

THE ANGELIC CONFLICT (#2) (The Conflict Against Mankind)

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

(Heb.5:14) “But solid food is for the mature (teleios), 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 Teleiogy 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, GWJT, 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 week we will study 7 aspects of the First Angelic Conflict against Mankind.
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We will pay special attention to the warning given by Paul in our lesson text:

(2Cor.2:11) “In order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes.”
[Note the five schemes of Satan]

1. The angelic conflict is one reason theologians believe the human race was created to justify the sentence of Satan and the fallen angels to the lake of fire (Matt.25:41).

They believe this is the reason God created human race and even Jesus lower than the angels with volition (Ps.8:5-6; Heb.2:6-9).

(2Cor.2:9) “But we do see Him who has been made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.”

2. This makes mankind a free agent in the angelic conflict as well as salvation (Eph.2:8-9).

This is the basis of Freedom established as the first divine institution for human race because of volition (Gen.1:26-27) [soul] and (Gal.5:1, 13) [spiritual freedom]. This is what is meant by “endowed by our Creator with inalienable rights.”

(1 Cor.4:9) "For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men."

(Rev.20:15) "And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."

This doctrinal principle is played-out by Satan's first attack upon Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

3. One scheme learned from the first attack upon the human race involved defeating mankind through volition.

Satan must convince members of the human race to choose volitionally against God's revealed will:

(1 Tim.2:14) "And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being quite deceived, fell into transgression." [The Origin of the A/C]

The transgression was the violation of the Edenic law (Gen.2:17; Rom.5:12-21; 1 Cor.15:22).

Satan kept them on their heels (defensive to word of God) rather than them being on their toes (offensive) (Eph.6:10-17; Matt.4:1-11).

4. The second scheme of Satan was to attack the revealed word of God through kinks in armor.

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(Gen.2:17) "But from the tree of knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die."

Eve's flaw was that she read into the word of God rather than out of it.

(Gen.3:3b) "God has said, 'you shall not eat from it or touch it, lest you die."

(2 Cor.11:3) "But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ." (John 8:32)

(Mark 4:15) "And these are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them."

5. The third scheme of Satan was to attack the believer's belief system.

(Luke 22:31) "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded permission to sift you like wheat."

(Matt. 16:22-23) "And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to you. But He turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."

Satan attacked Eve belief directly and attacked Adam's indirectly. Satan attacked Adam through his wife. Satan didn't try to get Adam to do his will but got him to do his will by the wife. Adam didn't eat from the tree. Adam ate from the hand of his wife (Gen.3:6).

Adam's fall wasn't because of his wife or Satan or God but because of his choice. He chose to transgress the Edenic Law:

(2 Tim.2:26) "And they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive to do his will."

6. The fourth scheme maximized eating while minimizing disobedience and judgment.

(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 from evil."

Satan attacked the truth of the word of God with cosmos diabolicus lies.

(John 8:44) "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 father of lies."

What were the lies? (Gen.3:4-5)

7. The fifth scheme was to get them to walk by sight rather than by faith (2 Cor.5:7; Col.2:6-8).

Satan got to the serpent and the serpent got to Eve and Eve got to Adam (1 Tim.2:14).

Satan banked on Eve and Adam not cycling the truth of the word of God without getting some tangible benefit from it (Gen.3:6).

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