

Why Man?

“For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor.

You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen—even the beasts of the field...” (Psalm 8:5-7)

Understanding the Angelic Conflict

1. Satan was created first as Lucifer, the anointed cherub who ruled directly under God and over all other angels.
2. Satan tried to overtake God’s throne.
3. He failed but continued to challenge God.
4. Satan coerced and took one third of the angels with him.
5. God told Satan and the fallen angels He would one day prove He was right and one day say, “I told you so.”
6. God judged and destroyed all earth’s life and systems leaving only Satan and demons.
7. God started over with Adam and Eve.
8. Man is the pawn between God and Satan.
 - a. An inferior creature to angels in wisdom, knowledge, and strength (Psalm 8).
 - b. Man was given choice the same as the angels were.
 - c. Each time man chooses God it is another nail in Satan’s coffin.
9. Man is here to settle the angelic conflict as the ultimate decider that God was right and Satan wrong.
10. Neither God nor Satan can coerce a person to accept or reject Jesus. They can influence but not force or decide for man.
11. Man’s will is the issue:
 - a. God, in sovereignty, cannot choose for man.
 - b. Satan is not sovereign but also cannot force choices.
12. *“By which (the resurrection) also He went and preached (made a proclamation) to the spirits in prison (Tartarus)...” (1 Peter 3:19)*
At His resurrection, Jesus visited the fallen angels in Tartarus to say, “I told you so.”