 Pet.2:4-5; 1 Pet.3:19-20; Jude 6; Rev.9:1-12) [Tribulation / first woe is past].
- This led to two categories of fallen angels: demons and imprisoned spirits.

We are told that satan later disputed with the archangel Michael over the body of Moses (Jude 9; Matt.17:3; Rev.11:1-14)

• Why? The two witnesses of Tribulation [second woe is past].

## 4. During the Jewish dispensation, satan and his evil forces attacked the plan of God and the <u>messianic seed</u> <u>of Christ</u> and the divine agency (Gen.3:15; 12:1-3; Gal.3:16; Luke 3:23-38).

This Plan of God was revealed at the Eternal Life Conference of eternity past (Eph.1:4; 1 Pet.1:20; John 17:24).

God designed certain laws to protect the messianic seed: Levirate law (Deut.25:5-10); Daughter's inheritance (Num.27:7-11); 10<sup>th</sup> Generation Curse (Deut.23:2-4) and curse of Coniah (Jer.22:24-30).

Satan attacked the priest-nation (divine agency) like Adam and Eve to corrupt their minds with lies to act against the truth (1 Pet.2:11-12; 2 Cor.11:3-4). For examples, Herod attacked the birth of Jesus Christ (Luke 1:34-35; Gal.4:4; Matt. 2:13-20; Rev.12:4-5). And the Sanhedrin's attacked Jesus Christ as their Messiah even to murder Him (Mark 14:1-2, 10-11/ Judas; John 1:11-13).