

Review / Introduction:

I. Rulers and Authorities Identified...

A. The Importance of Understanding the Nature and Work of Angels...

1. Scripture is our only source of information... *II Timothy 3:16*
2. Beware of a sinful rise of mysticism in the church...
3. Understanding angels will increase our spiritual enrichment...

B. A Study Sadly Neglected (or abused...)

C. Angels in the Bible...

Genesis 24:7; Psalm 103:15-22; Luke 2:9-12; Mark 16:6; Hebrews 1:4

Observations and Lessons from Scripture...

1. *II Kings 6:15, 16*
2. *Psalm 34:7*
3. *Colossians 2:15*
4. *Romans 8:38*
5. *Hebrews 1:14*

D. There is a history of Fanciful and Speculative Thought in the Church...

II. What the Bible Teaches Concerning Angels...

A. They are Created Beings... *Colossians 1:16 cf. I Peter 3:22 with Psalm 148:2, 5*

B. They are not Glorified Human Beings... *Hebrews 2:16; 12:22*

Observation: God is a spirit...angels are spirits...not as God is...only God is eternal...*Psalm 104*

C. They are not Omniscient...

1. They know a lot... *II Samuel 14:17*
2. But not everything... *Matthew 24:36 cf. I Peter 1:12 with Ephesians 3:10*

D. They are not Omnipotent...

They are powerful, *Matthew 28:2; Acts 5:17-21; 12:10*, but not all powerful...

E. God's Eternal Purposes Pertain to them...

1. There are elect angels... *I Timothy 5:21*

2. There are fallen angels... *Jude 6*

Observations: 1. A large number of angels fell...

2. Their number is constant, they are a realm of individuals not organically or federally related as man is in Adam,
Romans 5:12

3. Christ did not atone (not even for one) angels...

F. There is a Hierarchy of Angels... *I Thessalonians 4:16; Jude 9; Ephesians 1:21; Colossians 2:15; Daniel 9:21; Luke 1:19,*
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G. Their Number is Great... *Daniel 7:10; Hebrews 12:22*

Application: