

19 – ANGELS AND DEMONS - PART 1

I. The Origin of Angels

- The scriptures assume the existence of angels, both good and evil.

Scripture Psalm 148:2-5 (ESV)

² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! ³ Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created.

- The time of their creation by God is not indicated in the Scripture.
- They were probably created before the creation of heaven and earth.

II. The Nature of Angels

A. Not Glorified Human Beings

- Angels are not glorified human beings who become angels at their death.
- The Scripture records that believers will be like angels.

Scripture Matthew 22:30 (ESV)

For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

- However, it does not say that believers will be angels.
- Human beings were made lower than angels.

Scripture Hebrews 2:6-7 (ESV)

⁶ It has been testified somewhere, “What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? ⁷ You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor,

- The scripture affirms that believers will judge angels.

Scripture 1 Corinthians 6:3 (ESV)

Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life!

B. They are Incorporeal

- Incorporeal describes something lacking a material body or physical form.
- The scripture refers to angels as spirits.

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Scripture Hebrews 1:14 (ESV)

Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

- While angels are incorporeal, they often reveal themselves in bodily form.

Scripture Hebrews 13:2 (ESV)

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

C. A Host not a Race

- Angels are spoken of in Scripture as a host, not a race.
- Angels neither marry or are given in marriage, meaning they do not procreate.

Scripture Luke 20:34-36 (ESV)

³⁴ And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶ for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

- Angels do not experience physical death, like human beings.

D. Greater in Knowledge, Strength and Nobility

- Angels are greater in knowledge, strength and nobility than human beings.
- However, Angels are not omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent.