

# Angels of God

Christian Belief 103-5

Angels are created spiritual beings with moral judgment (see 2 Peter 2:4a; Jude 6) and high intelligence (see Acts 12:6-11), but without physical bodies.

- *Malak* (Heb.) and *angelos* (Gk.) both means 'messenger' are translated as 'angel'. There are about three hundred references to angels in the Bible.

## 1. *The existence of angels*

Angels were created before the seventh day of creation (see Genesis 2:1; Job 38:6-7).

- Angels are invisible to our eyes. God caused Gehazi's eyes able to see the multitudes of angels when Elisha asked (see 2 Kings 6:17). You can ask God for the gift of 'discerning of spirits' to enable you to look into the spiritual realm and see angels (see 1 Corinthians 12:10).

**For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers (Colossians 1:16a NKJV).**

- God created 'innumerable company' of angels (see Hebrews 12:22) and put them in four ranks: thrones, dominions, principalities, and powers. Archangel Michael is 'one of the chief princes', a warrior angel (see Jude 9; Daniel 10:13). He is the 'great prince' who 'stands watch over' Israel as a guarding angel (see Daniel 12:1).
- Two-thirds of the angels are on God's side after a third of them fell with Satan (see Revelations 12:4). They soak in God's glory and they have far greater power than those who have fallen. Some angels are very powerful; just one was able to defeat 185,000 Assyrian warriors (see 2 Kings 19:35).
- Some angels look like human. Gabriel has the appearance of a man (see Daniel 8:15-16). Some are clothed in pure bright linen, from being in the glory of God (see Revelation 15:6). Some come in disguise as human; people may be unaware that angels have even appeared to them (see Hebrews 13:2).

## 2. *Angels before the throne of God*

God has some angels created for escorting His glorious presence.

**And the Angel of His Presence saved them (Isaiah 63:9b NKJV).**

- 'Angel of His Presence' describes this particular type of angel has the nature or the job of escorting the presence of God.

Seraphim and cherubim are angels who live around God's throne (see Isaiah 6:1-3; Ezekiel 10).

- A 'seraph' is an angel of the likeness of 'a flame of fire', with six wings, praises the holiness of God and purifies worshippers with the living coal from the altar (see Exodus 3:2; Isaiah 6:2-7). These six-winged angels are the four creatures flying at super speed, full of eyes around and within for overseeing worship at God's throne fulltime eternally (see Revelation 4:8-11).
- Seraphim are very powerful angels. One seraph is sufficient to protect Israel from the elite army of Egypt (see Exodus 14:19). God promised Moses that a seraph who escorted His presence would enable them to drive out the idolatrous people who had occupied the Promised Land (see Exodus 33:2). The presence of God escorted by a seraph is identified as God (see Numbers 14:14b).
- A 'cherub' is an angel that lives around God's throne and escorts where the glory of God will go. Cherubim are 'living creatures' with very bright radiance of many colors and with the appearance of fire or a flash of lightning. They have four faces and four wings with the likeness of a man's hand under each wing. The noise of their wings was like many waters or of an army. They are celestial chariots on wheels that carry the glory of God (see Ezekiel 1:4-28; 10:12, 18-19).

**But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel (Psalm 22:3 NKJV).**

- These throne room angels go to wherever God's presence is being enthroned in the high praises of His people.

## 3. *Services of angels available for you*

God, our Father in heaven has angels to help us, His sons and daughters.

- Just like Jesus asked God for legions of angels, we can pray to Him to send angels to help us (see Matthew 26:53).

Angels convey your prayers to God and release His answers to you.

**Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake (Revelation 8:3-5 NKJV).**

- God treasures your prayers and wants angels to carry them in 'golden bowls' (see also Revelation 5:8). There is angelic traffic 'ascending and descending' between the earthly and the heavenly realms (see Genesis 28:12, 17; John 1:51). Angels who are assigned to guard you (see Psalm 34:7; 91:11) also deliver your worship, praises, prayers, intercession, and confession to God and mix them 'with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth' to cause commotions of 'noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake' in the spiritual realm above the earth. Hence, God's will is done 'on earth as it is in heaven', overcoming evils on the earth and bringing in the transformation (see Matthew 6:10).

Angels carry out the word of God that you say.

**Bless the LORD, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His word. Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, you ministers of His, who do His pleasure (Psalm 103:20-21 NKJV).**

- Angels 'excel in strength'. They are God's heavenly 'hosts' or army and heavenly 'ministers'. They 'heed the voice of His word', 'do His word', and 'do His pleasure.'
- They are responsive to the voice of God's word on your lips. They hear what you say, testify, teach, preach, prophesy, and declare to establish the kingdom of God on the earth accordingly (see Matthew 16:19).

Angels are assigned to protect people from dangers and harms.

**For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot (Psalm 91:11-13 NKJV).**

- God releases angels to protect you 'in all your ways' to 'overcome the lion and the cobra' which speaks of spiritual harms. God gives guardian angels to camp around all believers to deliver them from troubles (see Psalm 34:7; Matthew 18:10).
- We can also ask God to bring in angels to wherever we are going.

Angels partner with us in spiritual warfare.

**Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia" (Daniel 10:12-13 NKJV).**

- When Daniel was praying to seek understanding of the revelations from God, war broke out in the spiritual realm and the angels were winning.

Angels minister divine strength when you are in a place of hardship, trial, warfare, and suffering. Or, when you are burned out and beaten down.

**Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him (Luke 22:43 NKJV).**

- The angel imparted divine strength to Christ during the one hour intense warfare in Gethsemane. An angel also strengthened Elijah after he had fled from Jezebel (see 1 Kings 19:4-8).

Angels are commissioned to help in your preaching of the gospel.

**Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? (Hebrews 1:14 NKJV).**

- Angels minister to those who will inherit salvation as you preach the gospel (see also Matthew 13:30, 39b; Revelation 14:15).

Angels deliver special messages from God

**And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" (Luke 1:28 NKJV).**

- Gabriel announced to Mary she would have a virgin birth. An angel appeared to Joseph in his dreams to accept the virgin birth and to take Mary and Jesus to flee to Egypt (see Matthew 1:20; 2:13).

Angels deliver healing as you minister to the sick.

For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had (John 5:4 NKJV).

- They do not do the healing, but they are involved in bringing healing.