

THE HEAVENLY HOSTS: ANGELS

Study Guide

I ANGELS ARE CREATED BEINGS

A) The family of God in Heaven was created just like we were created (Psa. 148:1-5; Col. 1:16,17; Neh. 9:6)

B) When were the angels created? (Exo. 20:11; Job 38:4-7; 1:6; 2:1)

II WHAT DO ANGELS LOOK LIKE?

A) Angels do not have a physical body but are spirits (Psa. 104:4; Heb. 1:14)

B) Some Earthly Appearances

1) Gen. 18:1,2; Gen. 19:1

2) Gen. 32:22-28

3) Judges 13:6-8

4) Dan. 8:15,16; Dan. 9:21

5) Mat. 28:3,4

6) Acts 1:10,11

- C) Wings occur in symbolic texts (Isa. 6:2; Ezek. 10:5; Exo. 25:17-22; Jer. 3:16,17)

- D) Halos only occur in art.
 - 1) Originated in mythology and moved into “Christianity” in the 5th century.
 - 2) Angels were bright (Mat. 28:3; Acts 12:7; Rev. 10:1)

- E) They have occurred in other forms too (2 Kings 6:14-17; Exo. 3:2)

- F) They are genderless spirit beings who can appear in any form to do the will of God (Mat. 22:29,30).

III ANGELS DIFFER FROM EACH OTHER

- A) Classifications
 - 1) Angels (general reference): Rev. 5:11; Mat. 26:53; Mark 12:25

 - 2) Cherubim (below the throne of God)
 - (a) Guarded the entrance of Eden (Gen. 3:24)

 - (b) Gaze upon the mercy seat (Exod. 25:18-22; Psa. 80:1)

 - 3) Seraphim (above the throne of God): Mentioned only once (Isa. 6:2-6)

 - 4) Archangel (chief angel): Mentioned only twice (1 Thess. 4:16; Jude 9)

- B) Different Ranks (Col. 1:16; Eph. 1:21)

IV ANGELS HAVE FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS JUST LIKE US

- A) They can be excited and happy (Luke 2:10-14; Luke 15:10; Job 38:7)

- B) They can be covetous and proud (Jude 6; 2 Pet. 2:4)

- C) They can be curious (1 Pet. 1:12)

V ANGELS ARE RELIGIOUS JUST LIKE YOU AND ME

- A) Angels have an interest in Jesus (1 Tim. 3:16; Luke 1:26-30; Mat. 1:20,21; Luke 2:8-15)

- B) Angels protected Jesus while he was a baby (Mat. 2:13-20)

- C) Angels ministered to Jesus after his temptation (Mat. 4:1-10; Mark 1:12,13)

- D) Angels strengthened Jesus in Gethsemane (Luke 22:43)

- E) Angels announced Jesus' resurrection (Mat. 28:1-7; Mark 16:5-7; Luke 24:4-7; John 20:12-13)

- F) Angels predicted Jesus' second coming (Acts 1:9-11)

- G) Angels will come with Jesus when He returns (2 Thes. 1:7,8)

H) Angels have an interest in worship (Isa. 6:3; Psa. 148:1,2; Rev. 5:11-14; Rev. 7:11,12; 22:8,9; 1 Pet. 3:22)

I) Angels are interested in the redemption of man (Luke 15:10; Heb. 12:22)

VI ANGELS CAN SIN JUST LIKE YOU AND ME

A) Angels and the motive to sin—not desires of the flesh (Gal. 6:7,8; Luke 12; 1 John 2:15-17) but of the mind (Gal. 1:8,9; 2 Cor. 11:1-3)

B) Angels and the primary words used for sin

1) Transgression (rebellion): 1 John 3:4; Job 4:18; 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6; Mat. 25:41; Rev. 12:7-9)

2) Iniquity (perversion of that which is right): 1 John 5:17; Gen. 19; Deu. 33:2; Acts 7:53; Gal. 3:19; Heb. 2:2

3) Sin (missing the mark): 2 Pet. 2:4

C) Angels and the impossibility of their redemption

1) We have redemption in Jesus (Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:4; 1 Pet.1:18,19)

2) God does not give this option to His angels (Heb. 2:16,17)

VII THE ANGEL OF THE LORD IDENTIFIED

A) Genesis 16:7-14—appearance to Hagar

- B) Genesis 18:1,2, 25, 33—appearance to Abraham at Mamre

- C) Genesis 22:9-18—spoke to Abraham as he was about to sacrifice Isaac

- D) Genesis 28:10-17; 31:11-13; 32:22-30; Hos. 12:3-5—appearance to Jacob in a dream and as a man with whom he wrestled

- E) Genesis 48:15,16—Jacob blessed Joseph in the name of God and the Angel

- F) Exodus 3:2-14—appearance to Moses in the burning bush

- G) Exodus 14:19,20—the angel of God went before the camp of Israel

- H) Exodus 23:20-23—the angel of God would keep Israel by the way and had the power to forgive sins

- I) Exodus 33:1-3,12-16—God took away the special angel from Israel until Moses interceded

- J) Numbers 22:8-35—appearance to Balaam

- K) Joshua 5:13-15—appearance to Joshua

L) Judges 2:1-5; 6:11-14; 13:16,20—appearances to the nation of Bochim, Gideon, and Manoah/wife

M) 1 Chronicles 21:9-30—appearance to David

N) Daniel 10:5-14—appearance to Daniel

VIII THE ANGEL OF THE LORD INVOLVED WITH GOD'S PEOPLE

A) The Angel of the Lord cares when God's people hurt (Gen. 16:11; Exo. 3:7; Heb. 4:15,16; 1 John 5:14,15)

B) The Angel of the Lord cares when God's people are tested (Gen. 22:12; Dan. 3:19-25; Heb. 9:24; 1 John 2:1; 1 Cor. 10:13; Heb. 2:16-18)

C) The Angel of the Lord cares about the families of God's people

D) The Angel of the Lord cares enough to intercede for God's people

IX ANGELS AS MESSENGERS

A) Genesis 18

B) Luke 1

C) Luke 24

D) Acts 8

X ANGELS GAVE US A PORTION OF THE BIBLE

- A) The Pentateuch was revealed by angels (Deu. 33:2; Acts 7:53; Gal. 3:19; Heb. 2:2)

- B) It is possible that the Holy Spirit's message on the day of Pentecost was actually given to the apostles by angels (Heb. 1:7; 2:1-4)

- C) The book of Revelation was revealed by an angel (Rev. 1:1; 22:6; 16)—the identity of the angel is unknown (cf. Dan. 8:16; 9:21; Zec. 1:9,14)

XI ANGELS ARE AMBASSADORS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

- A) Angels ministered to God's people in Bible times miraculously.
 - 1) They provided for physical needs (1 Kings 19:1-8)

 - 2) They provided emotional support at times (Luke 22:43; Acts 27:23,24)

 - 3) They were involved in guarding God's people from harm (Mat. 2:13,14; Dan. 6:21,22; Acts 5:12-20; 12:1-11)—this is not the same as the false doctrine of "Guardian Angels."

 - 4) They will take us away at death (Luke 16:22,23).

- B) Angels minister to God's people today through providence (Heb. 1:14)
 - 1) Biblical examples of angels and providence.
 - (a) Genesis 24

 - (b) Acts 12:20-23

 - (c) Mat. 24:31

2) Today, angels are sent to serve those who inherit salvation—Christians (Eph. 1:13,14; 1 Pet. 1:3-5).

C) What about guardian angels?

1) God has used angels to guard in times past.

(a) Genesis 3:24

(b) Revelation 20:1-3

(c) Revelation 21:12

2) There is no biblical evidence that all of us have an individual angel who is specifically in charge of us.

3) Passages used in defense of the false doctrine:

(a) Psalm 34:6,7

(b) Mat. 18:10

(c) Acts 12:15

(d) Acts 27:23

SPECIAL STUDY ON THE DEVIL

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I WHERE DID THE DEVIL AND DEMONS COME FROM?

A) Did God create Satan? Or is he eternal? (Deut. 33:27; Psa. 18:31; Psa. 71:19; Psa. 66:7)

B) Some references used incorrectly

1) Isaiah 14:12-15

2) Ezekiel 28:11-19

3) Luke 10:18

4) Rev. 12:7-11

C) False Theories about demons

1) Demons are disembodied spirits of some race created prior to Adam (1 Cor. 15:45; Luke 3:38; Mark 10:6)

2) Demons are the children of women and angels (Gen. 6:1-6; Mat. 22:30)

D) Two acceptable theories

1) Demons are wicked angels (2 Pet. 2:4; Heb. 2:7; Mat. 25:41)

2) Demons are departed spirits of wicked men (Mat. 8:31; Luke 8:27)

E) Purpose of Demon Possession:

- 1) Jesus' absolute authority had to be established (Mat. 8:28-34)

- 2) He exhibited his authority over all other realms and this included the spiritual to show that Satan was not in control (Heb. 2:14; Luke 10:1,17,18; Mat. 12:22-29)

F) Was Demon Possession just a disease?

- 1) Matthew 4:24

- 2) Matthew 8:16

- 3) Matthew 12:22; 15:30

II WHAT HAPPENED TO DEMONS?

- A) Satan would be limited (John 12:31; Zec. 13:1,2)

- B) Demons are not allowed power to possess people today because that which is perfect is come (1 Cor. 13:10; cf. Mat. 12:5-29; Rev. 20:1-4)

III WHAT ARE THE DEVIL AND DEMONS LIKE?

- A) They are rebellious (James 2:19; Luke 4:34; 8:31; Mat. 8:29)

B) They are savage (Mat. 9:32; Luke 8:1-3; Mat. 17:14-18; Mark 7:26; Acts 10:38; Mark 9:17-26)

C) Consider the Devil and his names (1 Tim. 1:20; Mat. 13:39; Rev. 20:2; Mat. 13:19; 1 The. 3:5; 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:2)

IV WHAT DO THE DEVIL AND DEMONS DO?

A) They tempt us (1 John 2:15-17; Mat. 4:3; 1 The. 3:5)

B) They trick us (1 Tim. 4:1,2; Gen. 3; 2 Cor. 2:11; 11:3,14,15)

C) They trap us (2 Cor. 10:3-5)