

Angels and Demons

The Creation and Ministry of Angels Lesson 1

Introduction

What do you already know about angels?

What questions do still you have about angels?

The Creation of Angels

When were angels created?

Colossians 1:16 – *For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.*

Review what God made on each day of creation.

Job 38:4-7 – *“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand. ⁵Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone— ⁷while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?”*

What insight does the passage from Job give as to when God may have created the angels?

How many angels are there?

What do the following passages indicate about the number of angels?

Hebrews 12:22 – *“But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly,”*

Daniel 7:10 – *“A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.”*

Luke 20:35,36 – *“But those who are considered worthy of taking part in that age and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, ³⁶and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels.”*

What are angels like?

How are angels often pictured on TV or in literature and art? How accurate are those depictions?

Hebrews 1:14 states, *“Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?”* Remember that angels are _____.

Angels are spiritual beings. They do not have bodies, however, in some cases they may take on the form of humans. Can you think of such examples in Scripture?

Angels have special knowledge about spiritual matters and the workings of God. The Angel Gabriel appeared in both the Old and New Testaments to reveal God's will (**Daniel 9:22; Luke 1**). On the other hand what do the following passages also reveal about the angels' knowledge?

1 Peter 1:12 – *“It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.”*

Matthew 24:36 – *“No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”*

Do angels have wings? (**Exodus 25:20; 1 Kings 6:24; Isaiah 6:2; Revelation 4:8; Ezekiel 1:6**)

Are there different classes of angels?

Only two angels are named in Scripture. Who are they?

Scripture indicates different ranks or classes of angels

Archangel (**Daniel 10:13; Revelation 12:7**)

Cherubim (**Genesis 3:24; Ezekiel 1:5-14**)

Seraphim (**Isaiah 6:2**)

The Ministry of Angels

The word *angel* literally means “_____.”

What did angels do in the past?

List examples from Scripture to answer the above question.

Angels often served as messengers. Do angels still deliver divine messages today? (Consider **Matthew 28:19.20; Mark 16:15; Romans 10:17**)

What do angels do today?

Psalm 91:11, 12 – *“For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; ¹²they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”*

Does everyone have a personal guardian angel? (**Matthew 18:10**)

Luke 15:10 – *“In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”*

What will angels do in the future?

Luke 16:22 – *“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side.”*

Matthew 24:30, 31 – *“At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.”*

Discuss

How often do you ponder the Scriptural truth that God has created angels and still uses angels to serve you? What might prevent us at times from recognizing this truth? What might help us better remember this truth?

Some might think that we become angels when we die. If you ever encounter that misunderstanding to which truths might you redirect that individual?

Some may claim to have seen an angel or even heard a message from an angel. Have you ever had a conversation with someone who has made such a claim? What will you want to consider when you hear such claims?