Angels and demons part 2

**Understanding angels and demons**

**Monday**

Read Revelations 12:4, 2 Kings 6:8-23, 1 John 4:4

For every demon, there are two angels. **Praise** God with this in mind.

**Tuesday**

Read Colossians 1:16, Ephesians 6:12, Psalms 89

Angels are assigned thrones while demons are not. **Praise** God who is enthroned over angels and demons!

**Wednesday**

Read Genesis 6:1-8, John 1:12-13, 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

Are unbelievers having to much influence in your life? **Read** these scriptures to see what to do about it.

**Thursday**

Read Proverbs 15:3, Isaiah 57:15, Psalm 139:7-10, Deuteronomy 4:39

God’s Spirit is omnipresent (He is everywhere at one time). **Journalize** your thoughts.

**Friday**

Read Job 1:7-12, James 4:7, Matthew 4:10-11

Unlike God, satan is limited to being in one place at a time. **Praise** God for His great power!

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UTEP student questions for a Humanities class

Questions addressed last week

**Are works like the** Book of Enoch, **the** Gospel of Thomas, **and the** Book of Jubilees **considered “folklore,” aka a myth or tale? Are they “inspired by God” or are they blasphemous? Are they useful or are they nonsense?”**

**What angels actually exist? Are there others that the church labels as mythological, that come to mind? We don't expect you to cover all angels**

**What is the origin of Satan? (Fallen Angel/Created by God?)**

Additional questions

**Do demons have a gender? Angels?**

The greek word for angel in greek is always translated the masculine form and angels who appeared to people never appeared as female.

**What demons actually exist? Are there others that the church labels as mythological that come to mind? What is the origin of demons?**

Demons, ghosts, spirits

Ephesians 6:12 New International Version (NIV)
12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Demons are often referred to as angels in the Bible (call them bad angels)

Matthew 25:41 New International Version (NIV)

41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

When satan’s rebellion took place, he obviously convinced some of the other angels to follow him and really the only glimpse of this is (with some mention in Daniel 8:10):

Revelation 12:4 New International Version (NIV)

4 Its tail (dragon’s) swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth.

Not only is God incomparably greater than the devil (who is only a created angel who is doomed), but for every demon, there are two angels!

2 Kings 6:16-17 New International Version (NIV)

**16**“Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

**17**And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see.” Then the Lord opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

1 John 4:4 New International Version (NIV)

**4**You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

**Are there ranks (of authority) among the angels? Are there ranks of authority among demons?**

Colossians 1:16 New King James Version (NKJV)

**16**For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Ephesians 6:12 New King James Version (NKJV)

**12**For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places.*

| Rank | Angelic (Colossians 1:16) | Demonic (Ephesians 6:12) | Meaning |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Thrones | **Yes** | **No** | **King’s seat** |
| Dominions | **Yes** | **No** | **Divine/angelic lordship, celestial hierarchy**  |
| Principalities | **Yes** | **Yes** | **Ruler, magistrate** |
| Powers | **Yes** | **Yes** | **Delegated power, jurisdiction** |
| Rulers | **No** | **Yes** | **Ruler of this world independent of God** |
| Spiritual hosts | **No** | **Yes** | **Spiritual forces** |

**Are they fallen angels, the “sons of God” in Genesis 6, the Nephilim and their descendants, or something else?**

Genesis 6:1-7 New International Version (NIV)

6 When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, 2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. 3 Then the Lord said, “My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years.”

4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

The book of Enoch describes angels marrying women and having giants for children.

Book of Enoch…not not in our Bibles or a part of the Catholic bible.

Those who interpret this scripture to mean that spirits can procreate with humans point to scriptures in Job where angels are referred to son’s of God.

Here’s deal though, there are infinitely more references in scripture to godly people as son’s, daughters and children of God. Adam himself was referred to as a son of God.

So let’s break this down:

Today, if you accept Jesus’ offer of salvation, you become a Son of God, a daughter of God, a child of God…you are born of God!

John 1:12-13 New International Version (NIV)

**12**Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— **13**children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

Now as a Christian, the Bible is clear to not marry an unbeliever.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18 New International Version (NIV)

**14**Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? **15**What harmony is there between Christ and Belial (an alternate name for satan)? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? **16**What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

“I will live with them

    and walk among them,

and I will be their God,

    and they will be my people.”

**17**Therefore,

“Come out from them

    and be separate,

says the Lord.

Touch no unclean thing,

    and I will receive you.”

**18**And,

“I will be a Father to you,

    and you will be my sons and daughters,

says the Lord Almighty.”

The same applied back then, Son’s of God should have married daughters of God. Instead, godly men married ungodly women and for whatever reason had children of great size and who were renown.

But here is the final nail in the coffin for this argument: Spirits can’t have intercourse with physical human beings, and much less procreate.

So how can we be sure this myth isn’t true?

Mark 12:25 New International Version (NIV)

25 When the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven.

**Do you believe that Satan can be in multiple places at once? Angels? Demons?**

Proverbs 15:3 New International Version (NIV)
3 The eyes of the Lord are everywhere,
    keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

Isaiah 57:15 New International Version (NIV)
15 For this is what the high and exalted One says—
    he who lives forever, whose name is holy:
“I live in a high and holy place,
    but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly
    and to revive the heart of the contrite.

Psalm 139:7-10 New International Version (NIV)
7 Where can I go from your Spirit?
    Where can I flee from your presence?
8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
    if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
    if I settle on the far side of the sea,
10 even there your hand will guide me,
    your right hand will hold me fast.

Deuteronomy 4:39 New International Version (NIV)

39 Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other.

Job 1:7 New International Version (NIV)

**7**The Lord said to Satan, “Where have you come from?”

Satan answered the Lord, “From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it.” **12 …** Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

James 4:7 New International Version (NIV)

**7**Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Matthew 4:10-11 New International Version (NIV)

**10**Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

**11**Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.