

## Lesson 14 Holy Angels

1. As we begin our study of angels, we find that there are TWO HOSTS of spirit beings: HOLY angels and FALLEN angels.
2. Angels carry out the WILL and PURPOSE of God.
3. Angels are referred to over 273 times in Scripture.
4. The Hebrew and Greek languages translate the word “angel” as” MESSENGER, AMBASSADOR, and/or MINISTER.
5. Angels are always spoken of in the MALE GENDER.
6. Angels are specifically CREATED beings. They are not the result of REPRODUCTION.
7. The responsibility of angels today is to minister to the needs of BELIEVERS.  
Hebrews 1:14
8. As believers we have TWO great gifts from God:
  - a. The INDWELLING Holy Spirit.
  - b. The MINISTERING angels.
9. Angels were present at the CREATION OF THE WORLD. Job 38:4-7
10. Angels are SPIRIT BEINGS. Hebrews 1:14
11. Angels are at times revealed in HUMAN TYPE BODIES. Luke 1:28-29; John 20:12; Genesis 19:1-3; Acts 1:10; Matthew 28:2-6.
12. Angels are not involved in MARITAL RELATIONSHIPS. Matthew 22:30
13. Angels never DIE or CEASE TO EXIST. Luke 20:35-36
14. Angels are INNUMERABLE. Hebrews 12:22; Daniel 7:10; Matthew 26:53; Luke 2:13
15. Many angels maintain their residence in HEAVEN while some have access to both HEAVEN AND EARTH. Job 1:6-7; Psalm 103:21; Revelation 5:11; Revelation 7:11
16. Angels are SUBJECT TO GOD. Psalm 103:19-21; Psalm 91:11; Genesis 19:12-13  
(The two men were angels.)
17. Angels wield great POWER as God’s MESSENGERS. 2 Kings 19:35; Acts 5:19; Acts 12:7-10; Acts 12:23; all throughout the Book of Revelation.

18. Angels have many RANKS and FUNCTIONS. Genesis 3:24; 2 Kings 19:35; Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 18:10; Psalm 103:20; 148:2; Revelation 5:11-12; Hebrews 1:14
19. Three angels are named in scripture, the first is called MICHAEL which means “WHO IS LIKE UNTO GOD?” Daniel 10:13; 10:21; 12:1; Jude 9; Revelation 12:7 and 1 Thessalonians 4:18
20. Michael is THE ARCHANGEL. Jude 9
21. A second angel who is named in scripture is GABRIEL, which means MAN OF GOD or HERO OF GOD. He is listed FOUR times in scripture. Daniel 8:16; Daniel 9:20-27; Luke 1:19, 26.
22. The third angel named in scripture is LUCIFER and whom we will study next week.
23. The ministries of the holy angels include:
  - a. PRAISE AND ADORE God. Hebrews 1:6; Isaiah 6:2-3; Revelation 5:11-12
  - b. REVEAL GOD’S WILL TO MAN in special instances. Luke 1:11-13; Acts 1:9-11 and Hebrews 2:2
  - c. SERVE AND MINISTER to the saints of God. Hebrews 1:14; 1 Kings 19:5-7; Acts 10:2-7; Luke 22:43 and Acts 5:19
  - d. THEY ENCOURAGE the believer. Acts 27:23-25
  - e. THEY REJOICE IN SALVATION. Luke 15:10
  - f. They care for the WELLBEING of believers. Psalm 34:7; 91:11; Daniel 6:22; Matthew 18:10
  - g. On occasion they have CONFIRMED THE WORD of God. Galatians 3:19 and Hebrews 2:2

### **Special Notation**

#### **Angels and the Earthly Ministry of Jesus**

(Because of space limitations we shall list only the events.)

1. His Life Was Seen of Angels (1 Timothy 3:16).
2. Angels Desired to Understand Secret of So Great Salvation (1 Peter 1:10-12).
3. Gabriel Announced His Birth (Luke 1:31-33).
4. An Angel Assured Joseph of God’s Purpose (Matthew 1:18-25).
5. Angels Announce His Birth (Luke 2:10-11 and Hebrews 1:6).
6. Angels Attended Christ In Temptation (Matthew 4:1-11).
7. Angels Attended Christ In Gethsemane (Luke 22:39-44).
8. No Angel Ministered at the Crucifixion. (Jesus had to bear the full penalty and agony for our sin. He could have no help. He must drink the cup alone.)

9. Angels Announced the Resurrection of Christ (Matthew 28:5-7).
10. Angels Attended His Ascension (Acts 1:10-11).

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#### **Angels and the Endtime.**

1. Angels Shall Exalt the Lamb of God (Revelation 5:11-12).
2. Angels Shall Accompany Christ At His Coming (Matthew 25:31; 2 Thessalonians 1:7).
3. Seven Angels In Presence of God (Revelation 8:2).
4. The Seven Angels Are Given Trumpets of Judgment (Revelation 8 and 9).
5. The Seven Angels With The Vials of God's Wrath (Revelation 15:5-8).
6. Michael and His Angels Fight The Devil and His Angels (Revelation 12:7-12).
7. The Angel and The Everlasting Gospel (Revelation 14:6-7).
8. An Angel Announces the Fall of Babylon (Revelation 14:8).
9. An Angel Announces Doom of Followers of the Antichrist (Revelation 14:9-11).
10. The Vision of Armageddon (Revelation 14:14-20).
11. The Holy Angels Shall Worship God (Revelation 7:11-12).

### **Special Notation**

#### **“The Angel of the Lord” - the Pre-Incarnate Christ**

1. **There is a Being of majesty spoken of as “the Angel of Lord” - distinct from other angelic beings.**

This “Angel of the Lord” is the Pre-Incarnate Christ - called a “Theophany.” “Theophany” means “God - to appear.”

Jesus, the Incarnate Christ of the New Testament, is seen throughout Scripture in types, figures and as the “Angel of the Lord” (Jehovah).

2. **Many Scriptures Mention “The Angel of The Lord” (Jehovah).**

- a. He appeared to Hagar (Genesis 16:7-14).
- b. He appeared to Abraham and is called Lord six times (Genesis 18).
- c. He appeared to Abraham (Genesis 22:11-18).
- d. He appeared to Jacob at Peniel (Genesis 32:24-32).
- e. He appeared to Moses in the burning bush (Exodus 3:2-6).
- f. He appeared to Joshua (Joshua 5:13-15).
- g. He appeared to Gideon (Judges 6:11-23).
- h. Compare Exodus 17:2-7 and 23:20-21 with 1 Corinthians 10:9 and 10:4.

(These are only a few of the Scriptures indicating the “Angel of Jehovah.”)

## **Summary**

There are many in our day who deny the existence of angels - as did the Sadducees in the time of Christ. There might be some who deify the office of angels, as did the Essenes.

The ministry of guidance and intercession and strength in our hearts (all who belong to Christ) was never assigned to angels. The Holy Spirit abides in us and Jesus is the only mediator between God and man.

Angels minister to all the heirs of salvation. Jesus could have called 12 legions (72,000) of angels (Matthew 26:53). Angels work for us and with us. The Holy Spirit works in us.

Remember Hebrews 1:14 when in doubt concerning angels.