

THE ANGELIC HOST

LESSON 2

OUTLINE:

- 1) *The Angelic Host – Their Power*
- 2) *The Angelic Host – Their Appearance*

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

To briefly review the first lesson, we found that there were two orders of angels, one good and one evil. We then saw that angels numbered in the millions. We closed by discovering that all angels were the creation of God. Let us continue our search for general information about the angels.

THE ANGELIC HOST – THEIR POWER

What did the Psalmist say of the strength of angels?

Psalm 103:20 _____

Angels excel in strength over men. On one occasion we are told that a single angel performed what feat?

2 Kings 19:35 _____
(One hundred fourscore and five thousand is 185,000)

What was an angel able to do that made some guards tremble with fear?

Matthew 28:2-6 _____

What did John say one angel did during a certain season of the year?

John 5:4 _____

What surprising thing did one angel accomplish as the apostles looked on?

Acts 5:18-20 _____

In similar manner, we see another angel do several things to free the apostle Peter from prison. What were they?

Acts 12:5-10 _____

What did the apostle John say he saw some angels doing, which is yet to take place upon the earth?

Revelation 7:1 _____

How does Paul refer to the angels of the Lord?

2 Thessalonians 1:7 _____

What unusual act did an angel perform for the prophet Daniel?

Daniel 6:22 _____

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What did an angel do when Zacharias refused to believe what he had to say?

Luke 1:10-20 _____

Peter compares those who deliberately go against God with the man _____ (2 Peter 2:15)
who was rebuked for his rebellion in what strange way _____ (2 Peter 2:16)

How was the donkey enabled to speak with a man's voice?

Numbers 22:27-28, 30-33 _____

The Bible gives ample evidence that angels are mighty, having a supernatural strength which far surpasses that of humans. Their strength is spiritual in nature. Man, no doubt, would speak of the power of angels as magic.

How does the Bible compare a man with an angel?

Psalms 8:4-5 _____

In the case of the destruction of the 185,000 Assyrians, and the release from prison of God's followers, we see that angels use their power both for judgment as well as for helpfulness.

The power of angels is further seen in their swiftness. The fastest thing known to man is light, which travels at a speed of 186,000 miles per second. What did some words of Jesus seem to suggest about the speed of angels?

John 1:51 _____

Look again at the account where the angel rolled the stone away from the empty tomb. In the time it took for an earthquake to take place, what else happened?

Matthew 28:2 _____

Though the angels far excel man in strength, it seems safe to say that their power is limited. How does God refer to Himself as proof He is the only God?

Genesis 17:1 _____

What can be said only of God?

Mark 10:27 _____

On one occasion Daniel was praying for the nation Israel. God sent an angel to comfort him with the prayer answer. What happened to this angel shows that their strength is limited. The angel was delayed in reaching Daniel for how long _____ and for what reason _____

(Daniel 10:12-13). What was necessary before the angel of the Lord was able to deliver God's answer to Daniel? _____

(Daniel 10:13). What was the angel named that aided the angel in distress? _____
From this account we see that evil angels also have power. They oppose the work of the good angels. In this case, it took two good angels to overcome the one bad angel, which was referred to by what name _____ (Daniel 10:13).

The power of angels far exceeds that of humans. Still their power is not total. They are not able to do anything they please.

THE ANGELIC HOST – THEIR APPEARANCE

Of the angels of the Lord, it must be said that they are quite beautiful to behold. Though angels have spiritual bodies of their own, they also have the power to make themselves into some form which the human eye can see. Their form usually took on the appearance of what shape?

Genesis 19:1-5 _____

How did the Lord and two angels appear to Abraham as he sat before his tent?

Genesis 18:1-2 _____

No doubt, this incident in the life of Abraham was on the mind of the writer of Hebrews when he said what about angels (which proves they can take on human form)?

Hebrews 13:2 _____

From several word descriptions of angels, one can conclude that angels must appear quite majestic. How was the angel described which rolled away the stone from the entrance to the tomb of Jesus?

Matthew 28:2-3 _____

The picture we get here is that of brightness. A lightning flash is bright and stunning to behold. Snow is white. The angel described here was dressed in white and appeared to shine like a great flashing light.

How did Daniel depict the brightness and beauty of an angel?

Daniel 10:6 _____

What type of picture did John use to speak of the appearance of an angel?

Revelation 10:1 _____

It seems that angels do not always appear in bright fashion. After a long conversation with what Gideon thought was only a man, he said what?

Judges 6:22 _____

It must be assumed that Lot did not recognize, the two men who stayed with him as being angels. When angels took on the form of man, they did not retain their glorious appearance.

One group of angels was known as cherubim. What one characteristic do they have not mentioned concerning other angels?

Ezekiel 10:5 _____

When Moses was instructed to place a pair of cherubim on the Mercy Seat of the Ark of the Covenant, which went in the Tabernacle, what is noted to be a part of their feature not associated with the normal appearance of a man?

Exodus 25:20 _____

Isaiah spoke of yet one other group of angels which appeared to have wings. Who were they?

Isaiah 6:1-2 _____

Only of cherubim and seraphim is it said that they have wings. We can say that holy angels must appear bright and shining in the natural state. From all indications, it can be safely concluded that angels are men, for this is always the human form they took on.

We are given very little information concerning the appearance of fallen angels. The Scriptures are clear in saying that God's angels are associated with light. As we look again at what God did to one group of angels, it would seem that evil angels are surrounded by and associated with what?

Jude 1:6 _____

Paul connected those evil angels known as "rulers" with that type of work?

Ephesians 6:12 _____

We can only surmise that the evil angels lost their brightness in their fall. They now appear to abide in darkness. This is further implied by a statement Paul made about one fallen angel, Satan. Satan, as he now exists, must have lost all his brightness and abides in darkness. In order to deceive man, and in order to make himself and his suggestions more attractive, Satan is said to try and do what?

2 Corinthians 11:14 _____

Nowhere does the Bible picture Satan as dressed in a red suit, having a forked tail, horns on his head, and a pitch fork in his hand.

It can further be said that all the information we have leads us to assume that the evil angels also lost their ability to take on human form in their fall. They are seen to work through men but never to appear as men. This may explain why Satan tempted Eve through something instead of making a personal appearance in human form.

