

Doctrine of the Angelic Conflict

Definition

1. The angelic conflict is an intense war on the part of the fallen angels to further their cause by

- producing a creature incapable of being saved--part angel and part man,
- killing the humanity of Christ,
- inducing Christ to sin,
- somehow keeping man from accepting Christ as Savior, and
- causing sweeping Christian apostasy.

Concept

1. Angels were created as super creatures to do God's will.

Eze 28:14 You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.

Eze 28:15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.

Heb 1:6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

Heb 1:7 In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire."

Heb 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

2. One of the three lead angels (referred to as a covering-angel) named Lucifer went on negative signals and chose to be disobedient to God's plan. This occurred sometime in eternity past. The other two covering or lead angels--Michael and Gabriel did not follow Lucifer in the fall.

3. Lucifer took one-third of all the angels with him in his rebellion.

4. Because of this rebellion, God after a trial, sentenced Satan and his fallen cadre to the Lake of Fire. The Lake of Fire was created not for man but for Satan and his subalterns.

Mat 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

5. Satan and his partners protested, using as their defense: "God is not fair for we could not help ourselves." The excuse apparently went something like this, "I as a creature angel so inferior to you members of the Trinity, I could not help myself, after all I am not like you."

6. God created man inferior to angels for the purpose of showing that a "sub creature" could stay on positive signals and not rebel against God's plan.

7. Christ took on the form of man and showed Satan that the Godman could be tempted, but refuse to fall. His example left Satan without excuse.

8. We as believers are also part of the conflict. We too demonstrate to the one-third who followed Satan in his fall that an inferior creature will choose God's plan of salvation and deliverance, thus providing further evidence in the appeal phase of the angelic conflict that the demons are without excuse.

Facts about Angels

1. Angels are spirits created for service.

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2. Angels were created to do God's will as His ministers.

1Ki 19:3 Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there,

1Ki 19:4 while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors."

1Ki 19:5 Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep. All at once **an angel touched him** and said, "Get up and eat." ...

1Ki 19:9 There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

1Ki 19:10 He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." ...

1Ki 19:18 Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel -- all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him."

Psa 91:11 For he will command **his angels** concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

Dan 6:22 My God sent **his angel**, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king."

Mat 2:13 When they had gone, **an angel** of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

Luk 22:43 **An angel** from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.
Luk 22:44 And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

Acts 5:19 But during the night **an angel** of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out.

Acts 12:7 Suddenly **an angel** of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.

Acts 12:8 Then the **angel** said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him.

Acts 12:9 Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what **the angel** was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision.

Acts 12:10 They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly **the angel** left him.

3. Angels have tremendous power and strength with superhuman wisdom.

2Sa 14:20 Your servant Joab did this to change the present situation. My lord has wisdom like that of **an angel** of God -- he knows everything that happens in the land."

2Sa 14:21 The king said to Joab, "Very well, I will do it. Go, bring back the young man Absalom."

Psa 103:20 Praise the LORD, you his **angels**, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Psa 103:21 Praise the LORD, all his **heavenly hosts**, you his servants who do his will.

Eze 28:12 "Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: ""You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

Eze 28:13 You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared.

Eze 28:14 You were **anointed as a guardian cherub**, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.

Eze 28:15 You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.

Eze 28:16 Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones.

Eze 28:17 Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.

4. Angels can traverse the galaxies and this includes visiting the Third Heaven.

Dan 10:19 "Do not be afraid, O man highly esteemed," he said. "Peace! Be strong now; be strong." When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, "Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength."

Dan 10:20 So the **angel** said, "Do you know why I have come to you? Soon I will return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I go, the prince of Greece will come;

Dan 10:21 but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince.

Job 2:1 On another day the **angels** came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him.

Rev 5:2 And I saw a mighty **angel** proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?"

5. Fallen angels attempt to influence rulers.

Rev 20:7 When the thousand years are over, **Satan** will be released from his prison

Rev 20:8 and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth -- Gog and Magog--to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore.

6. Angels are exceedingly numerous.

Mat 26:53 Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than **twelve legions of angels**?

Rev 5:11 Then I looked and heard **the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand**. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.

7. The word **Angelos**, often translated angel, is also used for messengers.

Luk 7:24 After John's **messengers** left, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?"

Jam 2:25 In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the **spies** and sent them off in a different direction?

8. Angels have the power to appear in human form.

Gen 19:1 The two **angels** arrived at Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city. When he saw them, he got up to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground.

Dan 8:16 And I heard a man's voice from the Ulai calling, "**Gabriel**, tell this man the meaning of the vision."

Dan 8:17 As he came near the place where I was standing, I was terrified and fell prostrate. "Son of man," he said to me, "understand that the vision concerns the time of the end."

9. Angels are neuter in gender, although, under Satan's direction, they chose to become masculine when they rebelled just before the flood--"they left their first estate." For more information see my *Doctrine of Tartaros*.

Gen 6:1 When men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them,

Gen 6:2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose.

Gen 6:3 Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal; his days will be a hundred and twenty years."

Gen 6:4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days -- and also afterward -- when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

Gen 6:5 The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.

Gen 6:6 The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.

10. Believers have at least one guardian angel.

Mat 18:10 "See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

Heb 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

Psa 91:11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

11. Angels will accompany Christ at His Second Advent.

Mat 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory.

12. Angels have the ability to observe humans.

Job 2:3 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason."

Job 2:4 "Skin for skin!" Satan replied. "A man will give all he has for his own life.

1Co 4:9 For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to men.

Eph 3:10 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,

13. Angels know certain boundaries they are not to pass.

2Pe 2:10 This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the sinful nature and despise authority. Bold and arrogant, these men are not afraid to slander celestial beings;

2Pe 2:11 yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord.

Jude 9 But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

14. There are three angels mentioned in Scripture by name:

14.1 Michael

Dan 10:13 But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. . . .

Dan 10:21 but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince.

Dan 12:1 "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people -- everyone whose name is found written in the book -- will be delivered.

Dan 12:2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt."

14.2 Gabriel

Dan 8:16 And I heard a man's voice from the Ulai calling, "Gabriel, tell this man the meaning of the vision."

Dan 9:21 while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice.

Luk 1:19 The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news.

14.3 Lucifer

Isa 14:12 How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!

15. Angels are a higher and a superior form of creation than man.

Psa 8:4 what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

Psa 8:5 You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

Heb 2:6 But there is a place where someone has testified: "What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?"

Heb 2:7 You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor

Gal 1:8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!

2Co 11:14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

2Co 11:15 It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

16. Hell or the Lake of Fire was prepared for Satan and his fallen angels.

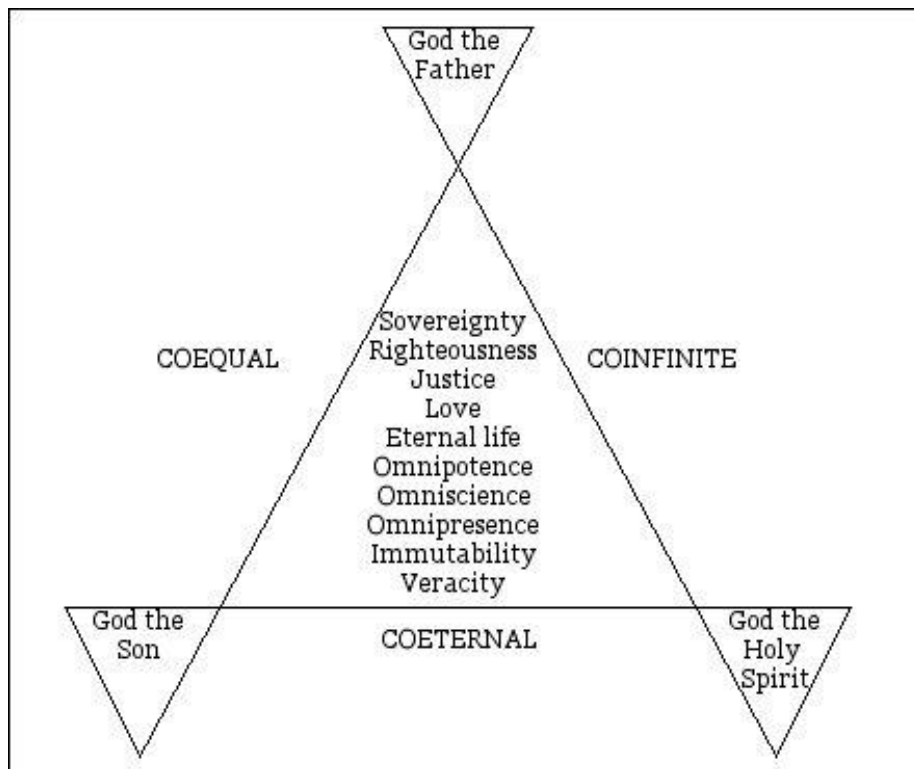
Mat 25:41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

17. The fallen angels are properly called demons. Satan is generally called Satan, the Devil or Lucifer. Demons are also called Satan's ministers.

18. God in His perfection has declared that man is an important creature in His plan to resolve the angelic conflict.

The Angelic Conflict

1. The Godhead consists of three beings in One. The three personalities are God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.



Isa 48:16 "Come near me and listen to this: "From the first announcement I have not spoken in secret; at the time it happens, I am there." And now the Sovereign LORD has sent me, with his Spirit.

Isa 48:17 This is what the LORD says -- your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.

Mar 1:9 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

Mar 1:10 As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

Mar 1:11 And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

2. Like the Trinity there are three angels mentioned by name, i.e., Lucifer, Michael and Gabriel--as noted earlier, they are called covering angels.

3. Lucifer is said to be a created angel that covereth.

Eze 28:14 You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.

4. In the Holy of Holies there are two angels that cover the ark of the covenant and mercy seat.

Exo 25:18 And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat.

Exo 25:19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

Exo 25:20 And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

Exo 25:21 And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee.

Exo 25:22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

1Ki 6:23 In the inner sanctuary he made a pair of cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits high.

2Ch 3:10 In the Most Holy Place he made a pair of sculptured cherubim and overlaid them with gold.

Psa 80:1 Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock; you who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth

5. Observe that one covering angel is missing because of the fall. One member of the Trinity became lower than an angel, and He affected the strategic victory of the angelic conflict. Jesus Christ the Godman resolved Satan's excuse and the excuses of his demons.

6. It must also be noted that Satan is very active both on earth and in heaven until the end of human history.

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" . . .

Gen 3:4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. . . .

Gen 3:14 So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

Job 1:6 One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them.

Job 2:1 On another day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him.

Mat 4:3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Mat 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Mat 4:5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

Mat 4:6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

Mat 4:7 Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Mat 4:8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.

Mat 4:9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

Mat 4:10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

1Ch 21:1 Satan rose up against Israel and incited David to take a census of Israel.

Luk 22:31 "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat.

Acts 5:3 Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?"

Zec 3:1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him.

7. Satan is not denied access to the Third Heaven until the middle of the tribulation.

Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back.
Rev 12:8 But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven.
Rev 12:9 The great dragon was hurled down -- that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

8. A natural question asked often is, "Why is there life on planet Earth amidst all the many galaxies?"

8.1 In a book published in February 2000 entitled Rare Earth two professors, Ward and Brownlee, specializing in geological sciences, mass extinctions, astronomy and astrobiology have concluded there is most likely no advanced life elsewhere in the universe, only here on planet Earth. They have written,

"The earth's evolutionary achievements can be attributed to the following critical factors: our optimal distance from the sun, the positive effects of the moon's gravity on our climate, plate tectonic and continental drift, the right types of metals and elements, ample liquid water, maintenance of the correct amount of internal heat to keep surface temperatures within a habitable range, and a gaseous planet the size of Jupiter to shield Earth from catastrophic meteoric bombardment." They go on to write: "... conventional wisdom is wrong ...

"We finally said out loud what so many have thought for so long ... Earth is simply just too special the result of myriad physical conditions missing from most of the universe with just enough time and circumstances to let complicated life arise. We consider it to be random chance and luck" said Brownlee ...

"We want there to be lots of life out there ... but as scientists, here's what the evidence in our short lives and our narrow imaginations tell us ... perhaps our conclusions are a result of our failed imaginations ..."

8.2 These men of science claim to lack imagination but the truth lies not in their failure to imagine but their failure to believe that "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
Gen 1:2 And the earth was (HAYAH can be translated "was" or "became") without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

8.3 Gen 1:2 tells us in corrected translation that the Earth became desolate, without form and void. Became is the better translation given Isa 45:18, where we find God creating a perfect heaven and earth out of absolutely nothing.

8.4 Let's not beat around the proverbial bush. The Earth was not created without form and void, but rather it became without form and void a long time ago in eternity past. As we will see, the triggering event was the fall of Satan and his subalterns.

Isa 45:18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

8.5 The angelic conflict is related to the creation of the Earth and its becoming worthless. That which occurred between the perfect creation and the "becoming Tohu Va Bohu" has been a long established hypothesis held by many grace expositors such as Chafer, Walvoord, Pentecost, Thieme, Ryrie, Feinberg and Lindsey.

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

8.6 The fall of Lucifer, taking one third of the angels with him, occurred between Gen 1:1 and Gen 1:2.

8.7 This position is further substantiated by Isa 14:13 and Psa 48:2, where Satan chooses Earth as the battlefield for the angelic conflict.

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Psa 48:2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

8.8 After the fall, God restored Earth to perfection in six literal days.
Gen 1:2-2:1

8.9 In his rebellion Satan took one third of all the angels with him, and these fallen angels we know today as demons.

8.10 Satan and his demons were unable to maintain God's perfect creation, thus their original intent to duplicate God's perfection resulted in an imperfect world.

8.11 When we see children with horrible diseases, retardation, missing limbs; old people in dazed states of senility; people with painful burns and scars, bipolar disorders; crack babies, and the many cancer stricken people of all ages, it is then we better understand Satan's incompetence and the horrific result of that incompetence.

8.12 Planet Earth is the chosen battlefield of Satan and the only one of the galaxies where there is life as we know it.

8.13 After Adam's fall, Satan is said to be the ruler of planet Earth.

Joh 12:27 "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.

Joh 12:28 Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."

Joh 12:29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

Joh 12:30 Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine.

Joh 12:31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

Joh 14:30 I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me,

Joh 16:11 and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

Eph 2:1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,

Eph 2:2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

8.14 Human history is inextricably linked to the angels. For example, Satan and his coterie of fallen angels have been judged and sentenced to the Lake of Fire but the sentence has not been carried out. The sentence is not carried out until human history has run its course.

Isa 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Isa 14:16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

Isa 14:17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

Isa 14:18 All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

Isa 14:19 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcass trodden under feet.

Eze 28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

Eze 28:13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering ... your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created.

Eze 28:14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Eze 28:15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Eze 28:16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Eze 28:17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

8.15 It is not insignificant then that his sentence is not carried out until human history has run its full course. The casting of Satan in the Lake of Fire must await the end of the Millennium.

Rev 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

8.16 We have a noble calling as an elite force for God. Not only are we watched by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, but both the elect and fallen angels see and evaluate our thoughts and actions. We represent Christ in His absence as His ambassadors on a planet owned by none other than Lucifer himself, and we should so walk as ambassadors for Christ in

Conclusion

1. The angelic conflict is emphasized in Hebrews, chapters 1 and 2.
2. Angels observe our thoughts and actions.
3. Although Christ showed Satan how to stay positive to God, we are part of the conflict.
4. Both Christ and human beings were made inferior to angels so the fallen angels could have no excuse.
5. This is God's "one-upmanship," for if an inferior creation can do it, then it follows a fortiori that the fallen angels had no excuse.

6. Christ as the Godman is said to be inferior to angels.

Psa 8:4 what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

Psa 8:5 You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

Heb 2:7 You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor

Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Heb 2:10 In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.

7. Christ's victory made Him superior to the angels, both as to performance and reward.

Heb 1:4 So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

Heb 1:5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?

Heb 1:6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

Heb 1:7 In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire."

Heb 1:8 But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom.

Heb 1:9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."

Heb 1:10 He also says, "In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

Heb 1:11 They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment.

Heb 1:12 You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end."

Heb 1:13 To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

Heb 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

8. By accepting Christ as Savior; we become, by imputation, just like our Lord and thus victors in the angelic conflict. Our job after salvation is to manifest our deliverance from the control of our old sin natures. The challenge is ours and the victory is the Lord's.

