

THE TRUTH

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Lesson 12 – The Truth About Angels

What does the Bible really teach about angels? There are a lot of myths and misinformation about what angels do, what they look like, and their purpose on earth, so it can be confusing. With so much out there, it can be hard to understand what is truth and what isn't. Luckily, God blessed us with the Bible and it speaks directly about His angels. Some of the things you thought you understood about angels might be completely false.

Here are some of the most surprising facts about angels, straight from the Bible.

The Scriptures speak of:

- _____ Angels: [Revelation 12:4, 7] when lucifer fell he took _____ of the angels the Scriptures refer to them now as _____, _____ or _____ . [Luke 11:15]
- _____ Angels: [Revelation 12:4, 7] these _____ remained loyal to Michael (Jesus) and helped to win the battle.

ORIGIN AND SUBSTANCE

1. How did the angels come into existence? [Colossians 1:14-17] Ans. They were _____ by Jesus

- Angels were created _____ humans. [Job 38:7]
- Angels in nature are, _____ to humans. [Psalms 8:5]

2. Who, or what are angels? [Psalms 104:4; Hebrews 1:14] Ans. They are _____

NOTE: They are not made of the same material that humans are made of (dust.) [Genesis 2:7] However, they have the ability to take on _____ as they enter earth or appear in their _____ as God directs them. [Genesis 18:1-5; Acts 12:7-9]

3. Whom does the apostle Paul say we entertain sometimes without knowing? [Hebrews 13:2] Ans. _____

NOTE: Paul was making reference to the experience of Lot as recorded in Genesis 19.

In the twilight two strangers drew near to the city gate. They were apparently travelers coming in to tarry for the night. None could discern in those humble wayfarers the mighty heralds of divine judgment, and little dreamed the gay, careless multitude that in their treatment of these heavenly messengers that very night they would reach the climax of the guilt which doomed their proud city. But there was one man who manifested kindly attention toward the strangers and invited them to his home. Lot did not know their true character, but politeness and hospitality were habitual with him; they were a part of his religion--lessons

that he had learned from the example of Abraham. Had he not cultivated a spirit of courtesy, he might have been left to perish with the rest of Sodom. Many a household, in closing its doors against a stranger, has shut out God's messenger, who would have brought blessing and hope and peace. Every act of life, however small, has its bearing for good or for evil. Faithfulness or neglect in what are apparently the smallest duties may open the door for life's richest blessings or its greatest calamities. **[Patriarchs and Prophets, 158]**

In the form of men, angels are often in the assemblies of the righteous; and they visit the assemblies of the wicked, as they went to Sodom, to make a record of their deeds, to determine whether they have passed the boundary of God's forbearance. The Lord delights in mercy; and for the sake of a few who really serve Him, He restrains calamities and prolongs the tranquillity of multitudes. Little do sinners against God realize that they are indebted for their own lives to the faithful few whom they delight to ridicule and oppress.

Though the rulers of this world know it not, yet often in their councils angels have been spokesmen. Human eyes have looked upon them; human ears have listened to their appeals; human lips have opposed their suggestions and ridiculed their counsels; human hands have met them with insult and abuse. In the council hall and the court of justice these heavenly messengers have shown an intimate acquaintance with human history; they have proved themselves better able to plead the cause of the oppressed than were their ablest and most eloquent defenders. They have defeated purposes and arrested evils that would have greatly retarded the work of God and would have caused great suffering to His people. In the hour of peril and distress "the angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." **[Psalm 34:7] [GC 631, 632]**

4. According to Scripture, can we number the angels? [Revelation 5:11; Hebrews 12:22] Ans. _____, it is an _____

NOTE: 10,000 x 10,000 angels, that's a hundred million, and then he said, "thousands upon thousands."

TYPES AND RANKS OF ANGELS

5. Are all the angels the same by creation and rank? Ans. _____

- _____ or _____: angels without ranks. **[1 Kings 19:5-7]**
- _____: are known for their power and beauty **(Genesis 3:24; Psalms 80:1; 99:1)**
- _____: **[Isaiah 6:2]**
- _____: **[Ephesians 6:12; Colossians 1:16]**
- _____: "Princedoms" **[Ephesians 6:12]**
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- _____: He is called the _____ who the Scriptures support as _____ **[Daniel 10:13, 21; 11:1; 12:1; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Jude 9; Revelation 12:7]**
- _____: He is the most mentioned angel by name. His name means, "Strong man"

of God" or "God is my strength."

- He appeared by name four times: Twice to Daniel to interpret the meaning of his visions. **[Daniel 8-9]**
 - Once to announce John the Baptist's birth to his father Zacharias. **[Luke 1:11-20]**
 - Once to announce the birth of Jesus to Mary. **[Luke 1:26-38]**
 - He declares himself as one who stands in the presence of God. **[Luke 1:19]**
 - Gabriel is weaker than Satan, but Michael is stronger than Satan. **[Daniel 10:13]**
- The _____ of the _____: when the word "LORD" is written in all CAPS this is making reference to _____ and must not be associated with any other angel. This appears 64 times in the Scriptures. **[Judges 13:13-22]**

6. What are the angels like?

- Angels are created spirits who never _____ or _____ **[Luke 20:36]**
- Angels are _____; they are free to make choices **[2 Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6]**
- Angels are _____ and _____. **[Acts 6:15; 2 Samuel 14:20]**
- Angels are _____ beings. **[2 Thess. 1:7; 2 Kings 19:35; 2 Samuel 24:15-16]**
- Angels are always referred to as _____. **[Job 38:7]**
- Angels can travel at an inconceivable _____. **[Daniel 9:21]**
- Angels do not _____ or _____ with humans. **[Matthew 22:30]**

7. Please explain the terms, "Sons of God" and "Daughters of men." **[Genesis 6:1-6]**

- a. _____ of other planets **[Luke 3:38; Job 1:6]**
- b. _____ **[Job 38:7]**
- c. _____ people/ _____ **[1 John 3:1]**

NOTE: Many confuse the "Sons of God"/ Angels in Job 38:7 with the 'Sons of God' in Genesis 6:1-6 as the same, thus they teach that fallen angels had intercourse with humans and birth powerful beings on the earth called "NEPHILIM."

The "Sons of God" were none other than the descendants of Seth, and the "Daughters of men," of the godless Cainites. These unholy alliances between Sethites and Cainites were responsible for the rapid increase of wickedness among the people. God has ever warned His followers not to marry unbelievers, because of the great danger to which the believer is thus exposed and to which he usually succumbs.

GUARDIAN ANGELS

8. Is it true that as soon as we are born, we are assigned a guardian angel? **[Matthew 18:1-10; 1 Samuel 15:1-3]** Ans. _____

9. Do the Scriptures indicate that each child of God has an accompanying guardian angel? Ans. _____ **[Psalm 34:7; Job 1:6-10; Psalm 91.11, Hebrews 1:14]**

A guardian angel is appointed to every follower of Christ. These heavenly watchers shield the righteous from the power of the wicked one. The angels appointed to minister to the children of God have at all

times access to His presence. **[Great Controversy, 512]**

We know not what results a day, an hour, or a moment may determine, and never should we begin the day without committing our ways to our heavenly Father. His angels are appointed to watch over us, and if we put ourselves under their guardianship, then in every time of danger they will be at our right hand. **[Christ's Object Lessons, 341, 342]**

Angels are the dispensers and administrators of divine benevolence toward us. They regard our safety and undertake our defense and direct our ways. They exercise constant observance, that no evil befall us." **[John Calvin]**

Every redeemed one will understand the ministry of angels in his own life. The angel who was his guardian from his earliest moment; the angel who watched his steps, and covered his head in the day of peril; the angel who was with him in the valley of the shadow of death, who marked his resting-place, who was the first to greet him in the resurrection-morning, what will it be to hold converse with him, and to learn the history of divine interposition in the individual life, of heavenly cooperation in every work for humanity. **[Stephen Haskell]**

THE PRACTICES OF THE ANGELS

- a. Angels _____, _____, _____ God's people. **[Daniel 6:22-24; Acts 12:11]**
- b. Angels give _____ from God. **[Revelation 1:1-3; Genesis 16:7-9; 19:17; 19:1-3; Acts 1:9-11; Hebrews 13:2]**
- c. Angels are used by God to administer _____. **[Acts 12:21-23; 2 Chronicles 32:21; 2 Kings 19:35]**

THE LIMITATION OF ANGELS

10. What did an angel refuse to allow the Apostle John to do to him? [Rev. 22:8-9; Colossians 2:18]
Ans. _____ him.

NOTE: Angels are bright, powerful, intelligent, fast, and awesome. They are individuals with their own unique personalities. But for all the fascinating qualities of these heavenly beings, the Bible says we are never to worship them. They are part of the divine order, but they are not divine.

11. What can't an angel do? [Galatians 1:6-8] Ans. _____ God's word

12. What is the most important lesson we can learn from the angels? [Revelation 5:11-12] Ans. Their _____ and untiring _____ to God.

What would you think of an angel who was sent from the throne of God to bear a message, and who lingered on the way or refused to go? It was midnight, and the message came to Gabriel and his fellow songsters, "Go and sing o'er plains of Bethlehem, where shepherds keep their flocks. Here is your sonnet, Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will towards men." Could you conceive that they halted, that they wished to decline the task? Impossible with such music, and with such a commission given from such a Lord! They sped joyously on their way. I could conceive an angel being almost tempted to linger, if sent to execute vengeance, and to deluge fields with blood for the iniquity of nations. I dare not think that he would hesitate even then, for these holy spirits do the Lord's bidding most unquestioningly; but if the mission be of mercy the loving spirit of an angel would leap for joy, and be quickened by the sweetness of the errand as well as by the commission of his Lord. **[Spurgeon]**

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