



Sermon Guide: The Great Controversy (5/13/2023)

Join us **tomorrow, Sunday (5/14/2023), at 7 PM** on Zoom for Sermon Essentials to dive deeper into today's message. You can use the link <https://zoom.us/j/285038684> or call 312.626.6799 and enter the ID 285 038 684 to be a part of the discussion.

Read *Patriarchs and Prophets*, chapter 1, "Why Was Sin Permitted?" for a deeper understanding of today's message.

Text: Revelation 12:7-8 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, ⁸ but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

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Reference verses: 1 John 4:16; Isaiah 14:13-14

1. What did Lucifer lose sight of as selfishness infected his heart and mind?

2. How did Lucifer's descent into sin affect heaven?

3. Why did God call a "business meeting"?

"The King of the universe summoned the heavenly hosts before Him, that in their presence He might set forth the true position of His Son and show the relation He sustained to all created beings. The Son of God shared the Father's throne, and the glory of the eternal, self-existent One encircled both." *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 36.

Hegelian Dialectic

Reference verses: Mark 23-26

4. Why is it impossible for divided groups or even an individual to be successful?



5. What are the three steps in a Hegelian Dialectic?

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

6. Why does trusting the world's politics create so much conflict when dealing with the problems of sin?

7. What was Satan's *coup de grace* in deceiving the angels who had fallen, but wanted to return their loyalty to God?

“Lucifer went forth to diffuse the spirit of discontent among the angels. He worked with mysterious secrecy, and for a time concealed his real purpose under an appearance of reverence for God. He began to insinuate doubts concerning the laws that governed heavenly beings.” *Patriarchs and Prophets, 37.*

The Controversy and You

Reference verses: Revelation 12:17; 1 Timothy 4:1-2

8. What is the result of Satan's war of thoughts against the Church?

9. How does God's dealing with Satan and his rebellion reveal the wisdom in letting events play out for longer than it seems prudent?

Reference verses: Jeremiah 31:3-4

10. Are rebellious people lost? Explain.

