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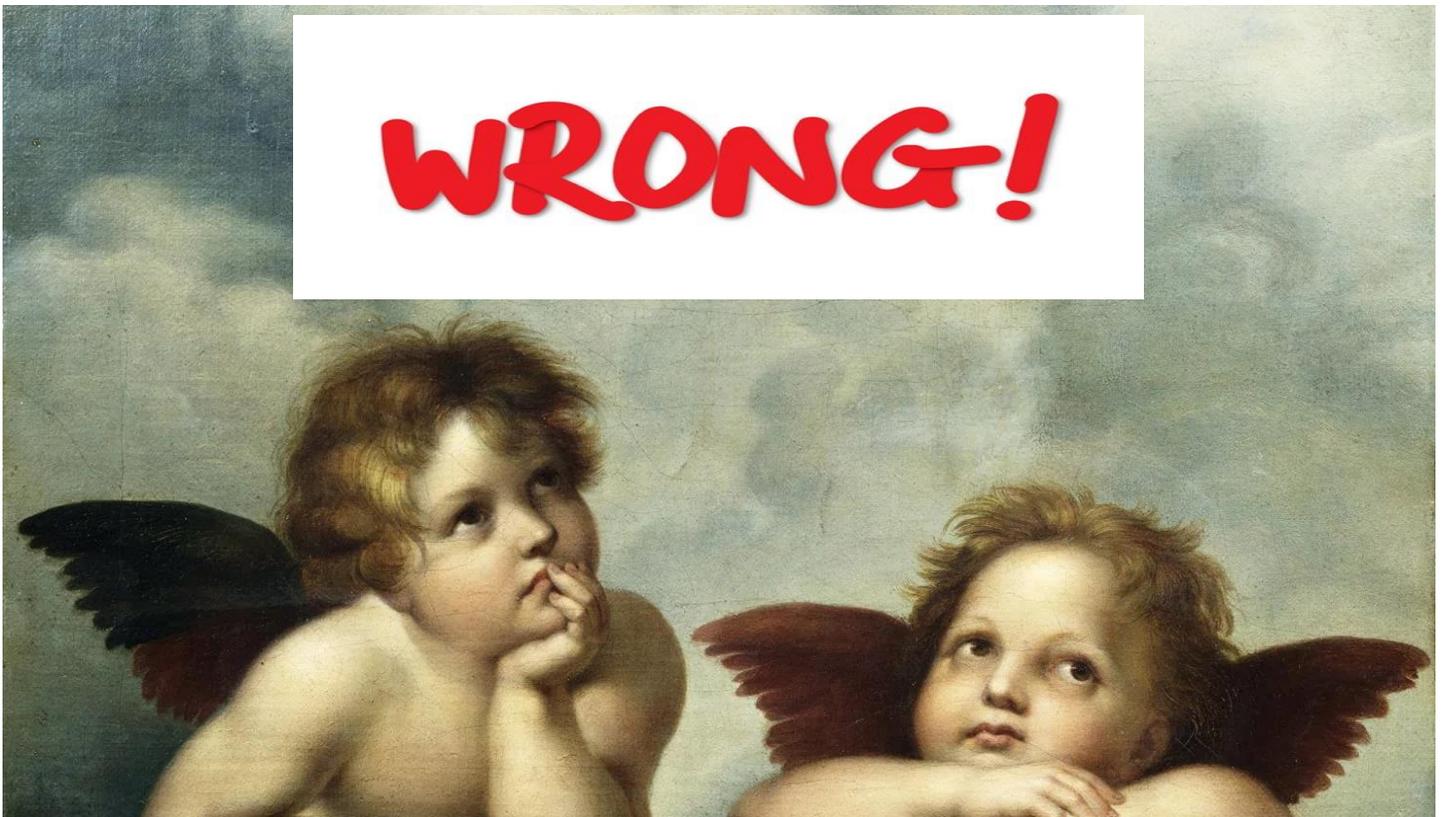
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“Pastor’s Bible Study”

“WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT...”

Angels



Tuesday, January 8, 2019
6:30 pm

I. What is An Angel?

- A. Hebrew 'mal`ak' – “messenger, representative, envoy” (mentioned at least 108 times in the Old Testament)
- B. Greek 'angelos' – “messenger” (Used at least 165 times in the New Testament)
- C. Angels are “ministering spirits” (Hebrews 1:14) and do not have physical bodies like human beings. They can, however, take on the appearance of a human when necessary (Genesis 18; Hebrews 13:2). This means they can be heavenly or human.

“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.” – Hebrews 13:2

II. What Do Angels Do?

- A. Carry a message
- B. Fulfill a special, specific commission
- C. They serve God and execute God's will.

The Theological Term for the Study of this Subject is: **Angelology**

III. Interesting Facts/Things You Should Know About Angels

- **Angels Were Created By God**

Colossians 1:16 -For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

- **Angels were present when God created the world, but there is no mention of when they were created.**

Job 38:1-7 - Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said: ²“Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? ³ Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. ⁴“Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. ⁵ Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶ On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—⁷ **while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?**

- **Angels are spiritual beings. They do not have true physical bodies.**

Psalms 104:4 - Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.

- **Angels were created to glorify and worship God and Jesus.**

Hebrews 1:6 - And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

- **Angels do not experience death, but were created to live for eternity.**

Luke 20:35-36 - ³⁵ But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, ³⁶ and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection.

- **Angels do not marry.**

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

- **Angels are wise and intelligent**

Daniel 9:20-22 - ²⁰ While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the LORD my God for his holy hill— ²¹ while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. ²² He instructed me and said to me, "Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding.

- **Angels take an interest in the affairs of people.**

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

- **Angels seem to have the ability to fly.**

Revelation 14:6 - Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people.

- **Angels are not meant to be worshiped.**

Revelation 19:10 - At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus."

- **Angels are subject to Christ and serve Christ.**

1 Peter 3:22 - who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

- **Angels have the ability to exercise their own will.**

Isaiah 14:12-17 - How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! ¹³ You said in your heart, "I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. ¹⁴ I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most

High.” ¹⁵ But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit. ¹⁶ Those who see you stare at you, they ponder your fate: “Is this the man who shook the earth and made kingdoms tremble, ¹⁷ the man who made the world a wilderness, who overthrew its cities and would not let his captives go home?”

Jude 6 - And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.

- **Angels express emotions.**

Job 38:7b - ...and all the angels shouted for joy?

- **Angels are not omniscient, omnipotent or omnipresent.**

Jude vs. 8-9 - In the very same way, on the strength of their dreams these ungodly people pollute their own bodies, reject authority and heap abuse on celestial beings. ⁹ But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”

- **Angels are too numerous to count.**

Hebrews 12:22 - But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly,

- **Only 3 angels have names in the Bible.**

1. Gabriel – Luke 1:19
2. Michael – Jude 1:9
3. Lucifer (Satan)? – Isaiah 14:12

- **Only 1 angel is called an Archangel (“chief angel), Michael (“Who is like unto God?”).**

Jude vs. 9 - But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”

- **Angels ministered to Jesus.**

Matthew 4:11 - Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

- **Angels report to God.**

Job 2:1 - On another day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him.

- **Angels don't have to be visible (2 Kings 6:17)**
- **Angels almost always appear as males (Zechariah 5:9)**
- **Angels in the Bible never appear as cute, chubby infants. Angels are always full-grown adults or other non-human creatures.**

- **Most references to angels in the bible say nothing about them having wings.**
- **A person cannot die and become an angel. Angels will never become, nor were they ever, human beings.**
- **Not all angels are good. There are evil (“unholy”) angels.**
 1. Satan is a fallen angel.
 2. Those who fell with him are the demons who roam the earth now, which is why we say, “the devil and his demons.” Demons are prevalent in the New Testament.

IV. The Angelic Hierarchy

- A. Nine orders of angels divided into 3 hierarchies
 1. First (Highest) Hierarchy
 - Seraphim
 - Cherubim
 - Thrones
 2. Second (Middle) Hierarchy
 - The Dominions
 - The Virtues
 - The Powers
 3. Third (Lower) Hierarchy
 - The Principalities
 - The Archangels
 - The Angels
 - [Man] – “a little lower than the angels” – Hebrews 2:7, 9

V. Four Opinions On The Angelic Hierarchy

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| A. <u>Gregory the Great (AD 540)</u>
Seraphim
Cherubim
Thrones
Dominations
Principalities
Powers
Virtues
Archangels
Angels | B. <u>Thomas Aquinas (AD 1224)</u>
Seraphim
Cherubim
Thrones (Wheels)
Dominations (Dominions)
Virtues
Powers
Principalities |
| C. <u>Billy Graham (Angels)</u>
Archangels
Angels
Seraphim
Cherubim | D. <u>Herbert Lockyer</u>
Angels
Gabriel
Michael
Seraphim |

Principalities
Authorities
Powers
Thrones
Might
Dominion

Cherubim
Sons of God
Morning Stars
Watchers
Thrones
Powers
Rulers
Authorities

V. Every Reference to Angels in the Bible

A. A Single Angel

- Genesis 16:7, 9, 10, 11; 21:17; 22:11, 15; 24:7, 40; 31:11; 48:16
- Exodus 3:2; 14:19; 23:20, 23; 32:34; 33:2
- Numbers 20:16; 22:22-27, 31, 32, 34, 35
- Judges 2:1, 4; 5:23; 6:11, 12, 20-22; 13:3, 6, 9, 13, 16, 17, 20, 21
- 1 Samuel 29:9
- 2 Samuel 14:17, 20; 19:27; 24:16-17
- 1 Kings 19:5, 7
- 2 Kings 1:3, 15; 19:35
- 1 Chronicles 21:12, 15, 16, 18, 20, 27, 30
- 2 Chronicles 32:21
- Job 33:23
- Psalm 34:7; 35:5-6
- Isaiah 37:36; 63:9
- Daniel 3:28; 6:22
- Hosea 12:4
- Zechariah 1:9, 11-14, 19; 2:3; 3:1, 3-6; 4:11; 5:5, 10; 6:4-5; 12:8
- Matthew 1:20, 24; 2:13, 19; 28:2, 5
- Luke 1:11, 13, 18, 19, 26, 28, 30, 34, 35, 38; 2:9, 10, 13, 21, 43
- John 12:29
- Acts 5:19; 6:15; 7:30, 35, 38; 8:26; 10:3, 4, 7, 22; 11:13; 12:7-11; 15, 23; 23:9; 27:23
- 1 Corinthians 10:10
- 2 Corinthians 11:14
- Galatians 1:8; 4:14
- Revelation 1:1; 2:1, 8, 12, 18; 3:1, 7, 14; 5:2; 7:2; 8:3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12; 9:1, 11, 13, 14; 10:1, 5, 7-9; 11:15; 14:6, 8, 9, 15, 17-19; 16:2-5, 8, 10, 12, 17; 17:3, 7, 15; 18:1, 21; 19:9, 17; 20:1; 21:15, 17; 22:1, 6, 8, 16

B. References to Two or More Angels

- Genesis 19:1, 15; 28:12; 32:1
- Job 1:6; 2:1; 4:18; 38:7

- Psalm 78:25, 49; 91:11; 103:20; 148:2
- Matthew 4:6, 11; 13:39, 41, 49; 16:27; 18:10; 22:30; 24:31, 36; **25:31**, 41; 26:53
- Mark 1:13; 8:38; 12:25; 13:27, 32
- Luke 2:15; 4:10; 9:26; 12:8-9; 15:10; 16:22; 20:36; 24:23
- John 1:51; 20:12
- Acts 7:53; 23:8
- Romans 8:38
- 1 Corinthians 4:9; 6:3; 11:10; 13:1
- Galatians 3:19
- Colossians 2:18
- 2 Thessalonians 1:7
- 1 Timothy 3:16; 5:21
- Hebrews 1:4-7, 13-14; 2:2, 5, 7, 9 16; 12:22; 13:2
- 1 Peter 1:12; 3:22
- 2 Peter 2:4, 11
- Jude 6
- Revelation 1:20; 3:5; 5:11; 7:1, 2, 11; 8:2, 6, 13; 9:14-15; 12:7, 9; 14:10; 15:1, 6-8; 16:1; 17:1; 21:9, 12

VI. Other Names for Angels

- Messengers
- Watchers or Supervisors for God
- Hosts
- Sons of the Mighty
- Sons of God
- Chariots

VII. Who Is the Anti-Christ?

A Major Verse On Angels: Hebrews 1:14

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



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