

Angels

God's Ministering Spirits

Introduction

A fascination with angels can become a substitute for true worship of God. That's what happened in the church at Colossae.

WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ANGELS AND DEMONS

Luke 8:26-39 tells of Jesus' confrontation with demons who were tormenting a man in the country of the Gadarenes.

From this encounter, we discover four things about demons:

- 1. Demons have intelligence.**
- 2. Demons have emotions.**
- 3. Demons have a will.**
- 4. Demons have names.**

As believers in Jesus Christ, we need not fear demons, but we do need to understand them.

Demons Attempt to Lead Unbelievers Astray

Deuteronomy 32:17

"They sacrificed to demons, not to God, to gods they did not know, to new gods, new arrivals, that your fathers did not fear."

Reality of Angels

The word for Angels is used 108 times in the Old Testament and 165 times in the New Testament.

Angels are mentioned in 34 of the 66 books in the Bible – 17 in the OT and 17 in the NT.

The Creation of Angels

- They have not always existed.
- They are created beings.

Who Created the Angels?

The Bible shows us Jesus created the angels at a point in time – **Colossians 1:16**
Jesus not only created all the things we see, but He also created all the things we don't see, including the angels.

When Were The Angels Created?

Job 38:7 tells us the angels were present by the third day of creation when the lands were formed (Genesis 1:9-13).

How Many Angels Were Created?

Hebrews 12:22 tells us that Jesus created "myriads of angels.
Angels never die because they are eternal spirit beings (Luke 20:34-40).

What Are Angels Like?

The Personality of Angels

- **Three components of personality**

1. Intellect
2. Emotion
3. Will

- 1. Intellect**

Ability to know things.

But their intellect is limited in some ways:

1. Mystery of salvation – I Peter 1:12 – angels “long to look” into the mystery of salvation.

- 2. Emotion**

The Bible says that angels feel things like we feel things.

Example:

1. Job 38:7 says the angels rejoiced at the creation.
2. They are filled with the emotion of joy!

- 3. Will**

They can choose to do certain things.

Revelation 12:4 – a third of the angels decided to follow Satan.

APPLICATION

Originally the Angels had the option to serve and worship God or to rebel and not serve Him.

The option not to serve Him will lead to their eternal separation from the Lord.

You and I have the option today to either worship and serve God or rebel and not serve Him.

Therefore, if we rebel and choose not to worship God, at our death we will begin to experience an eternal separation from God.