

What are Angels? What Do They Do?

Hebrews 1: 4-14

We live in an age where the fascination with angels has escalated to almost an angel-mania. And so many of the assumptions about angels has not been examined in the light of the Scriptures.

There are many references to angels in the Bible (some 400x). In O.T. (malak—messenger/agent) In N.T. (aggelos—messenger/agent)

Angel—A created being of a heavenly order BELOW deity, but above humanity, that has at the core of its meaning, both O.T. and N.T. the idea of sending a message.

Angels are CREATED beings: Ps.148:2,5; Nehemiah 9:6
Since the angels “shouted for joy” when Genesis 1 took place, they were created sometime prior to God’s creation of the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. (Job 38: 4,7)

Angels were created to worship and serve God

Angels are accountable to God’s heavenly law, for some of them sinned. (2nd Pet.2:4; Ju. 6)

However, to begin our study, one should examine the most comprehensive passage of the Bible explaining the person of Jesus in comparison to the angels. Hebrews 1:4-14 JESUS IS SUPERIOR TO THE ANGELS!

1. Angels are not in a Father-Son relationship to God as Jesus is (1:5)
2. Angels are commanded to worship Jesus (1:6)
3. Angels can function in invisible and powerful ways (1:7)
4. Angels have no throne or rule or authority as Jesus (1:8-9)
5. Jesus is the Creator—angels are the created (1:10-12)
6. Angels are not elevated to the throne of heaven (1:13)
7. Angels are ministering spirits sent out for the sake of the redeemed. (1:14) Jesus is the REDEEMER!

PSALM 73... “Whom have I in heaven but YOU!”

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