

Supernatural: Angels

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I. Introduction

II. What are Angels?

A. Angels are God's servants.

- They are supernatural beings, created by God and for God's glory.
- When were they created?
- 2 Peter 3:8 - *But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.*
- Hebrews 1:14 - *Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?*
- Daniel 7:10 - *A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.*

B. They are worshippers.

- Hebrews 1:6 - *And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."*
- Revelation 5:11-13 – *Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. 12In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" 13Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"*

C. They are Warriors.

- 1 Chronicles 21:16 - *David looked up and saw the angel of the LORD standing between heaven and earth, with a drawn sword in his hand extended over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell facedown.*
- 2 Kings 18:19-21 - *The field commander said to them, "Tell Hezekiah: " 'This is what the great king, the king of Assyria, says: On what are you basing this confidence of yours? 20You say you have strategy and military strength—but you speak only empty words. On whom are you depending, that you rebel against me? 21Look now, you are depending on Egypt, that splintered reed of a staff, which pierces a man's hand and wounds him if he leans on it! Such is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who depend on him.*
- 2 Kings 18:28-30 - *Then the commander stood and called out in Hebrew: "Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria! 29This is what the king says: Do not let Hezekiah deceive you. He cannot deliver you from my hand. 30Do not let Hezekiah persuade you to trust in the LORD when he says, 'The LORD will surely deliver us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.'*
- 2 Kings 19:35 - *That night the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning—there were all the dead bodies!*

D. They are Messengers

- Judges 6:12 - *When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior."*
- Luke 1:30-31 - *But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. 31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus."*
- Genesis 18 – *Abraham and the 3 strangers.*
- Hebrews 13:2 - *Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.*

III. What Do Angels Do?

A. They give direction.

- Matthew 1:20 - *But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."*
- Numbers 22:21-23 - *Balaam got up in the morning, saddled his donkey and went with the princes of Moab. 22 But God was very angry when he went, and the angel of the LORD stood in the road to oppose him. Balaam was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him. 23 When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road with a drawn sword in his hand, she turned off the road into a field. Balaam beat her to get her back on the road.*
- Numbers 22:28 - *Then the LORD opened the donkey's mouth, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?"*
- Numbers 22:31-32 - *Then the LORD opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road with his sword drawn. So he bowed low and fell facedown. 32 The angel of the LORD asked him, "Why have you beaten your donkey these three times? I have come here to oppose you because your path is a reckless one before me."*

B. They Protect Us From Danger

- Psalm 91:11-12 - *For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; 12 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.*
- Daniel 6:20-22 - *When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?" 21 Daniel answered, "O king, live forever! 22 My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king."*

C. They Minister To You

- Hebrews 1:14 - *Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?*
- Matthew 4:11 – *Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.*
- 1 Kings 19:4-6 - *While he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." 5 Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." 6 He looked around, and there by his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.*

IV. Conclusion