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The third witness in the Angelic Conflict is Christian marriage.

We have noted that in the Angelic Conflict, according to the rules of the Supreme Court of Heaven located in Heaven, the Jews were told that whenever there was an accusation being made, there had to be two or in some cases three witnesses to validate or to confirm that the accusation was true.

The witnesses had to be eye-witnesses of the accusation or accusations who saw that which the individual is being charged with. Heaven's rules and laws were given to the Jews when Israel became a nation for them to follow in their own judicial system.

The most important rule was found in the selection of the witnesses and the protocol that was to be followed. Two witnesses were used or needed, sometimes there were three. The witnesses were given in categories.

The Three Witnesses

1. The Faithful witness = the LORD Jesus Christ, REV 1:4-6.
2. Faithful witness of the believer; ACT 1:8.
3. Christian Marriage = EPH 5:31-32.

The first witness was the LORD Jesus Christ.

He is identified by the apostle John in **REV 1:4-6, John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come; and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne; and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood, and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His GOD and Father; to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

The Second Witness is the Church-age believer who is a witness as a faithful believer, ACT 1:8; 2CO 5:20.

ACT 1:8, but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.

I've always found the word for witness to be a fantastic expression of a believer who truly lives for our LORD because the word witness is *martus* which is where we get the word martyr from.

Martus means that the individual who is a witness or martyr is someone who is willing to give their life for that which they believe. To be a winner believer, you must do things GOD's way not man's way and you must think as GOD thinks about things. The third witness in the Angelic Conflict is Christian marriage where two believers, male and female, both become winner believers and glorify the LORD together as such.

This is the most difficult witness because it requires two volitions both making decisions for the LORD Jesus Christ even up to the point of physical death. It is the third witness that very few believers know anything about because it requires spiritual maturity to attain and maintain long enough together to reach the point of glorifying the LORD Jesus Christ in the institution of marriage, especially in the last days.

Marriage not only requires spiritual growth but it is the one institution that restores what the original marriage was created for, which was not for procreation but for recreation. As I mentioned some time ago, one of the best secrets that the mature believers have is learning how to use pain and pleasure instead of having pain and pleasure use you.

Marriage is filled with pain and pressure but believers who have reached spiritual maturity have the spiritual power and ability to glorify the LORD in the midst of that pain and pressure even if there are attacks specifically made against the two people involved within the marriage.

Another great principle is that the suffering especially of the adult spiritual believer is found with blessings even if the suffering was deserved or not!

Under undeserved sufferings, blessings are given to us because of who GOD is and not who we are, especially when we realize that whether or not the suffering is deserved or undeserved, we are still under grace. And how do we know that? Because ROM 11:5-6, says, **In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant**

according to GOD's gracious choice. But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

This was revealed in those who have the grace of GOD as their motivation, **LUK 2:40, And the Child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of GOD was upon Him.**

In JOH 1:14, the LORD became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

In JOH 1:16, For of His fulness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

JOH 1:17, For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

If you do that, you're in control of your life. If you don't, life controls you. You **MUST** choose.

DEU 30:15, “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity.”

DEU 30:19, “I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So, choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants,”

Listen, get use to handling problems, especially your own problems. The only time we have problems is when we think we're not supposed to have problems or that we need to get use to handling the problems ourselves instead of relying upon the LORD. Problems call us to a higher level of living

the spiritual life - face and solve the spiritual life now, while we can.

Prin: I believe that all of our failures and frustrations were actually laying the foundation for the new understandings that they have created for us to live in the truth that sets us free. The key is not to quit but to continue.

I have learned, not through the coronavirus, but in my heart that we all need to be reminded of the fact that we usually need to improve some major doctrinal applications to overcome our problems.

They really are designed and created just for us. Another divine appointment I have learned during this world-wide virus is that when I want something or desire something, or need something, I seem to try everything except the most important thing, which is my prayer life with GOD.

Remember, if the LORD promises something, He will fulfill His promises or His word. If the LORD can take our problems and melt them down, then we are in that great principle of problem-solving. For example, let's take the powerful weapon of prayer and remind ourselves of some of the thinking our LORD tried to instill upon us when it comes to prayer.

MAT 5:44, "But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you."

This means to have impersonal unconditional agape love.

Or in **MAT 21:22, "And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive."**

What use is it asking, if you are truly not believing passages like **MAR 11:24-26**,
“Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they shall be {granted} you. And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your transgressions. [But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions].

When it comes to prayer that GOD provide a two-fold ministry for us concerning prayer. First, the Holy Spirit is given, **ROM 8:26**, **And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for {us} with groanings too deep for words;**

Second, the LORD Jesus Christ prays for us in **HEB 7:25**, **Hence, also, He is able to save forever those who draw near to GOD through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.**

EPH 6:18-19, With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, and {pray} on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the Gospel,

COL 4:2-3, Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with {an attitude of} thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that GOD may open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned;

Lack of the husband's GODly treatment towards his wife hinders their prayer life says the Apostle Peter taught in 1PE 3:7. Even your prayers can be hindered; **1PE 3:7, You husbands likewise, live with {your wives} in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.**

I have learned that I don't have certain prayers and certain needs met because I try everything except to ask – that is “ask GOD in prayer.”

Whatever happened to passages like **MAT 7:7-25**, “**Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened. Or what man is there among you, when his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone? Or if he shall ask for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he?**”

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him! Therefore, however you want people to treat you, so treat them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.

Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit; but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit.

Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So then, you will know them by their fruits. Not everyone who says to Me, 'LORD, LORD,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.

Many will say to Me on that day, 'LORD, LORD, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.' Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and

burst against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the rock.”

JAM 4:2, You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. And you are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.

In fact, the problem for many of us is that we feel funny or ashamed for even asking for something, especially when you have people in your life who make you feel like that.