

ANGELS

Lesson 1

What are angels like?

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*...it is appointed for man to die once,
and after that comes judgment.
(Hebrews 9:27)*

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"ministering spirits"

*Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those
who are to inherit salvation? (Hebrews 1:14)*

"the heavenly host"

"the holy ones"

"the chariots of God"

"princes"

"sons of God"

direct creation by God

*...Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.
(Luke 3:38 ESV)*

*for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.
(Galatians 3:26 ESV)*

*because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our
hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" (Galatians 4:6 ESV)*

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You were an anointed guardian cherub...you sinned; so I cast you...from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub... (Ezekiel 28:14, 16 ESV)

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“men”

[Lot] ... made them a feast and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. (Genesis 19:3 ESV)

And [the men of Sodom] called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them." (Genesis 19:5 ESV)

But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door...But he lingered. So the men seized him and his wife and his two daughters by the hand, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. (Genesis 19:10, 16 ESV)

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How Do Angels Function In Relation To God?

They worship Him

And all the angels were standing around the throne..., and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God (Revelation 7:11 ESV)

They obey and serve Him

Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! (Psalm 103:20 ESV)

They carry out God's judgment on sinners

The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 13:41-42 ESV)

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How Do Angels Function In Relation To Mankind?

They protect and guard believers.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. (Psalm 91:11 ESV)

My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me... (Daniel 6:22 ESV)

They had a role in declaring the Law of God

...the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, (Hebrews 2:2 ESV)

... "The LORD came from Sinai ...; he came from the ten thousands of holy ones, with flaming fire at his right hand. (Deuteronomy 33:2 ESV)

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How Do Angels Function In Relation To Mankind?

They are interested in our salvation

>They rejoiced at the birth of the Savior.<

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ... And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" (Luke 2:11, 13-14 ESV)

>They rejoice at the conversion of each sinner.<

(...there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents. "

Luke 15:10 ESV)

>They will gather believers at the end of time.<

[God] will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

(Matthew 24:31 ESV)

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(Matthew 18:10 ESV)

See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

(3) become like children

(4) Whoever humbles himself like this child

(5) Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me

(6) these little ones who believe in Me

(10) do not despise one of these little ones

(14) these little ones

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And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth... You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. (John 14:16-17 ESV)

... the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. (1 Corinthians 2:10-11 ESV)

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Angels Are Limited

Angels are limited because they are created beings.

They are not omnipotent.

They are not omnipresent.

They are not omniscient.

They cannot read our minds or hearts

...we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. (Romans 8:26-27 ESV)

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Angels Are Limited

Angels cannot save us from sin or the wrath of God or advocate for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. (Romans 5:9 ESV)

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. (1 John 2:1 ESV)

God the Father is our Creator.
God the Son gave His life to save us from hell and give us eternal life.
God the Holy Spirit is with us intimately and continuously.

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Are All Angels Good And Holy Beings?

*... Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness...
(2 Corinthians 11:14-15 ESV)*

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Jesus Christ Is Superior to the Angels

(Hebrews 1:2 ESV) but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

(Hebrews 1:3 ESV) He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

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(Hebrews 1:5 ESV) For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"?

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

(Hebrews 1:8 ESV) But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

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(Hebrews 1:13 ESV) And to which of the angels has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

(Hebrews 2:14 ESV) Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil.

(Hebrews 2:17 ESV) Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

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