

HUMAN VOLITION IN THE ANGELIC CONFLICT

In our [last study](#), we covered God's Judgment placed upon the archangel Lucifer (Devil). Lucifer and the fallen angels were sentenced to the lake of fire at the end of human history (Matt.25:41; Rev.20:10). We also covered this under the doctrine of [Operation Footstool](#) from (Heb.10:13).

Five aspects of Human Volition (free will) in the Angelic Conflict.
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1. One reason for the creation of human race was to resolve Lucifer's appeal of God's sentence to the lake of fire at the end of human history (Matt.25:41; Rev.20:10).

You can understand this principle of human volition in the Angelic Conflict behind the Devil's appeal in the life of Job [Job's first personal test] (Job 1:6-22) and [Job's second test](Job 2:1-10).

You can also understand it from the ways demons approached Jesus (Mark 5:7-13 and Luke 4:31-; Jas.2:19).

2. Adamic fallen humanity was created inferior to angels, but in the image according to the likeness of the Godhead (Gen.1:26-27; Heb.2:5-8).

Even the only begotten Son of God was made "a little lower than angels" (Heb.2:6).

Volition makes the human race free agents in the Angelic Conflict. Every member of the human race can believe or reject God and His gospel of grace salvation (John 3:16; Rom.1:16; John 5:24) (Acts 14:1-2; 1 Tim.1:13-15).

3. The Fall of Adam was a classic example of the spiritual warfare attack upon human volition. (Gen.2:16-17; Matt.4:1-11)

- **Murderer, no truth in the devil, liar and father of lies!**

(Jn.8:44-44) You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

(Jn.8:45) But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me.

- **Deceiver and disguiser!**

(2 Cor.11:3) But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

(2 Cor.11:13-15) For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore, it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.

- **The devil's question:**
 - (Gen.3:1b) And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"
- **The devil's exclamation:**
 - (Gen.3:4) The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die!"
- **The devil's teaching:**
 - (Gen.3:5) For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
 - (Jas.1:14-15) But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. (baited, lured, and hooked!)
 - (1 Tim.2:14) And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

4. It is interesting that after the fall of Adam, Satan gained dominion over the world, but not over man's volition (John 12:31-32; 14:30; 16:8-11; 1 John 5:19).

(2 Cor.4:3-4) "And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." (John 14:9)

(Acts 26:18) "To **open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.**" (Gen.3:5)

(Col.1:13-14) "**For He rescued us from** the domain of darkness and **transferred us to** the kingdom of His beloved Son; in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

5. Jesus Christ will come into the world twice to resolve the Angelic Conflict.

- His First coming was to resolve the sin-death issue of Adam's Original Sin (Rom.5:12-21; 1 Tim.1:15; Rom.5:8).

(Heb.2:14-15) "Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, **that (hina) through death He might render powerless (kataargeo/ a.a.subj) him who had the power (dominion/ kratos) of death, that (hina) is, the devil, and might free** (apallasso/ a.a.subj) those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives."

Two doctrinal purposes (hina) established by the spiritual death of Jesus Christ .

- It rendered powerless devil's power over the spiritual dead of all members of human race (Rom.5:12); 2 Cor.4:4; 1 John 5:19; Acts 26:18; Col.1:13-14).
- It frees those who are subject to the slavery of the fear of spiritual death (thanatophobia) (Gen.3:8-12).

NOTE: "If, therefore, you are not free from the devil's bondage as Christ is. It is either from ignorance of Christ's work, or lack of reliance thereupon." (Wm. Newell, Hebrews Verse by Verse, pg.65)