



ANGELS, SPIRITS, AND SPIRIT BEINGS

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When you think of angels, what kind of beings come to mind?

- Angels and other heavenly beings are referred to more than 371 times in the Bible
- They are both finite and spacial
- They approach human life without being conformed to human existence
- They can appear in the ethereal world of dreams, visions and trances
- They can appear to you in the real, physical and empirical world of cognitive communication and thought
- They can appear and reappear at will
- They seem to move at the speed of thought across continents
- They traverse between heavens and dimensions barely even thought of by man
- They can appear in a manner that causes you to fall down on your face
- They can come in a manner in which you can talk with them and not even know it

All these ways are legitimate and equal in importance.

ANGELS ONLY OBEY GOD—NOT MAN

Psalms 91:11 For He [God] will **command His angels** concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

Psalms 103:20 Bless the LORD, you **His angels**, who excel in strength, **who do His word, heeding the voice of His word.**

ANGELS HAVE AN INCREDIBLE ABILITY TO DISCERN GOOD FROM EVIL

2 Samuel 14:17 Your maidservant said, “The word of my lord the king will now be comforting; for **as the angel of God**, so *is* my lord the king in **discerning good and evil**. And may the LORD your God be with you.”

ANGELS FUNCTION AS MINISTERING SPIRITS SENT BY GOD

Hebrews 1:14 Are they [Angels] not all **ministering spirits** sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

- Helpers
- Protectors
- Proclaimers
- Dispersers of Revelation
- Guardians
- Ministering
- Executers of the Divine will of God
 - They send plagues on unbelieving nations (Revelation 15-16)
 - They fight against the armies of the Antichrist (Revelation 12, 14)
 - They troubled the waters of the pool of Bethesda (John 5:4)
 - They—twice in the NT—opened prison doors (Acts 5, 12)

ANGELS ARE THE ELECT OR CHOSEN EMISSARIES OF GOD

Paul charged Timothy with certain responsibilities and used God, Jesus and angels as the witness of that charge.

1 Timothy 5:21 I charge *you* before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and **the elect angels** that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.

HOW MANY ANGELS ARE THERE?

Hebrews 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an **innumerable company of angels...**

HOW MANY ANGELS FELL FROM HEAVEN?

One-third of the angels fell from Heaven. Revelation 12:3-9 reveals to us that the Dragon is the Serpent and the Serpent is the devil, and that the Serpents tail (tale) took one-third of the stars (angels) to the Earth with him.

WHY DO SOME IN THE BIBLE FALL IN THE PRESENCE OF AN ANGEL AND OTHERS DO NOT?

When they come in the Glory of Heaven you fall (Daniel 10).

When they come "veiled" as man, you can eat with them (Genesis 18:8, Abraham, the Lord and two angels)

Matthew 28:2-4 ²And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an **angel** of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. ³His **countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow**. ⁴And the guards shook for fear of him, and **became like dead men**.

ANGELS CAN MAKE CHOICES TO SERVE GOD OR NOT

Jude 6 And the **angels who did not keep their proper domain**, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day...

YOU HAVE PERSONAL ANGELS ASSIGNED TO YOU FROM CHILDHOOD.

Matthew 18:10 "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven **their angels** always see the face of My Father who is in Heaven.

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ANGELS WORSHIP GOD

Revelation 7:11 All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God...

DO ANGELS LOOK LIKE PEOPLE

Hebrews 13:2 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so *doing* some have **unwittingly entertained angels.**

Acts 12:14-15 ¹⁴When she recognized Peter's voice, because of *her* gladness she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate. ¹⁵But they said to her, "You are beside yourself!" Yet she kept insisting that it was so. So they said, **"It is his angel."**

ARE ANGELS ASSIGNED TO NATIONS?

Michael was assigned to the Hebrew people.

Daniel 12:1 "At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people..."

WHAT ARE ANGELS MADE OF?—Celestial composition

Angels are Spirits Hebrews 1:7 And of the angels He says: "*Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire.*"

1 Corinthians 15:40 *There are* also **celestial** bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the **celestial** *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another.

ANGELS DO NOT DIE

After the resurrection men cannot die for they will be like the angels who do not die

Luke 20:36 ...nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

SOME ANGELS COLLECT OUR PRAYERS

Revelation 8:3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should **offer it with the prayers of all the saints** upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

ANGELS HAVE GREAT AUTHORITY

Revelation 18:1 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having **great authority**, and the earth was illuminated with his glory.

ANGELS FIGHT ALL WARS IN HEAVEN

Revelation 12:7 And war broke out in heaven: **Michael and his angels** fought with the dragon; and **the dragon and his angels fought...**

ANGELS FLY THROUGH HEAVEN

Revelation 14:6 Then I saw another angel **flying in the midst of heaven**, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people...

AN ANGEL WILL DECLARE THE END OF TIME

Revelation 10:7 but **in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel**, when he is about to sound, the **mystery of God would be finished**, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

WE ARE NOT TO WORSHIP ANGELS

Colossians 2:18 Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in *false* humility and **worship of angels**, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind...

Revelation 19:10a And I fell at his feet **to worship him**. But he said to me, “See *that you do not do that!*

WE ARE TO TREAT ANGELS WITH RESPECT OF THEIR CREATED ORDER

1 Corinthians 15:40 *There are* also **celestial** bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the **glory of the celestial** *is* one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial *is* another.

2 Peter 2:10 And especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority **[dominions]**. Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they **blaspheme the glorious ones...** (ESV)

Jude 8 Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority **[Dominions]**, and **blaspheme the glorious ones.** (ESV)

ANGELS ARE HOLY

Matthew 25:31 “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the **holy angels** with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

ANGELS REJOICE WHEN SOMEONE GETS SAVED

Luke 15:10 "Likewise, I say to you, **there is joy in the presence of the angels** of God over one sinner who repents."

ANGELS CAN DESTROY PEOPLE AND CITIES

2 Samuel 24:16 And when the **angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it**, the LORD relented from the calamity and said to the **angel who was working destruction among the people**, "It is enough; now stay your hand."

2 Kings 19:35 And it came to pass on a certain night that the **angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand**; and when *people* arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead.

Acts 12:23 Then immediately an **angel of the Lord** struck him [Herod, as he searched for Peter], because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.

ANGELS CAN COOK FOR YOU AND FEED YOU

1 Kings 19:5-6 ⁵ And he [Elijah] lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "**Arise and eat.**" ⁶ And he looked, and behold, there was at his head **a cake baked on hot stones** and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again.

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD WILL DELIVER YOU

Psalms 34:7 The **angel of the LORD** encamps all around those who fear Him, **And delivers them.**

ANGELS HAVE THEIR OWN LANGUAGE

1 Corinthians 13:1 Though I speak with the **tongues of men and of angels**, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

DO WE KNOW ANY NAMES OF ANGELS OF THE LORD?

Gabriel was an angel of the Lord

Luke 1:11-12, 19 ¹¹Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him [Zacharias], standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²And when Zacharias saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him... ¹⁹And the angel answered and said to him, “**I am Gabriel**, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings.

Michael was one of the Chief Princes of God

Daniel 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, **Michael**, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

(So we know there is more than one Chief Prince of God)

THE TRUE, COMPLETE NATURE OF ANGELS IS BEYOND HUMAN UNDERSTANDING

Judges 13:18 And the Angel of the LORD said to him, “Why do you ask My name, seeing it *is* wonderful?” **(Secret, remarkable or beyond understanding)**

ANGELS HAVE NONE OF THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

- They are not Omniscient—They do not know the time of the return of Jesus Mark 13:32
- They are not Omnipotent—They can be removed from Heaven
- They are not Omnipresent—They move from one place to another and are not everywhere at the same time

ANGELS WERE CREATED

Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and **invisible**, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Psalms 148:2, 5 ² Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, For **He commanded and they were created.**

ANGELS EXISTED BEFORE THE EARTH WAS CREATED

- If the angels sang when the Earth was created, then they preceded the creation of the Earth.

Job 38:1, 4-7 ¹Then the LORD replied to Job out of the tempest and said: ...
⁴**Where were you when I laid the earth's foundations?** Speak if you have understanding. ⁵Do you know who fixed its dimensions or who measured it with a line? ⁶Onto what were its bases sunk? Who set its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the divine beings shouted for joy?

ANGELS HAVE A DOMAIN

Jude 6 And the angels who did not keep their proper **domain**, but **left their own abode**, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day...

ANGELS HAVE CHOICE AND CAN SIN

2 Peter 2:4 For if God did not spare the **angels who sinned**, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment...

ANGELS ARE MIGHTY

2 Thessalonians 1:7 ...and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His **mighty angels**...

ANGELS ARE STRONG

Revelation 5:2 Then I saw a **strong angel** proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"

THERE ARE DIFFERENT SIZES OF ANGELS

Revelation 7:1 After these things I saw **four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth**, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.

ANGELS CAN SPEAK WITH A VERY LOUD VOICE

Revelation 7:2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And **he cried with a loud voice** to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea...

ORDER OF HEAVENLY BEINGS

The **eternal realm of the Spirit is superior** to the temporal human, earthly realm

The enemies of God were always defeated by Holy angels

- Not once in Scripture do we read that a human hurt, wounded, or killed an angel.
 - We do read where the angel of the Lord killed humans.

1. There are 16 types of Spirit beings in the co-existing spiritual realm—in that realm there are...

a. ANGEL OF HIS (GOD'S) PRESENCE (*paw-neem*)

Isaiah 63:9 In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the **angel of His Presence** saved them; In His love and in His pity He redeemed them; And He bore them and carried them all the days of old.

ANGEL OF GOD

Angel of Eloheim (God)

Exodus 14:19 And **the angel of God**, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:

***430**. Elohiym, *el-o-heem'*; plural of 433; gods in the ordinary sense; but specifically used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the supreme God; occasionally applied by way of deference to magistrate.

* Strong's Concordance

Angel of the Lord (YHWH)

Exodus 3:2 And the **angel of the LORD** appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed.

***3068**. YHWH; from 1961; (the) self-Existent or Eternal; name of God—the Lord. Compare 3050, 3069.

• Can Speak from Heaven to Earth

Genesis 22:11 **But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said**, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.”

• Can appear and speak on Earth

Judges 6:12 And the **angel of the LORD** appeared to him and said to him, “The LORD is with you, O mighty man of valor.”

b. ARCH ANGELS

- i. Highest form of Cherubim
- ii. Guard the sanctuaries of heaven
 - There must be more than one (sanctuaries)
- iii. They have great splendor (Ezekiel 28)
- iv. The wisest of all of Heaven’s creation (Ezekiel 28)
- v. The most beautiful of Heaven’s creation (Ezekiel 28)
- vi. They are covered with nine precious stones/eyes (Ezekiel 28)
- vii. They are covered with gold (Ezekiel 28)
- viii. They walk the closest of any of Heaven’s creations to God—in the midst of the fiery stones (Ezekiel 28)

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CHERUBIM (referred to 91 times in the Bible)

- i. There are at least 7 of them (Ezekiel 9:1-11)
- ii. Each has the face of a Lion, Man, Eagle, and Cherub/Ox (Ezekiel 1:10)
- iii. They have feet (Ezekiel 1:)
- iv. They have four wings (Ezekiel 1:6)
- v. Their wings make noise when they fly (Ezekiel 1:24)
- vi. They fly around the Throne of God
- vii. They stand on each side of the throne (1 Samuel 4:4)
- viii. They stand on each side of the Mercy Seat of the Ark of the Covenant
- ix. They are covered in amber like gold
- x. They have a higher “Glory” (Hebrews 9:5)
- xi. They are in perfect tune with and perfectly follow the Spirit of God (Ezekiel 1:12)
- xii. They have an appearance like polished brass or torch
- xiii. Lightning comes out of them (Ezekiel 1:13)
- xiv. They guarded the Garden of Eden

d. SERAPHIM (referred to 2 times in the Bible)

- i. Seraphim translates—Fiery Ones
- ii. They surround the throne (Isaiah 6)
- iii. They fly around the throne of God
- iv. They do not have feet they hover (as opposed to Cherubim who stand around God’s throne)
- v. They attend to God’s throne
- vi. They continually cry Holy, Holy, Holy
- vii. The cry is so loud it shakes the door posts of Heaven
- viii. They have six wings (Isaiah 6:2)

e. WATCHERS (DANIEL 4)

- i. They carry great authority
- ii. Observe
- iii. Report
- iv. Judge and sentence
- v. Make unchangeable decrees
- vi. The Angel of Death must be a watcher

f. RULERS / PRINCIPALITIES (arche, ar-khay´) Arch angel or chief angel

- i. Inspire kings and peoples to raise or fall
- ii. They put kings in their place.
 - Ephesians 1:21
 - Colossians 1:16
 - Romans 8:38

g. THRONES (thronos, thron´-os)

- i. To control nations or kingdoms
 - Daniel 7:9 thrones were put in place before the “Ancient of Days” whose throne was above all thrones.
 - Colossians 1:16
 - 24 Elders sit on their thrones (Revelation 11:16)
 - The Prince of Persia, Prince of Greece (Daniel 9)

h. POWERS / AUTHORITIES (exousia, ex-oo-see´-ah)

- i. They move armies or the cause nations to rise above other nations
 - a. Colossians 1:16
 - b. Ephesians 1:21; 3:10
 - c. Romans 3:8
 - d. 1 Peter 3:22

- i. **DOMINIONS = Master** (*kuriotes, koo-ree-ot'-ace*)
 - i. Regions and tribal issues
 - Daniel 7:27
 - Colossians 1:16

- j. **MIGHTS = Power** (*kuriotes, koo-ree-ot'-ace*)
 - i. To empower to conquer or over throw another nations, tribe, city
 - Ephesians 1:21
 - Colossians 1:16

- k. **ANGELS** (*Maw-lak*)
 - i. Heaven's logistical agents
 - ii. They boast of God and celebrate His presence Psalm 103:20
 - iii. They excel in strength - Psalm 103:20
 - iv. They curse things to happen - Psalm 103:20
 - v. They arrange for things to happen - Psalm 103:20
 - vi. They serve only God's commands/voice (Harkin = *sh'mah*) - Psalm 103:21

- l. **HOSTS** (*tsaw-baw*)
 - i. Parallel to being the butler's of God
 - ii. They minister—wait/serve God - Psalm 103:21
 - iii. They seek to please God - Psalm 103:21
 - iv. They fulfill the pleasure of God - Psalm 103:21
 - v. They are witnesses of Heaven's intent on Earth

m. LIVING WHEELS or (*o-fawn*) *Owphan*

- i. The wheels of Ezekiel Chapter 1 were called “Owphan” or living wheels—apparently they were spiritual beings

Ezekiel 1:20 Wherever the spirit wanted to go, they went, *because* there the spirit went; and the **wheels** were lifted together with them, for **the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.**

- ii. These (*owphan*) living wheels do not turn (Ezekiel 10:16)
- iii. They make “great and thunderous noise” (Ezekiel 3:13)
- iv. They have numerous eyes
- v. They are the color of beryl stone (most likely aquamarine in color)
- vi. They contain coals of fire to purify and for judgment (Ezekiel 10:6)
- vii. They appear as a wheel of burning fire below the throne of God (Daniel 7:9)

n. *Ishshah* (*ish-shaw*) *Ashiyim* (*naw-sheem*)

- i. Winged women who carried the evil woman away to Babylon Zechariah 5:9

Zechariah 5:9 Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there *were* two women, coming with the wind in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven.

- ii. These winged women come from Heaven
- iii. They have feathered wings (*kaw-nawf*)
- iv. The wings were filled with the wind – the Hebraic word for spirit (**ruwach**, *roo´-akh*)
- v. Carry the evil woman away to Babylon

HEAVENLY SPIRITS (at least 23 kinds)

i.	Deaf Spirit	Mark 9:25
ii.	Mute Spirit	Mark 9:25
iii.	Spirit of Infirmary	Luke 13:11
iv.	Spirit of Stupor	Romans 11:8
v.	Spirit of Judgment	Isaiah 4:4
vi.	Spirit of Burning	Isaiah 4:4
vii.	Spirit of Justice	Isaiah 28:6
viii.	Spirit of Deep Sleep	Isaiah 29:10
ix.	Unclean Spirit	Zechariah 13:2, Matthew 12:43
x.	False Spirit	Micah 2:11
xi.	Spirit of Harlotry	Hosea 4:12
xii.	Spirit of Heaviness	Isaiah 61:3
xiii.	Perverse Spirit	Isaiah 19:14
xiv.	Spirit of Egypt	Isaiah 19:3
xv.	Lying Spirit	1 Kings 22:23
xvi.	Deceiving Spirit	1 Kings 22:21
xvii.	Distressing Spirit	1 Samuel 16:15
xviii.	Spirit of Ill-will	Judges 9:23
xix.	Spirit of Jealousy	Numbers 5:14
xx.	Spirit of Wisdom	Ephesians 1:17
xxi.	Spirit of Revelation	Ephesians 1:17
xxii.	Spirit of Grace	Zechariah 12:10
xxiii.	Spirit of Supplication	Zechariah 12:10