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I. WHAT IS ANGELOLOGY?

- A. “The term “angelology” comes from two Greek terms, namely, aggelos (pronounced angelos) meaning “messenger” or “angel” and logos meaning “word,” “matter,” or “thing.” In Christian systematic theology it is used to refer to the study of the biblical doctrine of angels.”
- B. “Angels are spiritual beings created by God to serve Him, though created higher than man. Some, the good angels, have remained obedient to God and carry out God’s will, while others, fallen angels, disobeyed God, fell from their holy position, and now stand in active opposition to the work and plan of God.”
- C. Angels are found in 33-34 books of the Bible (depending on the translation)

II. WHY ARE WE STUDYING THIS DOCTRINE? WHY DO WE NEED TO KNOW IT?

- A. Correction of cultural myths, old wives tales
- B. Correction of biblical and spiritual misinformation
- C. Affirmation & confirmation

III. WHAT WE KNOW AND DON’T KNOW ABOUT ANGELS

- A. **Angels are not human beings who have died. People (especially babies) don’t die and become angels.**



- B. **Angels are not, never were, and never will become human beings.**
- C. **Angels are an entirely different order of being from humans. God created the angels.**

Thus the heavens and the earth, **and all the host of them,** were

finished. – Genesis 2:1 NKJV

For by him **all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,** whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; **all things were created by him and for him.** – Colossians 1:16

Praise the LORD.^[a] Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above. **² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.** ³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. **⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for at his command they were created, ⁶ and he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away.**

D. Angels were present when God created the world.

Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm. He said: "...Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? ...while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?" (Job 38:1-7, NIV)

E. Angels do not die.

³⁴ Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. 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. – Luke 20:34-36

F. The Bible does not necessarily support the gender of angels being male or female. However, whenever gender is "assigned" to an angel, it is usually male.

¹⁰ But **the men** inside reached out and pulled Lot back into the house and shut the door. ¹¹ Then they struck the men who were at the door of the house, young and old, with blindness so that they could not find the door. ¹² **The two men** said to Lot, "Do you have anyone else here—sons-in-law, sons or daughters, or anyone else in the city who belongs to you? Get them out of here, ¹³ because we are going to destroy this place. The outcry to the LORD against its people is

so great that he has sent us to destroy it.” – Genesis 19:10-13

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. ² Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: - Revelation 7:1-2

G. Only 2 angels in the Bible have names; Michael & Gabriel. Michael is the only angel referred to as an “Archangel” (high-ranking angel).

⁵ Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord^[c] at one time delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe. 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. ⁷ In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire. ⁸ 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!”^[d] ¹⁰ Yet these people slander whatever they do not understand, and the very things they do understand by instinct—as irrational animals do—will destroy them. – Jude vs. 5-10

⁸ Once when Zechariah’s division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, ⁹ he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰ And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. ¹¹ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³ But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son,

and you are to call him John. ¹⁴ He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. ¹⁶ He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” ¹⁸ Zechariah asked the angel, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.” ¹⁹ The angel said to him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. ²⁰ And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time.” – Luke 1:8-20

What about Lucifer? Well????

“How you are fallen from heaven, O ^[d]Lucifer, son of the morning! *How* you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! ¹³ For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ ¹⁵ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the ^[e]lowest depths of the Pit. ¹⁶ “Those who see you will gaze at you, *And* consider you *saying: ‘Is* this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms, ¹⁷ Who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities, *Who* ^[f]did not open the house of his prisoners?’ – Isaiah 14:12-17

H. Angels are NOT God and are NOT meant to be worshiped.

⁹ Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.” 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.” – Revelation 19:9-10

I. Angels are subject to Christ.

²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God.^[e] It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. – 1 Peter 3:21-22

J. Angels are too numerous to count.

The chariots of God are tens of thousands and thousands of thousands ... (Psalm 68:17, NIV)

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

Then I looked and heard the **voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand.** They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" (Revelation 5:11-12, NIV)

K. Other names for angels

- "angels of God" ([Luke 12:8](#)),
- "sons of God" ([Job 1:6](#)),
- "sons of the mighty" ([Psalm 89:6](#)),
- "heavenly host" ([Psalm 148:2](#); [1 Kings 22:19](#)),
- "holy ones" ([Psalm 89:5](#)),
- "holy watchers" ([Daniel 4:13](#)),
- "rulers" ([Daniel 10:13](#)),

- “heavenly beings” ([Psalm 29:1](#)).

L. Angels are organized

1. We owe much of what we know about the theology of angels to Dionysius who wrote *The Celestial Hierarchy*” in the 5th century and *Summa Theologica* by Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century.
2. Colossians 1:16, Ephesians 1:21
3. First Choir
 - a. Seraphim
 - b. Cherubim
 - c. Thrones
4. Second Choir
 - a. Dominions
 - b. Virtues
 - c. Powers
5. Third Choir
 - a. Principalities
 - b. Archangels
 - c. Angels

M. Angels report to God

6 One day the angels^[a] came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan^[b] also came with them. **7** The LORD said to Satan, “Where have you come from?” Satan answered the LORD, “From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it.” – Job 1:6-7

On another day the angels^[a] came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him. ² And the LORD said to Satan, “Where have you come from?” Satan answered the LORD, “From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it.” – Job 2:1-2

IV. NEXT WEEK – THE DOCTRINE OF ANGELOLOGY – PT. 2

- 2/15 – The doctrine of Grace
- 2/22 - The doctrine of the Sacraments
- 3/1 – The doctrine of Eschatology

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