

# GOD ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

## Who Are the Angels?

1. WHAT controversy was there in Christ's day as to the existence of beings of a higher order than man?

"For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angels nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both." Acts 23: 8.

2. In what visions are -the inhabitants of heaven brought to view?

"I [Micalah] saw the Lord sitting upon His throne, and all the host of heaven standing on His right hand and on His left." 2 Chronicles 18:18. "And I [John] beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne." Revelation 5:11.

3. Are these heavenly intelligences around the throne of God created beings?

"Thou, even Thou, art Lord alone; Thou has made heaven the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and Thou preserves them all; and the host of heaven worships Thee." Nehemiah 9: 6.

4. How does a man compare, in status, with the angels?

"For Thou has made him a little lower than the angels." Psalm 8: 5.

5. Like men, however, what homage do the angels render to Jesus?

"And again, when He brings in the first begotten into the world, He said, And let all the angels of God worship Hint." Hebrews 1:6. (See also 1 Peter 3:21,22.)

6. What do we know of the nature of the angels?

"Who makes His angels spirits; His ministers a flaming fire." Psalm 104: 4.

7. How glorious are the angels in appearance?

"His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in color to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude." Daniel 10: 6. "His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow." Matthew 28: 3.

8. How superior to mankind are they in intelligence?

"My lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth." 2 Samuel 14:20.

9. What, however, is one example of knowledge withheld even from the angels?

"But of that day and hour knows no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only." Matthew 24:36.

10. Do they exceed men in power?

"Whereas angels which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord." 2 Peter 2: 11. "Bless the Lord, you His angels, that excel in strength. " Psalm 103:20.

11. How has their power been demonstrated?

a. Circumvention of physical laws. "But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth." Acts 5: 19.

b. Power over rapacious animals. "My God has sent His angel, and has shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me." Daniel 6: 22.

c. Protection of saints. "The angel of the Lord encamps round about them that fear Him, and delivers them." Psalm 34: 7.

d. Destruction of sinners. "And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the Lord went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand. And when they [the Israelites] arose early in the morning, behold, they [the Assyrians] were all dead corpses." 2 Kings 19:35.

"What we call physical law is no obstruction to angelic ministrations. Bolts and bars and prison gates disappear at their volition, and dungeons like palaces shine in their presence. No place can be so dismal, no cavern so deep and dark, no Inquisition cell so hidden and fetid, no fortress so strongly guarded, that they cannot find quick and easy access, if a child of God is there." E. A. Stockman in "Footprints of Angels," pages 74, 75.

12. What do we know of the moral character of the good angels?

a. Holy. "When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory." Matthew 25:31. (See also Mark 8:38.)

b. Obedient to the will of God. "Bless the Lord, you His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word." Psalm 103:20.

13. How many angels are there?

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"And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands." Revelation 5:11. "But you are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living, God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels." Hebrews 12:22.

14. What special orders of angels are mentioned by name in the Scriptures?

a. Cherubim. "Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the Cherubim there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, with the appearance of the likeness of a throne." Ezekiel 10:1."

b. Seraphim. "Above it stood the Seraphim, each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly." Isaiah 6: 2.

15. Who is the Leader of the angels?

"Yet Michael the Archangel, when contending with the devil He disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee." Jude 1:9.

16. Have we any means of identifying the Archangel Michael?

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great Prince which stands for the children of thy people." Daniel 12: 1. "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first." 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

17. Are any of the immediate subordinates of Michael named in Scripture?

"And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision." Daniel 8: 16.

18. What other angel, now fallen, once held a high position in heaven?

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning, how art thou cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations!" Isaiah 14: 12. See study entitled, "Why Are Some Angels Bad?"

19. How are the angels employed?

a. Worship. "And all the angels stood round about the throne, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen." Revelation 7:11,12.

b. Service. "Bless you the Lord, all you His hosts; you ministers of His, that do His pleasure." Psalm 103:21.

20. In what work do they eagerly engage?

"Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" Hebrews 1:14.

### Why Are Some Angels Bad

1. How does the Bible distinguish between the good and the evil angels?

"I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality." 1 Timothy 5:21.

2. How did some angels come to incur the wrath of God?

"And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." Jude 1:6. (See also 2 Peter 2:4.)

3. Who was the leader in this revolt against the government of heaven?

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!" Isaiah 14:12.

4. Through sinful pride to what did Lucifer aspire?

"For thou has said in your heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High." Isaiah 14:13,14.

5. By seducing some of the other angels, what conflict did he precipitate in heaven?

"And there was war in heaven: Michael [Christ] and His angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon [Lucifer] fought and his angels, and prevailed not." Revelation 12:7,8.

6. What punishment did God mete out to the rebellious Lucifer, and how was he renamed?

"And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." Luke 10:18. "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan." Revelation 12:9.

7. What punishment fell also upon the angels who associated with him?

"Neither was their place found any more in heaven. He was cast out into the earth, and his angels