

As you study the subject of angels, take note of what you consider would be a good question to ask everybody else in class. E-mail me your questions and the answers as soon as possible. I will include them in the class question sheet.

ANGELS

The study of angels is a much neglected topic and it would increase the Bible understanding to study about angels. In addition to this it would help to combat the false doctrines that are widespread in the religious world.

- I. What are angels?
 - A. Dictionary definitions.
 - B. Definitions from scriptural usage (Mk 1:2; Lk 7:24; 9:52; Jas 2:25; 2 Cor. 12:7).
- II. What was the function or work of spirit beings called *angels*?
 - A. They are ministering spirits (Hebrews 1:14-2:2).
 - B. They are the fellow-servants of Christians (Revelation 22:8-9).
- III. What is the nature of angels?
 - A. They never die (Luke 20:36), though they are created beings (Job 38:7 and Psalm 148:2-5).
 - B. They are sexless beings who do not marry (Matthew 22:30). What do you learn from Genesis 6:1-2; 1:11-12, 21, and 24-25)?
 - C. They are wise and powerful but (1) not omnipotent (II Samuel 24:15-16), nor omnipresent (Daniel 9:21-23), nor omniscient (Matthew 24:36, II Samuel 14:20 and I Peter 1:12).
 - D. They are invisible (Numbers 22:31; II Kings 6:15-17). What do you learn from Hebrews 1:6-7; Acts 7:30 & 35; Hebrews 1:6-7; Genesis 19:1-17?
 - E. Are angels departed spirits of men who have died (Job 38:7; Mat. 22:30; study Acts 12:15).
 - F. Angels are, or were, able to be tempted and sin (II Peter 2:4 and Jude 6).
- IV. The number of angels (Hebrews 12:22; Matthew 26:53).
- V. The order and rank of angels.
 - A. The cherubim (Genesis 3:24; Exodus 25:22 and Hebrews 9:5; Psalm 18:10, 80:1, and 99:1).
 - B. The seraphim: This Hebrew word is translated “fiery serpent” in Numbers 21:6, 8, Deuteronomy 8:15, Isaiah 14:29, and 30:6, and translated “seraphims” in Isaiah 6:2 and 6.

- VI. How do they serve? Performance of miracles? Providence? Prayer? Protection as “Guardian angels”? Pass over with or escort?
- VII. Should we obey angels if they delivered a message from God to us today? (Gal.1:6-9; 1Ki 13:18).
- VIII. Is Jesus an archangel?
- A. What is an archangel?
 - B. Jesus is never called an archangel (Hebrews 2:9; cf 1:13, 6).
- IX. The work of angels in the life of Jesus.
- A. The work of angels in announcing His birth and early life of Jesus (Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:20-25; Luke 2:8-15, 13-15; Matthew 2:13, 19-20).
 - B. The work of angels in His temptation (Matthew 4:11).
 - C. The work of angels in the garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:43; Matthew 26:53).
 - D. The work of angels in His resurrection (Matthew 28:2-7; John 20:12-13; Mark 16:5-7 and Luke 24:4-7).
 - E. The work of angels in His ascension (Acts 1:10-11; I Timothy 3:16).
 - F. The work of angels in His reign (Heb. 1:6-7; 1 Tim. 5:21; 1 Thes. 4:16 and 2 Thes. 1:7).
- X. The work of angels in the early church.
- A. The work of angels with the apostles (Acts 1:10-11; 5:19-20 and 12:7-11; 27:23-24).
 - B. The work of angels with other disciples (Acts 8:26; 10:3-8, 22, and 11:13).
- XI. The work of angels in the modern church.
- A. Things that righteous angels do for modern-day Christians.
 1. Angels escort the righteous into paradise (Luke 16:22).
 2. Angels may aid God in affecting providence but since this has not been revealed by God to mankind there should not be assumptions about what is done (Deuteronomy 29:29).
 - B. Things that righteous angels do not do for modern-day Christians.
 1. Angels do not take away man’s free-will (Isaiah 7:13-15).
 2. Angels do not work modern day miracles (I Corinthians 13:8-10).
 3. Angels do not contradict the Scriptures in any manner in their service to God.

CONCLUSION: [Write your conclusion concerning angels]