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We have gotten to the question of what happened between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2. The subject is angels. When you start to say something about angels, as you know, Satan is one of them.

There is a catechism that happened between verse 1 and verse 2. The Earth was created perfect, it became void and a dump - desolate. There were three types of life on Earth prior to man's existence. A lot of people don't realize that before Adam existed, there was other life here. The first life that was here was angelic. We may call it superior life. Second was animal life and thirdly was vegetable life. We usually have these categories: animal, vegetable, or mineral. Well, just put in angel, animal, vegetable instead. **And the catechism that happened between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 was caused by angelic creatures.**

So we're going to take a look at the subject of angels which will include Satan. It is a subject that is not covered very often, but the Bible has a great deal to say about angels. You'll be surprised when you see all the verses about what the Bible says about angels.

Not all angels are good. First of all, there are two categories of angels, just like there are in the human race. The first category of angels is Elect or Holy. Holy is the same word as "saint" or "sanctified." Any one of these words has the same root, so wherever you find the word holy, saint, sanctified, or sanctification, they all mean one thing. This word Elect or this word Holy are one of the categories where we are talking about angels and this is a superior life.

Now the Elect or Holy angels are mentioned in 1 Timothy 5:21 and Mark 8:28 and they are mentioned as holy. The Elect or Holy angels today are the angels who have salvation (Hebrews 2:2, 3, "For if the Word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a

just recompense of reward: How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him."). They have some kind of a salvation. Whatever salvation was to them before it became ours; they had some type of salvation.

Now secondly, there are innumerable angels, billions who do not have salvation. There's a distinction and they're doomed to the eternal Lake of Fire. These angels are called Fallen angels or they're called demons. Matthew 21:41 says that Hell is prepared for the devil and his angels. So we could classify them as unsaved or fallen.

And there are those of the fallen angels who are operational today. Some are free and some are in prison. Of these fallen angels, you have some that are operating today and the passages are: 1 Corinthians 10:20, 21, "But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God; and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils." 1 Timothy 4:1, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." And Mark 5:1-20. They are operative. They are working all the time. They are called demons.

Then we have another group of these fallen angels that are in prison, non-operative. They are bound. They are in a place called Tartarus. This is found in 2 Peter 2:4 ("For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment.") and Jude 6 ("And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in

everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.”).

And in that translation, you have the word Hell. But the word “Hell” is the word Tartarus. They are not free at this time and when we get to Genesis 6, remember these fallen angels are the same ones that are in prison and we will tell you why they are in Tartarus - you will find out why they are in Tartarus.

So we have two categories of angels. Those who are Elect or Holy or saintly, which are saved, and those which are lost which are called Fallen or demons. Under that we have those angels that are operative and those that are inoperative. You will see this feature is almost exactly like the human race, because in the human race we have believers who are Elected in Christ and we are called saints and we are called Holy - which means simply that we are set apart to God for all eternity simply because we have accepted Christ as our Saviour. Then we have the fallen ones and those are like non-believers who have rejected Christ as Saviour.

So there are categories of angels and they are not all good. Of the fallen angels, we have two groups - those that are operating today of demon possession and those who are in prison who are not operative and we will find out why they are in prison.

Now secondly, there is angelic order. Angels are organized and there are different numbers of angelic orders - all angels are not the same and they are not created the same; just like all people are not the same, they are not created the same. In this study we will cover this.

Now in the category of angels, the highest order is Cherub. A lot of times the plural is put in, it is called Cherubim. We know it for several reasons: First - Satan is a cherub. A cherub is not a little baby with nice pink cheeks and fat wings! That is not a cherub. That is an artist’s interpretation, that’s all. When artists depict cherubs as fat little babies with pink cheeks and wings, Satan must have a fit! That must just rub him!

Satan, or the devil, is the most beautiful creature that ever came from God. You have to realize that Satan came right from the hand of God! He was created. His beauty is breathtaking. The Hebrew language tells us that. The beauty of Satan is transparent. His voice, they say, is like a pipe organ. That’s what the Hebrew language says and we’ll see it. He has the most stimulating personality in the history of any creature, including Robert Redford. Satan is a cherub. And probably if there is anything that cherubim hate, it is someone who draws a human concept of a cherub and it turns out to be a fat little baby with pink cheeks and a lot of wings!

We got that idea from “Eros”, a Greek god, and that is how they depicted Eros and we picked it up. A cherub is the most beautiful creature that ever came from the hand of God. We’ll find him in Genesis 3:22-24, Exodus 25, Isaiah 37, Ezekiel 1, Ezekiel 28.

Now the cherub was originally the defender of God’s holiness. Satan’s original job was a cherub as an anointed. He was the angel who attended the Lord Jesus Christ. That is the point from which he fell the first time. We’ll see where he fell the first time when he fell from this exalted position. And it was because of that position that he fell.

When he fell, four cherubim took his place. And they’re mentioned in the book of Revelation. The translation is four living creatures, and they are described in detail in the book of Revelation. So, four of them took the place of Satan when he fell. And that’s the word cherub in the Hebrew language.

Now the next order - Seraph. Seraph, they are found in Isaiah 6:2. “Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings: with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.” And they are angels who have the perpetuation of fire. Seraph. The word Seraph in the Hebrew language means burning and they are literally the perpetual burning ones. That’s a good translation for the word Seraph and that is all we know about them. But, they have something to do with the Lake of Fire.

You know, **the Lake of Fire does not exist at this time**. There is a place of torment, but the Lake of Fire doesn't exist. Some passages indicate that the inoperative Fallen angels may be and Satan may be the cause of the Lake of Fire when he is thrown there. They're light and burning and they may be the charcoal of the Lake of Fire. They're perpetually burning. That is speculation, however, we can't pin that down anywhere in Scripture.

And you will get a detailed description of them in Isaiah 6, but after you read the detailed description, you don't know anymore than you did before. There's not much there to get, the Hebrew word gives us more than anything else, and so we know that they are in a perpetual burning order - not burning in the sense of being hurt - but burning in the sense of being beautiful.

Now the third order is a long word, Principalities and Powers, which in nine cases out of ten, refer to angels. Now in Romans 8:38, 39 you have "I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, nor principalities and powers, can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus." Which means that **when you accept Christ as your Saviour - you are eternally secure and nothing can separate you: life, death, things present, nor things to come, height, depth, no creatures, principalities and powers, THEY JUST CAN'T GET YOU OUT OF CHRIST.**

It's also found in Ephesians 1:21, "Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come." Ephesians 3:10, "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the Church the manifold wisdom of God."

Colossians 1:16, "For by Him were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in Earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by

Him, and for Him." And Colossians 2:10, "And ye are complete in Him, which is the Head of all principality and power."

Sometimes it refers to all angels, but more often it refers to Satan's angels - the fallen ones and they are called Principalities and Powers. Because, as we studied in Daniel, they control principalities which means different segments of the human race.

There are angels that just control world rulers. And so these fallen angels or demons, control segments of the human race and they do. We know for a fact that history tells us that Hitler was definitely Satan or demon possessed. His personality changed radically. You can't attribute it to anything except that.

They can control various parts of a person's anatomy. The voice in Mark 5. They may control the mind, Mark 5. And demon possession can result in a psychotic condition or it may result in them having the use of your larynx-voice. And therefore, we will study the principle of necromancy. That's not something you do in a car. Now these are different categories and when you look them up, you'll be able to see this.

Then there is a fourth group and they're called Ministering angels. There are different types of Ministering angels. They may be called servant angels, Ministering angels and these are angels who have a special job; a special service; for example: In this particular category, *if you have accepted Christ as your personal Saviour, you have one of these: a Guardian angel* - Hebrews 1:14. And when you go to Heaven, when your testimony is over, you corner this angel and you ask him about all the times you were on the freeway and how in the world you made it downtown and back without getting killed, and he'll tell you. You'll be surprised at all the things he protected you from. **Every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ has a guardian angel.** So, look him up when you get there. Ask him about your traffic record. You know, they do a better job than the police do.

Now we have also the Angel of the Waters. That's found in Revelation 16:5. It may

be very interesting in our study with creation. Angels control water. Water is used as a prison. And every time you find the word Abyss, it refers to a prison under water somewhere. And so they control the prisons under water, which God has beneath the sea. It may have something to do with weather, floods, so they also control some of the movements of the flow of the sea. So much for the weatherman.

Then we have another expression: Angels of the Abyss. They're found in Revelation 9:1, spelled right out. There it is called the Bottomless Pit. The Abyss literal translation is the Bottomless Pit and that's a special group of angels who have responsibility of that particular area of imprisonment.

Then we have angels of Fire. Revelation 14:18, "And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of vine of the Earth; for her grapes are fully ripe." Angels have control over Fire. Then we have angels of Judgment. Trumpet angels - they sound the trumpet of judgment. Revelation 8:1, 2, "And when He had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in Heaven about the space of half an hour. And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets."

Then we have angels who hold the vials. That's found in Revelation also. Notice all the angels listed in Revelation. Then we have a very interesting one - Watcher angels. Watcher angels are Guardian Angels and they are found in Daniel 4:13, 17, 23. "I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from Heaven." "This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will, and setteth up over it the basest of men." "And whereas the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from Heaven, and saying, Hew the tree

down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the Earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of Heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him."

There are Elder angels, these are angels who lead in worship. Revelation 4:4, "And round about the throne were four and twenty seats; and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold." They're responsible for segments of angels who worship.

For example: One of their jobs is to lead a choir, and angelic choir. Each of these 24 elders listed in Revelation 4:4, have several thousand in their choir which he directs. There's quite a list in Revelation. This will give you an idea.

There are Evangelism angels found in Revelation 14:6, that are going to preach the Gospel in the Tribulation. "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of Heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the Earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." There are Teaching angels who taught the Word of God in Acts 7; Galatians 3; Zechariah 1. That gives you an idea that there are such things as angels and they are not all the same.

So Satan doesn't have a red epidermis and he wouldn't be caught dead on a ham can! He doesn't have a pitch fork or a fork tail and he doesn't have green eyes - Green Eyes - that's a song. All that is sheer imagination and hallucination, one or two or both.

But there's no such thing as the angels with the glamorous wings as man depicts - that does not exist. They are much more beautiful than anything that man has ever done to depict them. Some of the angels have been revealed. All angels are different. So, let's give angels a little respectability and a little individuality.

Now there's one angel who has several names. His name is Lucifer, that was his

original name. And he's known to us as Satan or the devil. And Lucifer means Son of the Morning. So we know there is one who has a name and that's what it means.

Then, there's another angel by the name of Gabriel. Gabriel blows his horn and he doesn't blow it for the eyes of Texas, that's something else, but he does blow his horn for special jobs.

For example, Daniel 8:16, "And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision." Daniel 9:21, "Yea, while I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation."

Luke 1:19, "And the angel said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings." Luke 1:26, "And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth." So Gabriel does blow a horn for certain occasions, but he never shows up at Austin.

Then there's another angel by the name of Michael. Michael is a soldier angel. He's militant, he's a fighting angel. Michael is the only angel who was ever given permission to fight Satan or stand up to him. There are several times in Scripture when Michael stands up against Satan and fights him and apparently Michael will be (this is off the record) the arresting officer when Satan is finally brought into captivity. So Michael may be the one to say "heh - you're going to jail baby, I've got you now." "Three falls and you're done."

So we know some things in the Bible about angels. But, there's one thing that all angels do. What do they all have in common? **All of the angelic creation, which occupies billions of light years of space, are watching the Earth - that's the whole point of Genesis 1:1 and 1:2.**

The Earth is like a super bowl. If you can picture the Earth like a football field, this may help you. All the angels are in the stands. At one end of the field we have the Elect angels and at the other end of the field we have the Fallen angels. And the angels are in this great stadium. The Earth was the one place which had to be restored, Genesis 1:2, by the Holy Spirit because everybody knows that you can't come and watch a football game in a garbage dump. You have to clean up the stadium. You have to lay grass, astro turf, you have to put up the goal posts, etc. And you see, it is God the Holy Spirit who turned Earth into a place where man can live, and the game of life could start so that the angels could learn something:

- Why they are Elect
- Why they are Fallen

So, let's develop the subject a little bit. First - all angels watch the Lord Jesus Christ. **When Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, from that moment on, all the angelic creation watched the Lord Jesus Christ during His incarnation.** They watched Him at His birth, Luke 2:13. "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God." They watched that and they sang when He was born. They watched Him at His temptation, Matthew 4:11. "Then the devil leaveth Him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him."

You can take passages of Scripture that depict that angels watched Him from His birth on up. They watched Him at the resurrection, Matthew 28:2, "And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from Heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it."

They watched Him at the ascension and apparently some tried to hinder Him from leaving, Acts 1:10, "And while they looked steadfastly toward Heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel." And they are going to watch Him at the Second Advent. Matthew 13:37-39, "He answered and said unto them, He that

soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world: the good seed are the children of the kingdom: but the tares are the children of the wicked one; the enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world: and the reapers are the angels." 2 Thessalonians 1:7, "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven with His mighty angels."

And the angels watch the Lord Jesus Christ when He went to Tartarus to announce His victory. 1 Peter 3:19, "By which also He went and preached unto the spirits in prison." They watched Him at every station of His life.

Angels were also watching man when he was created, Job 38:7, "When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" Angels are called the morning stars, or the literal translation, translucent beings who were present at creation when man was created. They were watching at that particular point.

Angels were present when the Lord gave Moses the Law. And, they watched everything very carefully. We know this from Galatians 3:19, "Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made: and it was ordained by angels in the and of a mediator." Acts 7:53, "Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it." Hebrews 2:2, "For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward." All these things are documented.

The angels are watching you. You're living in a glass house. not only is God omnipotent and sees you, but angels watch you also. You've always lived in a glass house and you always will.

Angels watch believers especially. 1 Corinthians 4:9, "For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men." 1 Corinthians 6:3, "Know ye not that

we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?"

Ephesians 3:10, "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the Church the manifold wisdom of God." 1 Timothy 5:21, "I charge thee before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality."

1 Peter 1:12, "Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the Gospel unto you with the Holy Spirit sent down from Heaven; which things the angels desire to look into." In 1 Peter 1:12, there's a Greek word for what we would call rubbernecking - or sticking your neck out. It says angels are rubbernecking at the human race, they stare so hard!!! It's intense!! That's a Greek word and it's used twice in the New Testament.

Now the angels have a cheering section. Every time a person accepts Jesus Christ as Saviour, they cheer! Luke 15:7-10, "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbors together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

Angels in Heaven rejoice in Heaven about one person who changes his mind about Jesus Christ. The day that you accepted Jesus Christ as your Saviour, you didn't hear it, but the angels gave you a standing ovation!! You scored. You were welcomed into the family of God accompanied by angelic ovation. Every time a person declares Christ as his personal Saviour, it proves to those Elect Holy angels that their

salvation is secure. And it proves to the fallen angels that they've had it. They are designated into the Lake of Fire.

And all it takes is for one person in the human race to accept Christ as Saviour, just one. Now by this time, millions of people have accepted Christ as Saviour and you would think that by now the angels would be hoarse, but you'll find out they have better voices than you have. They're not going to run out of voice. Some days they cheer all day long, because people are being saved. Some days they don't cheer at all.

Now, we're ready for the conflict. Isaiah 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!" We have the first fall of Satan (back in eternity past) so look at verse 12.

"How art thou fallen from Heaven. O Lucifer - Son of the Morning" (literally the Translucent One). Then it says "How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations." "Weaken the nations" is a form of internationalism. Verse 13, (the first fall) "For thou has said in thine heart." Now the heart is the mind, this is his thoughts. You have the five "I wills," which means that he has independent free will. **All angelic creatures have free will and they can go either way, positive or negative**, that's why we have two categories.

Up to this point, Satan has been operating on positive signals, he's been the cherub at the right hand of Jesus Christ. When he says these five historic "I wills" he goes over to negative. He becomes the first of the fallen angels.

The #1 sin in history is PRIDE. No one ever preaches about it, because they're either on smoking or drinking or doing whatever. Pride. Satan had free will. God put into angels free will. Satan could act in conjunction with God or independently of God. Now that should ring a bell with you.

So this is what he had in mind.

- Look at the first statement "I will ascend into Heaven." He said basically,

I'm taking over, I'm taking over God's place.

- (2) "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God." (The "stars of God" are the angels). He said I'm going to rule all the angels.
- (3) "I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north." (That's his desire to rule all of mankind). He wants to rule over the angels, wants to take God's place in Heaven and he wants to rule mankind also.
- (4) "I will ascend upon the heights of the clouds." I'll be supreme in other words.
- (5) "I will be like the Most High." In the Hebrew translation, "I will be exactly like the Most High." In other words - I'll be God.

Satan has been trying it ever since and he hasn't made it yet, and he'll never make it. He is a creature, remember he was created. People forget, he is not a creator. There's a big difference.

Verse 15 - "Thou shalt be brought down to hell." **Hell is prepared - NOW HERE IT IS - for Satan and his angels.** Matthew 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." God doesn't want people to go to Hell. Hell wasn't designed for them. It was designed for Satan and his angels, **but if you operate on your free will after God has clearly declared Jesus Christ to you and you say, "No I don't want Him," and you die in that state, then you end up at a place that wasn't designed for you;** that was for someone else - and you did the same thing Satan did - you go where he went.

And then it says "to the sides of the pit" Verse 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." And then verse 17, "That made the world as a DUMP, wilderness, deserted, and destroyed the cities

thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners.” SATAN MADE THE EARTH A DUMP. Ezekiel 28.

Here’s where we get some of the description of what he’s like and a little bit more about his decisions, Ezekiel 28:11-12, “More-over the Word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 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.”

The king of Tyrus is a title for Satan. He’s called the king of Tyrus because he had been influencing the king of Tyre. It’s very, interesting to see the conquests of Tyre. They were demon possessed and Satan had a lot to do with those people.

Notice the next expression verse 12, “Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom.” That’s a Hebrew idiom for you are the most when it comes to wisdom. And then it says “perfect in beauty.” Satan was the most beautiful creature that came from the hand of God. Verse 13, “Thou has been in Eden the garden of God.” That’s not the Eden of Adam’s day, that’s restoration. This is an Eden that existed long before that.

Then it goes on to describe it “Every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, diamond, beryl, onyx, jasper, sapphire, emerald, carbuncle, and gold. The workmanship of thy tabrets and thy pipe (his voice) was prepared in thee in the day, that thou wast created.” His larynx is called a pipe. This means that he has a beautiful voice.

Verse 14, “Thou art the anointed cherub.” Satan is a cherub. “Anointed” means he was appointed at the right hand. Verse 15, “Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created.” Notice that he was created perfect and then “till iniquity was found in thee.” And iniquity is Isaiah 14 - the five “I will’s.”

Verses 16, 17, 18, “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.” “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.” “Thou has defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy merchandise: therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee: it shall devour thee,” **see, that may be the Lake of Fire **, “and I will bring thee to ashes upon the Earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.”

All this has not taken place yet. Satan is still in Heaven at this time. He’s not cast out of Heaven yet and he will not be until the middle of the Tribulation.

So, in conclusion we have the involvement of man in the angelic conflict. Satan fell, Satan took with him a portion of the angels. Eventually, angels fell into two groups which we specified.

Why did God permit sin in the human race? You hear the question asked all the time. First of all, God is not the author of sin. James tells us that God cannot be the author of sin and He isn’t, but He permitted man to have volition, free will, just like the angels. So, if man wanted to, he would sin of his own volition and there was a reason for it. Because of this conflict.

So, here is a principle: Will an inferior creation like man, lower than the angels, who is inferior to angels (and he said this in Hebrews 2:7, Psalm 8:5), will he go positive and choose for God or will he go negative and choose for Satan? Hebrews 2:7, “Thou madest Him a little lower than the angels.” Psalm 8:5, “For Thou hast made Him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned Him with glory and honor.” Man is given this exact same volition as the angels - free will.

And so we have the issue of free will which is the basis for freedom. The issue of free will in Satan’s realm after Satan was condemned. Satan was condemned and God prepared Hell for Satan and his angels and

he was sentenced. And his sentence was given in part in Ezekiel 28.

And now God creates an inferior creature, human race, and the angels are watching us.

If you make a decision and you accept Christ as your Savior, you vindicate God's character - righteousness and justice. He's fair and just and He'll always be so.

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