

## V. ANGELOLOGY

### A. Existence of Angels

1. *Unquestioned* - The existence of angels cannot be questioned as the Bible mentions angels over 250 times.
2. *Multitudes* - There are thousands upon thousands of angels; too many to be numbered. <sup>Ps 68:17, Heb 12:22, Mt 26:53</sup>

### B. The Nature of Angels

1. *Created* - Angels are created beings <sup>Col 1:16</sup>.
2. *Powerful* - Angels have tremendous power, particularly when compared to men <sup>II Pe 2:11</sup> although their strength varies one from another <sup>Rev 5:2</sup>.
3. *Spiritual* - Angels are spiritual beings <sup>Ps 104:4</sup> although they often appear before men in human form <sup>Heb 13:2</sup>.
4. *Moral* - There are good angels and evil angels <sup>Ps 78:49</sup> on opposing sides <sup>Rev 12:7</sup> some of which serve God while others are reserved unto judgment <sup>Jude 1:6</sup>.
5. *Application* - The use of the term "angel" in the Bible could apply to the Lord Jesus Christ although He is much higher than the actual angels <sup>Dan 3:28, Heb 1:4</sup>.
6. *Given Names* - Angels such as Gabriel and Michael have personal names although these names are usually not given in Biblical accounts.
7. *Emotional* - Angels rejoice when the will of God is done (i.e. when someone is saved) <sup>Lu 15:10</sup>.
8. *Immortal* - Angels are not mortal like men as they do not die <sup>Lu 20:36</sup>.
9. *Accountable* - Angels will be judged by men <sup>I Cor 6:3</sup>.
10. Angels are not benefactors of the Gospel <sup>I Pe 1:12</sup> and cannot be saved.
11. *Subordinate* - Angels are not to be worshiped <sup>Rev 19:10</sup>.
12. *Demons* - Fallen angels, known as demons, are present in limited numbers on this earth and may possess men or animals, afflict men <sup>Matt 12:22</sup> and do works which oppose God.

### C. The Work of Angels

1. *Task* - Angels are messengers often sent by God to communicate with men or to speak to men from heaven.
2. *Sent* - Angels are servants of God that do His will <sup>Ps 103:20</sup>.
3. *Servants* - Angels often do the work of God on His behalf <sup>2 Sam 24:16</sup> and minister to men.
4. *Reapers* - Angels will "reap" men in the end of the world <sup>Mt 13:41</sup> in preparation for the judgment.
5. *Guardians* - Angels presently behold the face of God on behalf of little children <sup>Mt 18:10</sup>.

### D. The Eternal Fate of Angels

1. *Hell* - Hell was prepared for the devil and "his" angels <sup>Mt 25:41</sup>.
2. *Free Will* - Some angels have chosen a lower eternal estate <sup>Jude 1:6</sup>.

### E. Person and Work of Satan

1. *Created* - Satan exists, is a personal entity, and is a created <sup>Ezek 28:13</sup> being with a beginning as an angel <sup>Ezek 28:14</sup> in the presence of God in beauty and perfection <sup>Ezek 28:15</sup> until he

**Ps 68:17** The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

**Heb 12:22** But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

**Mt 26:53** Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

**Col 1:16** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him

**II Pe 2:11** Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

**Rev 5:2** And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

**Ps 104:4** Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

**Heb 13:2** Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

**Ps 78:49** He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them.

**Rev 12:7** And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

**Jude 1:6** And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

**Da 3:28** Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him

**Heb 1:4** Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

**Lu 15:10** Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

**Lu 20:36** Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels

**I Cor 6:3** Know ye not that we shall judge angels?

**I Pe 1:12** Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

**Re 19:10** And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: . . . worship God

**Mt 12:22** Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him

**Ps 103:20** Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

**II Sam 24:16** And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand.

**Mt 13:41** The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

**Mt 18:10** Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

**Mt 25:41** Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels

**Ezek 28:13** Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; . . . the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. **14** Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. **15** Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

- voluntarily chose to oppose God and was then found to be in possession of iniquity.
2. *Person* - Satan is a personal being named Lucifer <sup>Is 14:12</sup> who chose to exalt himself above God <sup>Is 14:13</sup> and put himself in the place of God <sup>Is 14:14</sup>.
  3. *Access to God* - Satan has access to the throne room of God and converses with God about His saints <sup>Job 1:6-7</sup>.
  4. *Enemy* - Satan is the enemy and false accuser of the saints <sup>Job 1:9</sup>.
  5. *Damned* - Satan is destined to spend eternity in Hell <sup>Rev 20:10</sup>.
  6. *Imitator* - Satan impersonates and imitates God and His works <sup>Gal 1:8</sup>.

**Is 14:12** How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! **13** For thou hast said in thine 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: **14** I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. **15** Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

**Job 1:6** Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. **7** And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. **8** And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? **9** Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

**Re 20:10** And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

**Gal 1:8** But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.