

Study Guide to Angels

Preliminary: Angel Quiz - True and False

- _____ 1. All angels have wings.
 _____ 2. Angels are usually women.
 _____ 3. Cherubs are little baby angels.
 _____ 4. We become angels when we die.
 _____ 5. Angels live on earth among us.
 _____ 6. Angels are always nice and sweet.
 _____ 7. There are different levels of angels.
 _____ 8. When in trouble you should ask your guardian angel for help.
 _____ 9. Angels bring us new revelations about God and religion.
 _____ 10. Angels are being created now.
 _____ 11. Angels grow and learn (earn their wings)
 _____ 12. Angels have halos.
 _____ 13. If you see an angel, you should worship it since it's from heaven.
 _____ 14. Angels have to be trained by other older angels.
 _____ 15. Angels are evolving into higher forms.
 _____ 16. Angels will help us become God of our own planet after we die.
 _____ 17. Jesus is the mightiest angel.

17. What is your image of angels?

18. What do you think of when angels on T.V. or in the movies?

19. What is your image of the Devil and demons?

Introduction: Encounters with Angels

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| 1. Genesis 3:24 | 6. Exodus 3-4:17 | 11. I Kings 19:1-8 | 16. Acts 5:17-20 |
| 2. Genesis 16:1-12 | 7. Numbers 22:22-35 | 12. Matthew 28:5-7 | 17. Acts 8:26-39 |
| 3. Genesis 19:1-22 | 8. Joshua 5:13-15 | 13. Luke 1:5-22,57-64 | 18. Acts 10:1-8 |
| 4. Genesis 22:1-8 | 9. Judges 6:11-13 | 14. Luke 2:8-15 | 19. Acts 12:1-19 |
| 5. Genesis 34:24-30 | 10. Judges 13:1-20 | 15. Acts 1:9-11 | 20. Acts 27:21-25 |

What do angels do?

1. Warriors and Agents of Wrath

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| Genesis 3:24 | 2 Chronicles 32:21 | Revelation 9:14-15; 15:1; 15:6; 16:1-21, 20:1-3 |
| 2 Samuel 24:15-17 | Isaiah 37:36 | |
| I Chronicles 21:14-17 | Acts 12:21-23 | |
| 2 Kings 19:35 | Revelation 12:7: | |

2. God sends angels to deliver and protect and defend his people

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| Joshua 5:12-6:5 | Daniel 6:19-22 |
| Psalms 34:7 | Acts 12:11 |
| Daniel 3:13-30 | |

3. Angels come with guidance from God, with clear and specific instructions

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| Genesis 16:7-9 | Exodus 23:20-21 | I Chronicles 21:18 | Acts 10:3-33 |
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Genesis 19.15-17
Genesis 31.10-13

Numbers 22:22-35
2 Kings 1

Matthew 1:20
Matthew 2:13

Revelation 10:1-10

4. Angels provide comfort and encouragement

Genesis 21.14-19
I Kings 19.3-7

Daniel 10:4-19
Matthew 4:10-11

Mark 1:13
Luke 22:43

5. Angels are messengers to enlighten us.

Genesis 22.15-17
Judges 13.1-5

Luke 1:11-13
Luke 1:26-31

Luke 2:9-12
Matthew 28:1-7

Acts 27:13-26
Revelation 14:6-7

6. Angels take us to heaven when we die (Rich man and Lazarus)

Mark 16.19

Luke 24.51

Acts 1.9

7. Guardian Angels??? -- Psalm 91.11-12; Matthew 18.10

God guides and protects - sometimes by sending an angel

8. Angels cause people to reevaluate their lives.

Angels Don't look like sweet-cheeked, cute, little fat-buttied babies with wings

Cherubim -- Genesis 3:24; -- Ezekiel 1:1-28; 10:1-22

Cherubs and Wheels -- Ezekiel 10:1-22 (background: Exodus 25:10-22)

Seraphim -- Isaiah 6:-7 -- Rev 4:5-9

archangels - Michael (army), Gabriel (messenger) , Lucifer (worship)

3 Warnings Regarding Angels

1. We must not create or reshape angels according to our own fancy.
2. We must never let angels replace God in our lives.
3. Angels must never receive our worship.

What Angels Are

1. Created beings - created by God with a certain number and organization and for a certain purpose. Colossians 1.16
2. Angels were created for our benefit. Hebrews 1.14
3. Angels were created in the beginning - Job 38.4-7
4. Angels are innumerable - Matthew 26.53; Hebrews 12.22; Psalm 68.17; Daniel 7.10; Revelation 5.11
5. Angels live in and belong to heaven - Luke 22.43; Matthew 28.2; Matthew 18.10; 22.30; 24.36; Luke 2.13, 2.15
6. Angels are spiritual being - do not have physical bodies, although may sometimes take that form. -- they are compared to the wind, the fire, and the stars
7. angels are mighty and strong -- Revelation 7.1; 18.21
8. Angels are limited in some areas -- limited knowledge -- Matthew 24.36
 - limited in power and strength -- Revelation 5
 - can face struggles - Daniel
 - can only be in one place at a time
9. Angels have intelligence, emotions, and limited free will
10. Angels are opposed to God's enemies, including Satan and his demons
11. Angels take on many different appearances.
12. Angels do not do for people what they can do for themselves.

13. Angels refuse to take rewards from people. Judges 13:15-18
14. Angels always do God's bidding.

12 Things That Angels Don't Do

1. Don't replace God and Jesus or the Bible.
2. Don't do anything on their own authority or by their own will.
3. Don't grow and learn and mature.
4. Don't evolve into some higher form of angel
5. Don't provide new scriptures or revelations or truths about God or help form new religions.
6. Don't grant us wishes.
7. Don't live among us.
8. Don't accept worship or praise.
9. Don't take messages or instructions from us back to God.
10. Don't take over or possess a person.
11. Don't respond or listen to us praying to or calling on them.
12. Don't have to earn their wings, providing they even have them.

How Are We Like the Angels?

Major **difference** is that we are fallen creatures and they are still what they were created to be. Angels don't sin and do not need to be saved from themselves. They will not be perfect one day because they already are. Because of this:

1. Our salvation makes them curious -- I Peter 1:1-12

Things we have from I Peter that angels can't experience

1. sprinkled by blood of Christ
2. given new birth
3. an inheritance being kept in heaven
4. a living hope
5. belief and faith
6. filled with glorious joy
7. experience all kinds of trials and grief
8. faith proved genuine

2. Our salvation makes them rejoice -- Luke 15.10; Revelation 5.9-14

Similarities

1. Angels are God's servants, and so are we.
Revelation 19.10 and 22.9; John 12.26; Revelation 7.15, and Revelation 22.3
2. Angels are immortal and so are we. -- Mark 12.25; Luke 20.36
3. Angels have personality and so do we.
Angels have strong and fulfilled personalities, are confident and bold --pp. 117-118
4. Angels have emotions.
5. Angels are Observing Us - I Corinthians 4.9; I Timothy 5.21; Ephesians 3.10; Luke 12.8-9
6. Angels attend church with us. -- I Corinthians 11.10.

How We Can Limit or Prevent Angel Activity - Angels, Angels, Angels

1. We tie the hands of angels by refusing to fulfill the vows we make before God. - Ecc. 5:6
2. We limit angels when we purposefully break the laws of society, or purposefully attempt to defy natural law.
3. We can limit angels by our own greed, or by seeking to have our own way.
4. We limit angels when we fail to adhere to God's Word or to place our trust in God.
5. We limit angels when we are not true children of God. -- Hebrews 1:14.

I John 4:1-3 - test spirits - from Angels, Angels, Angels

1. An authentic messenger from God will proclaim, and will never deny that Jesus is God's Son, and that He came to this earth in fleshly form.
2. An authentic messenger from God will always exalt Jesus Christ and point toward His atonement for sin, which He made when He died on the Cross.
3. An authentic messenger from God never encourages divination or occultic practices.
4. An authentic messenger from God never contradicts Scripture or dismisses its importance.
5. An authentic messenger of God never undermines the majesty, glory, or holiness of Almighty God, King of the Universe.

The Truth About the Devil and His Demons - Angels, Angels, Angels

1. Demons are real. Acts 13:10. They are NOT simply the illnesses like epilepsy that people had that they were ignorant to know about. There is always a distinction made between illnesses that could mimic demonic and possession and those actually possessed. Matthew 4:24; Mark 1:34.
2. Demons are spirit beings. Matthew 10:1, Luke 11:24
3. Demons were originally in fellowship with God but "did not keep their proper domain." - Jude 6, I Timothy 3:6
3. Demons are knowledgeable about God and tremble before him. Mark 1:23-24, James 2:19, Matthew 8:28-29
4. Demons are organized and under authority - Matthew 12:24.
5. Demons oppose God's people and attempt to destroy Christ's Kingdom. Ephesians 6:12, I Peter 5:8. primary technique is temptation. I Timothy 4:1-2:
 - a. Demons seduce us to pay attention to something that is contrary to God's will.
 - b. Demons set forth a false "doctrine" or teaching about that thing or person
 - c. Demons "speak lies of hypocrisy"
 - d. Demons sear the conscience of their victim so that a person can no longer tell right from wrong.

6. Demons readily accept worship.
7. Demons can occupy a human body. Mark 5:8-9, Acts 16:16-19
8. Demons can transform themselves into highly appealing entities --even as "angels"-- or appear as apparitions of people.
9. Demons will be judged and committed to the pits of darkness.
10. Angels have more power than Satan.

What the Bible Says about Satan or Lucifer or the Devil

Ezekiel 28:11-19

Isaiah 14:12-19 - (Five "I Will's" of Lucifer, still a problem in churches today)

Genesis 3:1-7 - (Basic temptations are same ones being sold by New Age movements and cults)

John 8:44

Ephesians 2:2

II Corinthians 11:14

I John 5:19

Luke 11:21

2 Corinthians 4:4

I Peter 5:8

Lucifer means "Light Bearer"

- Near Death Experiences
- new religions are usually started or encouraged by angels or beings of light
 - Buddhism
 - Islam
 - Mormons
 - Shakers
 - Jehovah's Witnesses
 - Embraced by the Light
 - New Age

Advice from Marilyn Hickey - Angels All Around

"God has provided his angels to minister to the household of faith while the devil and his angels try to harass, tempt, and cause Christians to stumble in their faith. The key to angelic ministry or angelic menace for the Christian in this war is knowing the Word of God."

1. Put on the whole armor of God - Ephesians 6:11
2. Know Satan's devices -- 2 Corinthians 2:11
3. Give the devil no place - Ephesians 4:27
4. Resist the devil - James 4:7
5. Be sober and vigilant - I Peter 5:8
6. Overcome the devil by the blood of the lamb - Revelation 12:11
7. Overcome the devil by the Word - I John 2:14
8. Cast out devils in the name of Jesus - Mark 16:17 (make sure they know you - Acts 19:13-16)
9. Overcome the devil by the power of the Holy Spirit - Romans 8:14-15
10. Overcome the devil by faith - I John 5:4