

Cosmic Standoff

- · Good Jesus, Holy Spirit, Angels
- Bad Satan & Demons
- Ugly Mankind

Two Guardrails

"There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them."

C.S. Lewis

Ephesians 6:10-12 CHRISTIAN WARFARE

¹⁰Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by his vast strength. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens.

2 Corinthians 2:10-11

¹⁰Anyone you forgive, I do too. For what I have forgiven—if I have forgiven anything—it is for your benefit in the presence of Christ, ¹¹so that we may not be taken advantage of by Satan. For we are not ignorant of his schemes.

1 Peter 5:8

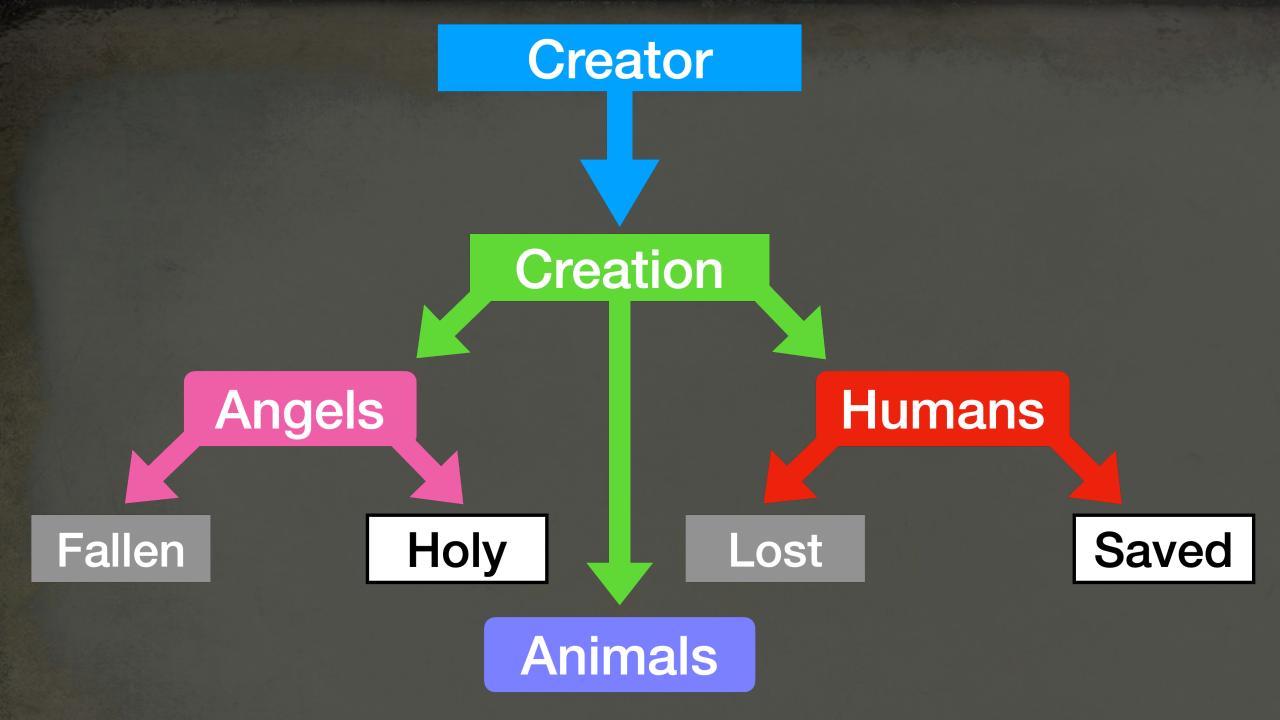
⁸Be sober-minded, be alert. Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour.

Ephesians 4:26-27

²⁶**Be angry and do not sin.** Don't let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and don't give the devil an opportunity.

2 Timothy 2:24-26

²⁴The Lord's servant must not quarrel, but must be gentle to everyone, able to teach, and patient, ²⁵instructing his opponents with gentleness. Perhaps God will grant them repentance leading them to the knowledge of the truth. ²⁶Then they may come to their senses and escape the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.



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- As Christians, we have the Holy Spirit living in us and therefore can not be "demon possessed". But we can be tormented

2 Corinthians 12:6-10

⁶For if I want to boast, I wouldn't be a fool, because I would be telling the truth. But I will spare you, so that no one can credit me with something beyond what he sees in me or hears from me, ⁷especially because of the extraordinary revelations. Therefore, so that I would not exalt myself, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to torment me so that I would not exalt myself.

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⁸Concerning this, I pleaded with the Lord three times that it would leave me. ⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness." Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may reside in me. ¹⁰So I take pleasure in weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and in difficulties, for the sake of Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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