

Doctrine in the souls of advanced believers is used by the Lord to directly influence affairs in history.

2. **The Laws of Divine Establishment.** These are principles of human freedom that must be maintained generally by all citizens and most importantly by the Pivot inside a Client Nation: (1) Volition which relies on divine guidance, (2) marriage which forms the stability of a free society, (3) family which prolongs the nation by the influence of succeeding generations, and (4) nationalism which, for a Client Nation, insures the freedom, privacy, and property of its people by enforcement of just laws and protection from predator nations by well-trained servicemen and superior weaponry.
3. **The Hostility of Mankind.** The Angelic Conflict rages with relentless certainty. Although evil men will be recruited to do the deeds of the Dark Side, we learn from Psalm 76:10 that, “The wrath of man shall praise You.” History is dotted with the rise of evil men and nations but their successes or failures are managed by the Lord of the Armies.

Note the rise of German Führer Adolf Hitler and Italian Prime Minister Benito Mussolini in the European theater of World War II and by Japan’s Emperor Hirohito in the Pacific theater. These nations and their leaders formed the Axis powers who opposed the United States, England, France, and belatedly, the Soviet Union who formed the Allied powers. Truth won out over evil as many of the major victories of the Allies were facilitated by acts of divine intervention, referred to by our ancestors as Divine Providence.

4. **Laws of Volitional Responsibility.** The principle that applies is that the sovereignty of God and the free will of man coexist in human history to resolve the Angelic Conflict. God functions on absolute integrity from the source of His righteousness.

Mankind functions on tenuous standards derived from human viewpoint. God's integrity always overrides the machinations of men. This is reflected in two verses:

**Hosea 8:7** - They sow the wind and they reap the whirlwind.

**Galatians 6:7** - Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

**5. Freedom and Volition.** Volition is a part of the soul having power to make choices. A synonym is the noun "free will": "Voluntary choice or decision. The freedom of humans to make choices that are not determined by prior causes or by divine intervention."<sup>1</sup>

The divine relationship with mankind is made possible by God's creation of the human soul which contains mentality, conscience, self-consciousness, and volition. It is the latter attribute that is designed by God to resolve the Angelic Conflict.

The fallen angels used their free will to join Lucifer in his rebellion against the authority of God. Adam and Ishah used their volition to violate the divine prohibition to not eat the forbidden fruit. Their choices put the two creations at odds and initiated the titanic struggle between fallen man and fallen angels.

**Like angels, man is rational and possesses free will. The exercise of human volition will resolve Satan's appeal and the overall conflict. God's purpose, then, was to test human volition by replicating the decision faced by the angelic creation in prehistory. (pp. 15–16)**

**As the conflict plays out against the backdrop of human history, the issue is *human volition!* Man, inferior to angels but possessing identical free will, can choose either God's grace plan of salvation or Satan's path of condemnation.<sup>2</sup> (p. 17)**

<sup>1</sup> Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed., s.v. "free will."

<sup>2</sup> R. B. Thieme, Jr., *The Angelic Conflict*, (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 2012), 15–16, 17.

**Principle:** The free will of mankind and the sovereignty of God must coexist in human history in order to resolve the Angelic Conflict.

The power of Jesus Christ to resolve the Angelic Conflict requires coordination with the human soul. This coordination requires a system for the two to converse which is accomplished by the instillation of a human spirit at the moment of salvation.

The Holy Spirit teaches the soul of a believer the “mind of Christ” (1 Corinthians 2:16). He is to take that information and represent Him in the combat of the Angelic Conflict.

The advance to spiritual maturity promotes the believer to the first rank in the Lord’s phalanx which we illustrate by the word **προμάχος (promáchos)**: front ranker.

In the same sense, Paul uses another Greek word to describe a believer’s advance to spiritual maturity:

**Ephesians 4:11** - And Christ gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors-teachers,

**v. 12** - for the purposes of equipping the saints [ **believers** ] for spiritual combat and constructing the body of Christ;

**v. 13** - until we all have attained the goal of spiritual maturity because of the consistency of epígnōsis [ **ἐπίγνωσις** ] knowledge of the Son of God, a mature man, to the standard of spiritual maturity which belongs to the plērōma [ **πλήρωμα** ] status of Christ.  
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