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DAILY DOCTRINE: Angelic Conflict
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1. Angles are divided into two categories:
 - a. Saved (holy or elect), 1 Tim. 5:21; Mark 8:38.
 - b. Fallen – headed by Satan.
 1. Operational, Eph. 6:12.
 2. Bound in Tartarus, 2 Pet. 2:4 (those of Genesis 6).
2. Satan and the fallen angels are sentenced to the Lake of Fire, Matt. 25:41.
3. Satan objected to the judgment and in objecting, he impugned the character of God. The implication: ‘How can a loving God cast His creatures into the Lake of Fire?’
4. Satan’s negative volition is the pattern for all negative volition, cf. Isaiah 14:12-14.
5. To resolve the angelic conflict an inferior creature was placed on one planet, Heb. 2:7.
6. Man’s volition is tested under two systems.
 - a. Before the Fall: In innocence he was ignorant of sin, had no OSHGEN, but had volition (freewill).
 - b. After the Fall: In sinfulness he acquired an OSHGEN and continues to have volition. Volition is non-meritorious.
7. Man’s faith in Christ resolves the angelic conflict. The issue: will mankind (inferior to angels by birth) choose the work of Christ? If so, this resolves the angelic conflict, cf. Hebrews 1, 2.
8. The second member the Trinity became a man, Jesus Christ, through physical birth (virgin birth). By birth, JC was lower than the angels in his humanity. However, the humanity is became higher than the angels as He sits exalted at the right hand of God. In Christ, we, positionally, are at the right hand of God; therefore, we are, positionally, higher than angels. We even have a servant—guardian angel, Heb. 1:4-14.
9. Mankind is under angelic observation. The angels learn of the true character of God, both His love and judgment, Luke 15:7, 10; Eph. 3:10; 1 Tim. 5:21; 1 Pet. 1:12; 1 cor. 4:9; 6:3; 11:10.
10. Through the fall of man Satan gained control of this planet. Faith in JC frees man from Satan, 2 Cor. 4:4; John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; Eph. 2:2.

In Him,

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