

Angels

Who/What are Angels?

- Spiritual Beings – Hebrews 1:13-14
 - Immortal – Luke 20:36
 - Possess supernatural knowledge – 2 Samuel 14:17, 20
 - Not subject to marriage (no gender distinction) – Matthew 22:30
- Created beings – Colossians 1:16; Psalm 148:2-5
- Angels are called “holy” – Matthew 25:31; 1 Timothy 5:21
- They are great in number – Hebrews 12:22
- Obedient – Psalm 103:20
- Angels possess emotions – Luke 15:10
- They are concerned about mankind – 1 Peter 1:12
- Angels are not deity – Revelation 22:8-9
- Angels have limits:
 - In their knowledge – 1 Peter 1:10-12
 - In their authority – Jude 9

Who/What are Angels?

- Angels have free will
 - Some angels rebelled/sinned – 2 Peter 2:4; Matthew 25:41
 - Is Satan a fallen angel?
 - Isaiah 14:12 is talking about the King of Babylon
 - Luke 10:18 is not talking about Satan's origin
 - Satan shares some characteristics with angels, but no definitive answer is possible with the evidence at hand
- Angels are organized in ranks or orders
 - Seraphim – Isaiah 6:2, 6
 - Cherubim – Genesis 3:24
 - Archangels – 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Jude 9

The Appearance of Angels

- Normally invisible – Numbers 22:22-31
- Sometimes angels appear in human form – Genesis 18 and 19
- Sometimes they appear in other forms – Matthew 28:1-7
- Other appearances
 - Some forms can be taken as symbolic
 - Isaiah 6:2; Exodus 25:18

Angels and Mankind

- Angels are concerned with our welfare
 - Luke 15:7, 10
 - 1 Peter 1:12
- God uses angels in His dealings with mankind – Hebrews 1:14
 - Communication
 - Care and comfort
 - Punishment
- Communication
 - Revelation – Acts 7:38, 53; Daniel 7-12
 - Guide/direct – Acts 8:26; Matthew 24:31
- Care and comfort
 - Provide sustenance – 1 Kings 19:5-8
 - Protect and deliver us from harm – Psalm 34:7; Daniel 6:22; Acts 12:7-10; Acts 27:23-24
 - Conduct us to Paradise – Luke 16:22

Angels and Mankind

- Punishment of the wicked
 - Sodom – Genesis 19:13
 - Bring pestilence – 2 Samuel 24:15-17
 - Sudden death of Herod – Acts 12:23
- Duties on special occasions
 - Satan's binding – Revelation 20:1-3
 - Christ's return – Matthew 13:41, 49; 1 Thessalonians 4:16
- Do we have guardian angels?
 - Matthew 18:10
 - What does the passage say? What does it not say?

Angels and Mankind

- Are angels still at work in our lives today?
 - How did God use angels to work in human lives in the past?
 - Direct revelation
 - Miracles
 - Dreams and visions
 - Providence
 - Which of these means would still be in use today? – Providence
 - Also remember Luke 16:22

Angels and Mankind

- Men and Angels are distinct creations
 - Similar in some respects – Matthew 22:29-30
 - But not the same – Hebrews 2:7, 16
 - We do not become angels after we die
- Humans and angels have not/will not intermarry – Genesis 6:2
 - Note Matthew 22:29-30
 - Sons of God – 1 John 3:10; John 1:12

Applications

- What is revealed about angels is for our edification – 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Worship in the spirit
- Service to God
- God's concern for man
- The nature and certainty of a spiritual existence
- Humility
- The importance of each living soul
- God ability and determination to punish disobedience