

A Study Of Angels Part 1

TEXT: HEBREWS 1:4-8,13-14

INTRODUCTION:

1. The expression of caution when studying this subject.
2. Angels do have a prominent place in the Bible. They are mentioned in 34 of the 66 books. 108 times in the Old Testament and 186 in the New.

I. THEIR NATURE.

- A. Created beings (**Col. 1:16-17**; Psa. 148:2,5; Neh. 9:6).
- B. Great number: innumerable (**Heb. 12:22**; Psa. 68:17; Rev. 5:11).
- C. Different kinds, classes, or types:
 1. Cherubim (**Gen. 3:24**).
 2. Seraphim (**Isa. 6:2**).
 3. Archangel (**Jude 9**, 1 Thess. 4:16).
- D. Powerful (**2 Sam. 24:15-17**; Isa. 37:36; Acts 12:23).
- E. They are in submission to God (Job 1:6; 2:1; **2 Pet. 2:4**; Jude 6).
- F. The ability to be visible or invisible
(Num. 22:31; **2 Kings 6:16-17**; Matt. 1:20 (dreams); Luke 2:9).
- G. Ability to appear in a miraculous way (**Exod. 3:2**).
- H. Appearing before others in the likeness of men (Judg. 13:6-13; **Gen.18:1ff**, Jesus' Tomb).
- I. Ability to cover vast distances quickly (**Dan. 9:21**).
- J. Angels do not marry (**Matt. 22:30**).

II. THEIR WORK.

- A. Angels, as divine messengers, worked **openly** among men prior to the cessation of miracles (1 Cor. 13:8ff).
- B. Their activities are well documented. In addition to the previous examples note:
 1. The announcement of John's birth (Luke 1).
 2. The appearance at the resurrection of Christ (Luke 24:4ff).
 3. The appearance at the Lord's ascension (Acts 1:10-11).
 4. The angel which speaks to Philip (Acts 8:26).
 5. The angel which helps Peter escape from prison (Acts 12:7ff).
- C. Reiterate the cessation of miracles; note 2 Cor. 4:7; they cannot interfere (Gal. 1:8-9).
- D. Angels minister to the saved (Heb. 1:14). How? (Deut. 29:29; Rom. 8:28).
- E. The popular notion of guardian angels unfounded (Matt. 18:10).
- F. Their work at the death of a saint (Luke 16:22).
- G. Their worship of God (Rev. 5:11-12).
- H. Their appearance with Christ at the second coming (2 Thess.1:7-8; Matt. 25:31).
- I. Their role as reapers (Matt. 13:24-30, 37-40).

CONCLUSION:

Angels are not to be worshiped.

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