

INTRODUCTION TO ANGELOLOGY AND DEMONOLOGY

Our study brings us to look Biblically at the role of angels, Satan and his minions. We are going to look at the roles and functions of angels, demons and of course that dastardly evil one the Devil. We will also going try to understand Angels and our relationship to them. And then conclude our study with a look at some specific issues concerning angels and demons. So here we go. Let us first start with a working definition of an overall understanding of angels.

“Angels are created, spiritual beings with moral judgment and high intelligence, but without physical bodies.” Wayne Grudem, p. 397

SOME GENERAL FACTS ABOUT ANGELS (both holy and unholy):

- The Greek for angels literally means “messengers.”
- Angels are mentioned in the Scriptures about 400 times. The Bible gives clear direction in what we are to understand about angels in the Bible. Church history, however has given far more description of both angels and demons than is warranted by the confines of Scriptures.
- Angels are involved with bringing a message to men and are involved in the world and heaven.
- Other descriptions we find in the Scriptures that define Angels:
 - They are know as “heavenly host” or “host of heaven” Nehemiah 9:6; 1 Kings 22:19
 - We see them referred to as “Sons of God” and “morning stars” in Job 1:6 & Job 38:7
 - They are known as “watchers” in Daniel 4:13, 17, 23
 - “Ministering spirits” in Hebrews 1:14
 - “Seraphim” and “Cherubim’s” in Isaiah 6:2; Genesis 3:24; Ezekiel 10:1-

Angels Origin, Nature and Number

1. Angels are created spiritual beings. They have not always existed. They were made on the first day of creation and before the earth was created. Let us look some Scripture to understand this point. Psalm 148:2, 5, Nehemiah 9:6 and Colossians 1:16. What does this tell us about the creation of Angels?
2. Angels are made simultaneously (at the same time) and individually. Again Scripture points to this in Revelation 5:11, Hebrews 12:22 and Matthew 22:28-30. Also notice in this Matthew passage that angels don't reproduce; therefore we can say that they never increase or decrease.
3. Angels are made as immortal beings. They never die. They either live in eternal damnation or eternal heaven. Let us look at Luke 20:34-38.
4. Angels are personal beings, who are able to:
 - To Worship—Psalm 148:2
 - To Speak – John 20:31
 - To be Curious -- 1 Peter 1:12
 - To Display Joy – Luke 15:10
 - To have Sinned – Jude 9
5. Angels are made with certain powers:
 - They have wisdom – 2 Samuel 14:17, 20
 - They have great strength – Psalm 103:20
 - They are able to fly – Revelation 14:6
 - They are seen with wings – Isaiah 6:2; Ezekiel 1

6. Angels are made in different hierarchal categories.
 - Rank structure – Colossians 1:16
 - Specific rank – Jude 9
 - Special attendants – Ezekiel 10:20; Isaiah 6:2
 - Special beings -- Ezekiel 1:5-14; Revelation 4:6-11
 - Special messengers – Luke 1:19, 26; Daniel 8-12

MAJOR CLASSIFICATIONS

There are 2 major classifications for angels.

1. Holy Angels whose abode is Heaven – Mark 8:38 and 1 Timothy 5:21.
2. Unholy or fallen Angels (some of which are already bound) – 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6 and Revelation 9:11.

Next week we are going to look at our relationship with angels and God's purpose for them.