

Angels

What do we Know About Them?

Angels are created by God

- Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above. ² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts...⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for at his command they were created,⁶ and he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away. Psalm 148:1,2 &5
- 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. Colossians 1:16

Angels are spirits

- Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? Hebrews 1:14

Angels have great power

- God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. 2 Thessalonians 1:6, 7

Angels do not marry

- ³⁰ At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. Matthew 22

Angels can fall into temptation

Angels can appear in human form - Genesis 18:1-5; Matthew 28:1-7

Angels are numerous -

- Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.” Revelation 5:11

What do angels do?

Angels worship God. Psalm 148:2

- Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. ²¹ Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will. Psalm 103
- ¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. Revelation 5

There are different roles for angels

- ¹⁶For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 1 Thessalonians 4:16
- But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, “ the Lord rebuke you! Jude 9

Angels are God’s messengers to human beings

- Angels appear to Abraham (Genesis 18), Lot (Genesis 19) and Jacob (Genesis 28, 32)
- Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who preached the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him--- you who have received the law that was put into effect through angels but have not obeyed it. Acts 7:52-53
- ²¹Peter went down and said to the men, “I’m the one you’re looking for. Why have you come?”
²²The men replied, “We have come from Cornelius the centurion. He is a righteous and God-fearing man, who is respected by all the Jewish people. A holy angel told him to ask you to come to his house so that he could hear what you have to say.” ²³Then Peter invited the men into the house to be his guests. Acts 10

Angels are instrumental in our prayers – Daniel 10:1-14

- ³Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God’s people, on the golden altar in front of the throne. ⁴The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God’s people, went up before God from the angel’s hand. Revelation 8

Angels are pivotal in Christ’s ministry... at His birth, temptation, death and resurrection.

Matthew 1:20; Matthew 4:11; Luke 22:39-46; Matthew 28:1-7

Angels watch the unfolding drama of God’s salvation

- ¹²It 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. 1 Peter 1

Angels rejoice over a repentant sinner

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

Angels are present in the Church

- ²¹I charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep these instructions without partiality, and to do nothing out of favoritism. 1 Timothy 5

Angels bear the souls of the redeemed to heaven

- The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. Luke 16:22

Angels are instruments of God's judgment – Exodus 12:21-23; Revelation 8:6-11

- This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous... Matthew 13:49

Angels minister to God's people - Acts 5:17-21; Acts 12:1-17

- ³Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. 1 Kings 19
- ¹⁵When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked. ¹⁶"Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." ¹⁷And 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. ¹⁸As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, "Strike this army with blindness." So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked. 2 Kings 6
- Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? Hebrews 1:14
- See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. Matthew 18:10

We can minister to angels.

- Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2

Where from Here?

- Angels are not to be worshiped - Revelation 19:10
 - Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize. Such a person goes into great detail about what he has seen, and his unspiritual mind puffs him up with idle notions." – Colossians 2:18
- Angels minister to us
- Angels engage in spiritual warfare