

FREE WILL IN THE ANGELIC CONFLICT

In our last study we learned that it was the Omniscience of God that makes the phrase in **Rom.8:28** – “All things work together for good” – **believable** in the Master Plan of God.

This is a Divine Decree that works by the faith cycle no matter how difficult the circumstances look to the believer.

(2 Cor.5:7) “For **we walk** (peripateo/ p.a.ind.1pl) **by** (dia+abl. of means) **faith** (pistis/ abl.sf) (Rom.10:17) [Divine system], **not by** sight (eidos/ abl.sn) [empiricism and rationalism] (Cosmos Diabolicus, the world’s system).”

Walk **Volition**

This lesson will study four aspects of Free Will (FW) in Angelic conflict (AC).

1. The Omniscience of God took into consideration the Free Will (FW) of both mankind and angels in the Master Plan of God.

The angelic revolt in eternity past shows volition (FW) acting against the Sovereign Will of God

- (Isa.14: 12-15) [“I will”] used 5 times;
- (Ezek.28:11-19) [“you were”] used 5 times
- (Ezek.28:16-18) and (Rev.12:1-17) [“dragon”] used 9 times. (Rev.20:1-3, 10).

Once the Master Plan of God was revealed at the Eternal Life Conference (ELC). Satan led an angelic revolt against it. He has fought it through-out human history (Rev.12:7-9, 17) because of the decreed divine judgment upon Him (Matt.25:41; Rev.20:7-10/ Satan’s End!).

2. God designed the Master Plan for the Free Will of mankind to be able to choose to act independent of His Revealed Sovereign Will.

The Fall of Adam in Garden of Eden shows volition (FW) acting for and against the revealed Sovereign Will of God (Gen.2-3). The Sovereign Will of God was revealed to Adam and Eve in Gen.2:17- “For in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.”

Satan launched an attack against the revealed Sovereign Will of God in the lives of Adam and Eve (Gen.3:4-5).

- Adam’s first death experience was spiritual separation from God (Gen.3:8-13)
- Adam’s second death experience was physical (930 years after eating from tree/ Gen.5:5)

3. God doesn't oppose man's Free Will to act independently of His Sovereign revealed Will.

But once a choice (FW) is made, the predetermined decree in the Master Plan of God is applied resulting in the cause and effect / consequences of the transgression of His Will.

The Three Wills of God:

- **Directive Will** God to Adam and Eve (Gen.2:17)
- **Permissive Will** Satan to Eve to Adam (Gen.3:1-6)
- **Over-ruling Will** Cause and Effect / Consequence
 - To Adam (Gen.3:6-19) and to the human race (Rom.5:12-21)

- **Recovery Directive Will** Enmity between seeds (Gen.3:15)
 - Eph.2:13-16) Satan (Matt.13:39; Matt.16:21-23)

HOME STUDY: The final example of free will acting against the Master Plan of God in AC.

Study David's one-nighter adultery with Bathsheba (2 Sam.11). She got pregnant and David tried to cover-it by bring her husband home on furlough from combat.

When it didn't work as commander-in-chief, David put Uriah in a combat situation to kill him. Then he took Bathsheba into his harem of wives (2 Sam.12) as the final cover-up.

Then God sent the national prophet Nathan to deliver a message from the Sovereign God to a sovereign king

- David (parable) (2 Sam.12:1-4)
- David's response (2 Sam. 12:5-6)
- Nathan's gives two divine decrees to king David.
 - "This is what the Lord says"
 - (2 Sam.12:7-10)
 - (2 Sam.12:11-12)

- Recovery (2 Sam.12:13-14)
 - Confession and forgiveness and the divine consequences
 - Because of the attack against the messianic Royal Seed in Master Plan of God (1 John 1:9; Matt.1:1, 6, 7).