

September 15

2 Peter 2: 4: God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment.

In heaven, a host of God's created angels sinned against God. They were created holy but these angels rebelled against God. We do not want our will to be free from God's keep hand. We see what angels did when God left them to their will; we saw what Adam did left to his will, both in a perfect state and environment. Shall we who are sinners be thought to do anything less if left to ourselves? (Rom 8: 5-9; 1 Cor 2: 14)

Brethren, by the grace of God we are, and want to be, continually, inseparably united with Christ by his blessed Spirit. We want our will to be inseparably united in subjection to God's will and kept in subjection to him by the Spirit of God. God does so by his power! *Thy people*—chosen, elect and precious to God—*shall be made*—made righteous in Christ our Righteousness, born anew of the Spirit of God—*willing*—willing to submit to Christ in his Preeminence over all, willing to ever look to him for grace to help in time of need—*in the day of thy power*—thank God for saving us by his power! (Ps 110: 3) Those were angels in heaven dwelling in that Light which no man can approach unto. Now they are in chains of darkness. Let men cry up free will, let men promise liberty. This is our cry, "Hide not thy face *far* from me;...leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation." (Ps 27: 9)