

A Study Of Angels Part 2

INTRODUCTION:

Review Angels part one.

DISCUSSION:

I. THEIR INTEREST IN MAN.

- A. Evident with the creation (Job 38:4,7).
- B. Evident in the giving of the old law.
 - 1. The need for the law (Rom. 3:20; 7:7).
 - 2. The intercession of Moses (Deut. 5:5; John 1:17).
 - 3. The role of angels (Acts 7:52-53; Gal. 3:19).
- C. Evident with man's repentance (Luke 15:7,10).
- D. Evident in the preaching of the gospel (Acts 8:26).
- E. Evident in their ministering to us (Heb. 1:14; Rom. 8:28).

II. THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO CHRIST.

- A. Reminder: Angel worship is forbidden (Col. 2:18; Rev. 22:8-9).
- B. Christ is superior to the angels. The book of Hebrews establishes His superiority.
 - 1. Superior to the Old Testament prophets (Heb. 1:1-3).
 - 2. Superior to the angels (Heb. 1:4-2:18).
 - 3. Superior to Moses (chapt. 3 & 4).
 - 4. Superior to the Levitical priesthood (chapt. 5-8).
 - 5. His covenant is superior to the old covenant (chapt. 8-9).
 - 6. His sacrifice is superior to animal sacrifices (chapt. 9-10).
- C. Special note: God does not praise the angels -- only His Son (Heb. 1:8-13).
- D. For a time He was lower than the angels (Heb. 2:9-10; cf. Phil. 2:6,9-11; John 17:5; Rev. 5:12).
- E. The angels did serve Him while on the earth (Matt. 4:6,11).
- F. They recognize His authority (Matt. 28:18); evident in that they will serve Him in His return (Matt. 25:31; 2 Thess. 1:7-9).

III. THE ANGEL OF THE LORD.

- A. Source of debate: some scholars, including myself, believe Him to be the preincarnate Christ.
- B. Example with the incident of the burning bush (Exod. 3:2, 4-6, 14; cf. John 8:56-58).
- C. Other mentioning of the angel of the Lord.
 - 1. With Hagar (Gen. 16).
 - 2. Stopped Abraham from killing Isaac (Gen. 22).
 - 3. The encounter with Balaam (Num. 22).
 - 4. Ready to destroy Jerusalem (2 Sam. 24:16).
 - 5. Interaction with Elijah (1 Kings 19:7).
 - 6. The destruction of 185,000 Assyrians (2 Kings 19:35).
- D. Other reasons for this view:
 - 1. Abraham's encounter with the 2 men & "the Lord" (Gen. 18:1-2; 19:1).

2. Christ's role in the Old Testament (1 Cor. 10:1-4; Heb. 11:24-26).

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