

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

WEEK 6- ANGELOLOGY / DEMONOLOGY

1. WHAT ARE ANGELS?

"Angel" is from the Hebrew "malak" (O.T.) and Greek "angelos" (N.T.), which both mean messenger or ambassador.

2. ARE ANGELS REAL?

Angels are mentioned **108** times in the Old Testament and **165** times in the New Testament (their existence is supported by Scripture); Jesus referred to them many times (eg. Matt. 24:36: 25:31: 26:53): their number is very great, although it is unknown (Dan. 7:10; Heb. 12:22).

3. ORIGIN AND DESTINY OF ANGELS:

Angels were created by God (Col. 1:16) before the creation of the heavens and the earth (Job 38:4-7); they were created perfect, but Satan sinned against God, and led a number of the angels to do so, and they were all cast down from heaven (Isa. 14:12-15); the angels that fell became Satan's followers, known as demons; demons are corrupt and evil, while angels remain and pure; good angels will be judged by believers in the end times (1 Cor. 6:3), and will continue in God's service throughout eternity; Satan and his demons will be cast into the Lake of Fire to be tormented forever (Rev. 20:10, 14, 15).

4. WHAT ARE ANGELS / DEMONS LIKE?

Angels/demons are spirits with spiritual bodies that are invisible and immortal (Heb. 1:14); they can reveal themselves in blazing glory (angels), hideous forms (demons), or appear as men in physical form; they do not marry (Matt. 22:30); they are not omnipotent like God, but can influence the human mind, pierce the universe at great speed, and produce effects in the natural world, unperceived by humans; angels are not to be worshipped (Col. 2:18; Rev. 19:10).

5. TYPES OF GOOD ANGELS:

- a) Messengers - bring words from God to the human race (eg. Luke 1:30-33).
- b) Cherubim - guard the entrance to paradise / God's holy place (Gen. 3:24).
- c) Seraphim - lead heaven in worship and purify God's servants for worship and service (Isa. 6:2-7).
- d) Living Creatures - worship God, direct His judgments, and are active around the throne of God (Rev. 4:6; 6:8).

- e) Archangel - Michael is the only one mentioned in Scripture (Jude 9); he and his warring angels protect and prosper Israel, defeat Satan and his demons (Rev. 12:7-9), and will announce the return of Christ for believers (1 Thess. 4:16).
- f) Watchers - sent by God to watch, observe, or possibly give a message to man (eg. Dan. 4:13).

6. TYPES OF EVIL ANGELS:

- a) Satan - referred to in Scripture as the devil, the dragon, the serpent, Beelzebub, Belial, and Lucifer; he is the leader of rebellion against God and the head of the organized hosts of wickedness.
- b) Imprisoned demons - some angels that rebelled were cast down to hell, are bound there with chains, waiting for the judgment (1 Pet. 2:4).
- c) Free demons - some evil angels roam about the earth, trying to frustrate the plan of God along with their leader, Satan.

7. WHAT DO ANGELS DO?

- 1) Worship and praise God (Rev. 4:5)
- 2) Carry out God's will (Ps. 103:20) and work (Matt. 28:2)
- 3) Help in ordering affairs (Dan. 12:1)
- 4) Declare God's Word (Luke 1 :26-27)
- 5) Took part in Jesus' birth (Matt. 1; Luke 1-3), temptation (Mark 1:14), sorrow (Luke 22:43), resurrection (Matt. 28:2), and ascension (Acts 1:10, 11)
- 6) Assisted the early church (Acts 5:19; 10:3)
- 7) Protect, deliver and encourage God's people (Ps. 91:11,12; Heb. 1:14)
- 8) Execute God's judgment towards individuals, nations, and the world (*Rev* 4-11, 15-16)
- 9) War against the devil and his angels (Rev. 12:7-9)
- 10) Will return with Christ in power and glory (Matt. 24:31)
- 11) Will separate the righteous and the wicked in the judgment (Matt. 13:41 ,49)

8. WHAT DO DEMONS DO?

- 1) War against God, His angels, and His people
- 2) Influence mankind for evil
- 3) Cause physical and mental disorders in humans
- 4) Corrupt godly wisdom and teaching
- 5) possess people who allow them to
- 6) Try to separate believers from Christ through discouragement and temptation
- 7) Help Satan carry out his purposes and plans