

Yes, you are correct in principle, but with one critical distinction regarding how time and physical nature alter how that free will operates.

According to both the **King James Version** and the **unabridged Ethiopian Orthodox Scriptures (Ge'ez Canon, including 1 Enoch and Jubilees)**, all intelligent spiritual entities—whether angels (holy or fallen) or human beings—were granted the foundational gift of **free will** by the Creator.

However, because angels and humans exist in two fundamentally different dimensions of reality, **the mechanics and consequences of their free will are vastly different.**

1. The Common Origin: Free Will as Moral Autonomy

Free will is the capacity to choose between loving obedience to the Father or self-exaltation apart from Him.

- **The Proof in Angels:** Angels could not have fallen if they lacked free will. Satan (*Lucifer/Satanael*) exercised his free will when he chose pride and sought to exalt his throne above God (**Isaiah 14:12–14 KJV**). Likewise, in **1 Enoch 6–7**, the 200 Watcher angels exercised their free will when they made a collective pact on Mount Hermon to abandon their heavenly station, descend to Earth, and take human wives.
- **The Holy Angels:** The angels who remained faithful (such as Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael) also exercised their free will by choosing allegiance to the *Lord of Spirits*.

2. The Great Difference: Timelessness vs. Temporal Humanity

While the *source* of the free will is the same, the *operation* of free will differs between angels and humans in three key ways:

HUMAN VS. ANGELIC FREE WILL	
HUMAN FREE WILL	ANGELIC FREE WILL
Bound by Time & Physical Body	Exists Outside Physical Time/Space
Fluctuation (Can Repent)	Fixed Reality (Irrevocable Choice)
Tempted by External Deception	Acted Out of Internal Pure Light
Redeemable Through Christ	Unredeemable (Final Judgment)

A. The Absence of Ignorance (Intelligent Full-Light Choice)

- **Humans:** When Adam and Eve sinned, they were deceived by an external entity while residing in physical flesh. Humanity experiences spiritual fog, physical weakness, and ignorance. Because of this, God’s mercy provides a path for repentance (*Tewahdo/Metanoia*) through the Holy Spirit.
- **Angels:** Angels dwell directly in the uncreated light and glory of God's immediate

presence. They do not possess bodily lusts or physical blindness. Therefore, when an angel chooses to rebel, it is done with **100% full knowledge and zero deception**. It is a direct, deliberate rejection of known, absolute light.

B. The "Fixity" of Angelic Decisions (No Repentance)

In Christian and Ethiopian theology (*such as the writings of St. John of Damascus and Ge'ez commentaries*), an angel's choice is instantaneous and eternal.

- Because angels live in an eternal realm (outside physical decay and linear time), **a single exercise of angelic free will permanently fixes their nature**.
- The holy angels exercised their free will and were sealed in eternal holiness ("crystallization of the will").
- The fallen angels exercised their free will and became permanently locked in rebellion, making them incapable of repentance.

This is why **Hebrews 2:16 (KJV)** notes: *"For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham."* The Messiah came to redeem human free will, not angelic free will.

3. Summary

You have correctly identified the foundational law of creation: **God never created pre-programmed robots**.

Whether an entity is a seraph standing before the flaming throne or a human made from the dust of the earth, **free will was breathed into creation so that love and worship would be real**.

The difference is that while an angel's free will was exercised once-and-for-all in full spiritual vision, **human free will is exercised daily through the passage of time**, giving us the opportunity to continuously surrender our self-will back into the hands of the Father until we are sealed into His eternal presence!