

Are Angels Real?

2 Kings 6:15-19

When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see." So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. And when the Syrians came down against him, Elisha prayed to the Lord and said, "Please strike this people with blindness."

So he struck them with blindness in accordance with the prayer of Elisha. And Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." And he led them to Samaria.

Misconceptions

- Not Cupid
- Not little children in heaven
- Not spirits of those who died
- not all-powerful

Jude 9 – "The Lord rebuke you."

Two Extremes to Avoid

- Worship them

... worship of angels

Col. 2:18

Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus, worship God."

Rev. 19:10

- Ignore them

For the Sadducees, say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit... Acts 23:8

- Understand their purpose
- Understand our purpose

- Two Main Types of Angels

- Cherubim – warriors/guardians
He placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life. Gen 3:24

... the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony...”

Protectors of God’s holiness, presence and glory.

Ex. 25:22

- But when the archangel Michael contending with the Devil...
Jude 9
- Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the Dragon. Rev. 12:7
- Seraphim- worshipers
Above Him stood the seraphim... one called to another and said Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory. Isa. 6:2

“Burning” ones – dazzling; bright; shining ones.

Three general purposes
in relation to God.

- To worship Him

Praise Him all His angels; praise Him all His hosts.

Psalm 148:2

Worship by His angels.

- no hesitation
- not half-hearted
- not occasional
- not some but all

Worship – to declare worth

“weighty” on a scale of value.

Ascribe to the Lord O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ps. 29:1

- To be accountable to Him

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord. Job 1:6

- To obey Him

Bless the Lord, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His Word.

Ps. 103:20

- Bless the Lord, all His hosts, His ministers who do His will... (21)
- Not optional – “I’ll think about it”
 - Not a democracy – “I have another idea.”
 - Not with a bad attitude – “I don’t want to.”

Four general purposes in relation to God’s people.

- To strengthen God’s people.

Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? Heb. 1:14

“The angels are the dispensers and administrators of the divine beneficence towards us; they regard our safety, undertake our defense, direct our ways, and exercise a constant solicitude that no evil befall us.”

John Calvin

And one having the appearance of a man touched me and strengthened me.

Dan. 10:18

Angels came and were ministering to Him. Matt. 4:11

And there appeared to Him an angel from heaven, strengthening Him. Lk. 22:43

... some have entertained angels unawares. Heb. 13:2

- To speak God’s message

Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

Lk. 2:10

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south...” Acts 27:26

There stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship...

Acts 27:23

And He said, “Do not be afraid Paul.” (24)

Test the spirits to see whether they are from God. 1 John 4:1-3

- To stand against God’s enemies.

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2 Kings 6:17

We are not alone – The Lord is with us – God’s armies are with us.

* Elisha was not afraid

* Elisha was not alone

* Elisha knew God’s armies were

- greater in number

- greater in power

Feel outnumbered?

Feel all is lost?

Feel surrounded on all sides?

Feel the darkness growing more powerful?

Feel that there is no hope?

We are standing on holy ground

And I know that there are angels all around.

Let us praise Jesus now

We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

- To support God’s work.

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.

Rev. 14:6

He said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water. (7)

During the end times

- great urgency to share the gospel

- great affirmation from heaven to

- great reinforcement in sharing the

- great outpouring from heaven to

share the gospel

gospel

announce God’s Good News!

