

**Key Text:**  
**Hebrews 1:14**

“Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?”

## ANGELS

There is much ignorance, fear, and superstition surrounding angels. Yet, the Bible speaks of angels 296 times. The book of Revelation refers to angels 76 times, which is more than any other book in the Bible. The Bible even mentions a few angels by name such as Michael & Gabriel. (*Daniel 10:21; 12:1-4; Jude 9; Dan. 8:16-19; 9:1-27; Luke 1:19,26*) The Lord Jesus Christ spoke of angels often and was personally ministered to by them. (Matt. 4:11; Mark 8:38; 13:32) So, the Bible clearly teaches the existence of angels as mighty created spirit beings. **The word translated in the Bible as “angel” means a messenger or agent.**

Angels are truly the spiritual agents who carry out the will of God in serving those who will inherit salvation. This is a purpose that is opposite of fallen angels who have been cast out of heaven and now serve as agents of the devil.

The ministry and function of WORSHIP & SERVICE. *The charge over the saints to Psalm 91:11,12.* This is help and service to the saints rescued Lot from Sodom and Fed Elijah the Prophet in 1

from the lions den in Daniel 6:22; They rescued the apostles from prison in Acts 5:17-20; and If our spiritual eyes would be opened today we would also be able to see the army of angels which surround and guard the saints. (2 Kings 6:15-17). In addition to service angels also worship God! Angels are commanded to worship God in Psalms 148:1,2 and again in Hebrews 1:6. A Countless number of angels are said to be gathered in the worship of Jesus as the “Lamb of God” in Revelation 5:11-12. While still on this point...***It is important to note however that elect angels of God refuse any degree of veneration or worship and instead direct all worship to God. It is rather fallen angels and the devil who desire worship as if they were like God. (i.e. Revelation 19:10; Matt. 4:9,10; 1 Corinthians 10:20; Leviticus 17:7; Revelation 13:4).*** This grave-error of giving worship to fallen angels and demons instead of God is why **believers must NEVER pray to angels** or exalt angelic spirits as objects of worship. People mess up when they stop giving God the credit for help and look instead to His agents, giving them the credit due only to God. **Believers must NEVER accept any**

**WHY STUDY ANGELS?**  
“Ignorance regarding Angels makes you vulnerable to deception and all kinds of pain.”

angels are two-fold: ***angels have been given keep them in all their ways.*** shown by many instances of recorded in scripture. Angels Gomorrah in Genesis 19:1-24; Kings 19:5-7; Saved Daniel

The false religion of **Mormonism** was started in response to a vision from an angel named “Moroni” that was given to Joseph Smith in the 1800’s. The teachings of Mormonism are contradictory to all of scripture. It denies the deity of Christ and undermines the basis of the Gospel message...THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHY WE DO NOT BELIEVE EVERY SPIRIT!

**through special wisdom obtained revelation that is in**

**addition to the Bible, or that contradicts the Bible, regardless of how impressive the angelic visitation might be.** This is how idolatry and error have crept in and corrupted genuine faith. Remember God’s commandment to worship Him and Him alone!



# WHAT IS THE NATURE AND CHARACTER OF ANGELS?

The Bible warns us about getting too “Cooky” or speculative about spiritual things like angels and demons. **(Colossians 2:18,19)** The obvious reason is that some can be led astray by their own visions and imaginations and ruin the faith of others along with their own. Stick to the facts regarding angels or you might believe some crazy ideas. Here are TWO widely held misconceptions or myths regarding angels:

1. **Angels are rarely described as having wings!** This idea is based largely on artistic renditions from the time of the European Renaissance and is loosely tied to the descriptions of Cherubim, Seraphim and the “Living Creatures.” (*Exodus 25:20; Isaiah 6:2,6; Ezekiel 1:6; Revelation 4:8*) Most of the time you wouldn’t even know an angel was in your midst unless it was revealed. Hebrews 13:2.
2. **Saints who die DO NOT become angels.** While movies and sentiment propel our imagination into speculation... scripture describes the dead in Christ as immediately entering into God’s presence. This misconception stems from the fact that the Bible uses the same word “Saints” in reference to both angels and men. Deceased loved ones do not revisit us as angels and there is nothing in scripture to teach this concept. (*2 Cor. 5:6-8; Zechariah 14:5; Matt. 25:31; Daniel 8:13*)

## THE BIBLE DOES TEACH THIS STUFF ABOUT ANGELS...

- \* **They are created spirit beings just like fallen angels.** Psalm 148:2,5; Heb. 1:13-14
- \* **Angels are higher in order than mankind.** Hebrews 2:7,9; 2 Peter 2:11.
- \* **They have intelligence and free will.** Angels do not have “all” knowledge like God. Jude 6,9.
- \* **They are invisible and yet can take on physical form.** Hebrews 13:2; Colossians 1:16, 2:18; Judges 6:12, Luke 1:11
- \* **They are submissive and obedient to God.** Psalm 103:20; Matt. 6:10; 1 Peter 3:22
- \* **They are mighty & powerful.** Psalm 103:20; 2 Kings 19:35
- \* **Angels immediately escort believers to the presence of God when they die.** Luke 16:22; 2 Kings 2:11
- \* **Angels can deliver God’s direction.** Angels may appear in dreams or in person and give direction or affirm God’s “REVEALED” will and His word which is the Bible. There are also times when these messages are warnings. Angels are God’s messengers! Remember to test every spirit and ensure that whatever is revealed lines up with the Bible and The Gospel of Jesus Christ. (i.e. 1 John 4:1; 1 Timothy 4:1; Isaiah 8:19,20; James 3:15,17)

# HOW DOES THIS AFFECT MY SPIRITUAL LIFE AND HELP ME?

#1 REASON  
“YOU ARE ALWAYS PROTECTED”

#2 REASON  
“YOU ARE NEVER ALONE”

#3 REASON  
“ANGELS ARE REAL”

#4 REASON  
“IGNORANCE MAKES YOU VULNERABLE”

The Bottom line here is the effect the truth has on your mind, emotions, and actions. Put yourself in the place of Elisha’s servant in 2 Kings 6:8-17. The lesson was clear, **“Do not fear, those who are with us are greater than those who are with them.”** Vs. 16. If you will allow the Bible to inform you of the reality of God’s angels having the responsibility to help you until you are in heaven... **FEAR WILL DWINDLE AWAY!** On the other hand, if you allow fear and ignorance of spiritual powers to grow, it will be of no surprise when you fall prey to false teachings and troubles of every kind. Worship the God of angel armies because He loves you and has given angels charge over you today!

## ARE THERE ANY MORE REBELLIOUS ANGELS?

NO; GOD HAS CAST FROM HEAVEN ALL THE ANGELS WHO REBELLED. GOD HAS ALSO HELD SOME FOR THAT DAY WHICH IS SET ASIDE FOR THEIR DESTRUCTION. NOW THE ANGELS WHICH ARE MINISTERING TO THOSE WHO WILL INHERIT SALVATION ARE REFERRED TO AS GOD’S HOLY ONES:

So unlike portrayals in popular movies, God’s elect angels are morally pure and modest. They do not lie and they will not molest or harm you in any way. They do not have bad or “rebellious” attitudes. Because you are born again as a child of God, God’s angels will always be a blessing to you.