

Mt. Lebanon Church

Bible Study

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Angels

What are angels?

Who are angels?

Where did angels come from?

There are good angels.

There are bad angels.

Are there different classes of angels?

What are angels?

Angels are spiritual beings, created by God, created to serve God. The bible does not specify exactly when the angels were created, but we do know that they were created before the earth was created.

Job 38: 4 – 7,....where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth....where upon are the foundations thereof fastened....when the morning stars sang together, and all the Sons of God shouted for joy....

The bible also does not give an account of exactly how many angels that there are.

Daniel 7: 10,....thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him....

Matthew 26: 52 – 53,....and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels....

One legion is 6000 angels.

Hebrews 12: 22,....the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels....

Revelation 5: 11,....I heard the voice of many angels....and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands....

The bible does not say if all angels were created at the same time, nor does it say that there were any angels created after the creation of the earth.

Colossians 1: 16,....for by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers, all things were created by him, and for him....

Angels are spirits, and do not have physical bodies.

Hebrews 1: 13 – 14,....are they not all ministering spirits, set forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation....

Psalms 104: 4,....who maketh the angels spirits....

Luke 24: 36 – 39,....Jesus stood in the midst of them....supposed that they had seen a spirit....for a spirit hath not flesh and bones....

Angels were created to live eternally.

Luke 20: 36,....neither can they die any more, for they are equal unto the angels....

Angels can swiftly move from place to place, but the word of God does not say that they are omnipresent.

Daniel 9: 21,....even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in a vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me....

Revelation 14: 6,....I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwelled upon the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people....

Even though angels are spirits they can appear in manifestations in material and visible form.

Hebrews 13: 2,....be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unaware....

Genesis 16: 7 – 13,....angel came to Hagar, Sarai's maid

Genesis 18: 1 – 22,....three angels visited Abraham

Genesis 19: 1 – 22,....angels appeared to Lot in Sodom

Genesis 32: 1 – 2,....angels met with Jacob

Numbers 22: 20 – 25,....angels appear to Balaam

Judges 6: 12 – 22,....angels appear to Gideon

1 Chronicles 21: 27 – 30,....angels appeared unto David

Daniel 10: 1 – 21,....angel appeared unto Daniel

Matthew 2: 13,....angel appeared unto Joseph

Matthew 4: 11,....angels came to Christ

Matthew 28: 5,....angel appeared unto the women at the tomb

Luke 1: 11 – 20,....angel appeared unto Zechariah

Luke 1: 26 – 38,....angel appeared unto Mary

Luke 2: 8 – 15,....angels appeared unto the Shepherds

Acts 27: 23 – 24,....angel stood by Paul

So, just what is it that angels do?

Everything that they do is in reference to God, it is according to his will, and it glorifies God.

The bible speaks of Choirs of angels which fall under four distinct categories.

Seraphim

Cherubim

Archangel

Fallen Angels

Seraphim

Only mentioned by name in Isaiah

Isaiah 6: 1 – 8,....

Seraphim came to Isaiah to serve as a minister of purification.

Cherubim

Genesis 3: 24,....

Cherubim guarded the entrance to the garden of Eden.

2 Samuel 22: 11,....

David said God rode upon a Cherubim.

David prayed for deliverance and God delivered him from the hand of Saul and his enemies. God delivered David in such a mighty way that David pictured him coming to meet his need with such great glory and speed that it seemed to him that God traveled upon the wings of angels. This is because that when God spoke on David's behalf, he commanded that all of creation would respond in compassionate desire to deliver him.

Archangels

Means chief angel.

The only Archangel named in the bible is Michael.

1 Thessalonians 4: 16,....the Lord himself shall descend from heaven....with the voice of the Archangel....

Daniel 10: 13,....Michael....came to help....

Daniel 12: 1,....Michael....standeth for the children....

Jude 1: 9,....Michael the Archangel....contending with the devil....

Revelation 12: 7,....was war in heaven....Michael and his angels fought....

Some say Gabriel is an Archangel even though the bible does not name him as one.

Daniel 9: 21 – 22,....Gabriel came to give Daniel understanding....

Luke 1: 19,....Gabriel came to speak to Zacarias....

Luke 1: 26,....Gabriel came to speak to Mary....

Before we move on to fallen angels let us look at a few more facts about angels.

Angels are mentioned 108 times in the Old Testament and 165 times in the New Testament.

Matthew 22: 30,....they neither marry....but are as the angels of God....

Matthew 26: 53,....

Angels were present at the crucifixion.

Matthew 28: 5 – 6,....

Angels were present at the resurrection.

Luke 20: 34 – 36,....neither marry....neither can they die....for they are equal unto angels....

Acts 1: 11,....

Angels were present at the ascension.

Hebrew 12: 22,....ye are come unto Mount Sion....to an innumerable company of angels....

The ultimate destiny of all those who are saved by faith believing in Christ is heaven. As Christians, we are encouraged to hold fast to our faith, and when we are come to the presence of God we are met by angels.

The word angel in Greek and Hebrew means messenger.

Angels worship the Lord.

Psalm 148:2

Revelation 5: 11 – 12

Angels carry out Gods commands.

Psalm 103: 20

Angels carry out Gods judgements.

Acts 12: 23

Revelation 15: 6 – 8

Angels observe our life in Christ.

1 Corinthians 4: 9

Angels rejoice over the salvation of humanity.

Luke 15: 10

Angels desire to observe the preaching of the gospel.

1 Peter 1: 12

Angels provide encouragement and guidance.

Matthew 1: 20 – 21

Angels minister to those who are saved.

Hebrews 1: 14

Angels take care of us at the time of death.

Luke 16: 22

We have guardian angels.

Matthew 18: 10

Angels have strength.

Psalm 103: 20,.... bless the Lord, you his angels, that excel in strength....

Revelation 18: 21,.... and a mighty angel....

2 Peter 2: 11,.... whereas angels, which are greater in power and might....

2 Kings 19: 35,.... the angel of the Lord went our and smote....and hundred fourscore and five thousand....

Revelation 7: 1 -2,.... angels control nature

Psalm 34: 7,.... encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them....

Daniel 6: 22,.... God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions mouth....

Psalm 35: 5,....let the angel of the Lord chase them....

Acts 12: 7,....Peters deliverance

Psalm 91: 11 – 12,....he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways....

Psalm 34: 7,....the angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him....

Hebrews 1: 14,....ministering spirits, sent forth to minister....

Angels and Sinners

Matthew 13: 37 – 42,....send forth his angels....they shall gather out....all things that offend, and....which do iniquity....

Lazarus

Luke 16: 22,....carried by angels into Abrahams bosom....

We must remember that it is God who protects us, and the Holy Spirit that comforts us, and often times he will use the angels as well. Many people try to find their true comfort in believing that they have a guardian angel, but this is not biblical. Christians should put their comfort in knowing that God is the one that watches over us and protects us, this is what we should put our true comfort in.

Proverbs 18: 10,....the name of the Lord....the righteous runneth unto it....and is safe....

2 Thessalonians 3: 3,....the Lord....shall establish you, and keep you....

2 Kings 6: 17,....mountain was full of horses and chariots....

Angels are created as ministering spirits. They bring protection, announcements, and warnings, and they enforce the judgements of God. The intervention of angels helps us to experience the miraculous works of God. Angels are a very important part of Gods creation. They are something that is not seen, but yet they are a permanent part of the lives of the believer.

Fallen Angels

The head of the fallen angels is Satan.

Ezekiel 28: 12 – 19

Even though there was an actual king of Tyre, the description given here in scripture is that of Satan.

Isaiah tells us of Satan's fall from heaven.

Isaiah 14: 7 – 15

Revelation 9: 1,....a star fell from heaven....given the key to the bottomless pit....

Christ himself said he witnessed the fall of Satan.

Luke 10: 18

How many angels went with Satan. There is not a verse in the bible that specially says a third of the angels fell with Satan.

Revelation 12: 3 – 4, 7 – 9,....

This scripture in Revelation is a symbolic reference to Satan and the angels who followed Satan in his rebellion. This scripture is often times used to say that a third of the angels fell from heaven.

Following are a few scriptures concerning the angels which fell with Satan.

Ephesians 6: 12,....principalities....rulers of darkness....spiritual wickedness....

Jude 1: 6,....angels which kept not their first estate....

2 Peter 2: 4,....God spared not the angels that sinned....

Matthew 25: 41,....everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels....

Now, some say that Genesis 6: 2 speaks of fallen angels.

Genesis 6: 1 – 5,....Sons of God....

Others say that the Sons of God are the descendants of Seth (was a son of Adam) and the daughters of man are the descendants of Cain (also a son of Adam, who was driven out from the presence of the Lord, because of his disobedience to God), and this marriage was an apostasy that led to Gods judgement, which was the flood. If we notice verse one and three speak of man, not angels.

Remember Christ himself said in Matthew 22: 30 and Mark 12: 28 that angels do not marry, and we know that no where in scripture does it say that angels are commanded to reproduce, only man was commanded to reproduce.

In the book of Job, we see a reference to the Sons of God.

Job 1: 6,....Sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also....

Here the Sons of God are holy angels summoned by God to report various activities of man unto the Lord, and Satan appeared there as well. Fallen angels cannot be referred to as Sons of God because they are no longer holy.

Job 1: 9 – 12,....doth Job fear God or not?....

Here we see that one of Satan's priorities is to make the believer out to be a disobedient, unfaithful servant unto God.

Hosea 1: 10,....ye are the Sons of the living God....

This scripture is in reference to the children of Israel.

Some say fallen angels, some say powerful men that were possessed by these fallen angels which are referred to as demons.

1 Peter 3: 18 – 22,....

V19,....spirits in prison, could be those who died before Christ, could be those evil spirits that are locked up.

V20,....would lean toward those evil spirits that are locked up.

If they were evil spirits, they could not be saved, so if Christ was preaching to the evil spirits it could only be to proclaim his victory through the cross.

Colossians 2: 15,....gives an explanation of this.

2 Peter 2: 4 – 5,....

Jude 1: 16,....

The scripture is not precisely clear as to who these Sons of God are.

What are the activities of fallen angels?

Fallen angels were initially divine messengers who faithfully served God. However, Lucifer, who was of the highest of angels became unsatisfied and wanted to become as God himself. God put a stop to this action and sent Lucifer and those angels who rebelled with him out of his presence. Lucifer became known as Satan and the fallen angels became known as demons.

Luke 9: 38 – 42,....look upon my son, for he is my only child....a spirit taketh him....

Matthew 8: 28,....came to Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils....

Demons tempt, accuse, and deceive. They can dominate and captivate humanity, causing them to choose to say and to do those things that are worldly and sinful. Their goal is to separate as many people as possible from eternal God, and also to try and draw the believer away from the truth of the gospel.

1 John 1: 1 – 6,....believe not every spirit, but try the spirits....

Demons cannot possess believers, because the Holy Spirit dwells within us to protect us, but, they can oppress and tempt the believer to choose to sin.

James 2: 19,....believest that there is a God....the devils also believe and tremble....

2 Corinthians 2: 8 - 11,....lest Satan should get an advantage of us....

John 10: 10,....the thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy....

John 8: 44,....ye are of your father the devil....there is no truth in him....

Revelation 20: 3,....that he should deceive the nations no more....

Genesis 3: 1 – 7,....and the serpent said....ye shall not surely die....

2 Corinthians 11: 3,....I fear....lest by any means....your minds should be corrupted....

2 Corinthians 11: 13 – 15,....Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light....

1 Timothy 4: 1 – 3,....giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils....

2 Thessalonians 2: 1 – 10,....the mystery of iniquity doth already work....

Matthew 13: 36 – 40,....the enemy that sowed them is the devil....

The devil and his angels constantly come to us with many temptations and they all have the same structure as the temptations of Christ. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. We can only recognize these temptations by fully committing our hearts to the truth of Gods word.

Ephesians 6: 1 - 20,....put on the whole armour of God....

As believers, we recognize the reality of Satan and his angels, but we must not become preoccupied with this reality for it will take our focus off Christ. We do not need to fear Satan and his angels for any reason.

1 John 4: 4,....greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world....

God is more powerful than both Satan and his angels, and they cannot do anything that he does not allow. Let us remember that God is always in control, and we will find peace through the truth of his word.

It is only through prayer, and study, and meditation of God's word that we can be victorious against Satan and his angels.

Angels continue daily to praise, worship, and serve God. They help and protect the believer while we fulfill our role in God's purpose and plan for our life. We must not overlook the reality of angels, but we also must not give unto them as primary focus. Our focus and trust are to be directed toward God alone. Just as angels have their focus on God, their desire is also for the believer to have their focus on God as well.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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