

God's Invisible Creation

Angels – Part 1

Sermon Discussion Guide

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STUDY NOTES

Angel winds (Hebrews 1:7).

The image of wind speaks of the angel's swiftness and their secretive work. We cannot see the wind, but we certainly feel its effect. Compare the same image used of the Holy Spirit in John 3:8).

Servants flames of fire

(Hebrews 1:7). The image of flames of fire may convey the purity of these beings. The images may also indicate that the ministries of angels are changeable like the flickering of a flame or the shifting of breeze.



1. What do you picture when you think of angels?

Angels are a part of God's invisible creation, they are not chubby cute little children with wings, nor are they people who have passed on from this earth into heaven. They are a complex creation and made up of good and evil of their own volition. Angels come in at least two kinds, Cherubim and Seraphim. They have personal names and even a way in which God organizes them. They also have a specific role to fulfill as a part of God's creation.

In his message, Matt shared four observations about the nature of angels:

- Angels are created beings.
- Angels are spiritual beings.
- Angels are powerful beings.
- Angel immortal beings.

In this study we will look at the role of angels in God's creation and our relationship to them.

2. According to the following passages, what are some of the roles belonging to angels?

- Psalm 103:19 – 21
- Isaiah 6:1 – 4
- Matthew 26:53
- Matthew 28:1 – 2
- Luke 1:26 – 28
- Revelation 5:2

From the above passages, what characteristics and qualities do you learn about angels in addition to their role in creation.

3. Read Hebrews 1:4 – 14. A distinction is made between Jesus Christ and angels. Several times in the Old Testament angels are called "sons of God" (see Job 1:6; 2:1). But no angel was ever given the title "Son." What is the distinction between the two titles?

4. What contrast does the writer of Hebrews draw between angels in verse 7 and the Son in verse 8?

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Worship of Angels

(Colossians 2:18). False teachers may have claimed their spiritual elevation allowed them to worship the Deity in the company of angels.

5. How would you describe the place angels hold in God's eternal plan compared to the place Jesus Christ holds?
6. Since angels are "sent to serve those who will inherit salvation" (v.14), would it be wrong to pray to an angel for assistance in a crisis? Explain your answer. (Reference: 1 Timothy 2:5)
7. Read Hebrews 2:5 – 9. What does it mean that Jesus was made a little lower than the angels (v.7)? Therefore, what do you think it means in regard to man's status in regards to angels?
8. If man's status is lower than the angels, then what about the worship of angels? (Reference: Colossians 2:18)
9. In what ways does the presence of angels seen or unseen as God's "ministering spirits" (v.14) encourage you?
10. Based on what you have learned from Matt's message and this discussion guide, what are some ways that angels might have served or ministered to you that you have been unaware of?