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Angels!

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Hebrews 1: 13 To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"¹³? ¹⁴Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

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1.0 Introduction to Angels!

What does an angel look like? When one thinks of an angel, what comes to mind? Is it a man with wings? Is it a chubby baby with wings? Where did these ideas come from?

If we ignore supposition, man-made tradition and listen to the word of God, we find spirit beings which are so unusual and strange, that it could only come from the mind of God!

Through the His word, we are blessed to see with our mind's eye the glory of God's created spirit beings. These are awesome, amazing, and strange creatures that live in the presence of God and His throne. Angels continually assist God's elect. They are at His beckon call as they protect, guide, lead, block, destroy, blind, bind, and bring God's message when directed by Him.

Enjoy this fascinating study of God's amazing creation and see what His word says about these amazing creatures!



1.1 Biblical Usage

The following is a selected list of most common usage from the Old and New Testaments. How is the word used in the bible? How was it intended to be used?

Living	40
Creatures	
Cherubim	96
Angels	294
Seraphim	2
Total	432

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1.2 Hebrew Usage

The following is a selected list of usage from the Old Testament.

Strong's Number	Original	Pronunciation	Outline of biblical usage	Translation Count
Hebrew 2416	חַי	chay {khah'-ee}	1) living thing, animal a) animal b) life c) appetite d) revival, renewal	AV - live 197, life 144, beast 76, alive 31, creature 15, running 7, living thing 6, raw 6, misc 19; 501
Hebrew 3742	כְּרוּב	k@ruwb {ker-oob'}	1) cherub, cherubim (pl) a) an angelic being i) as guardians of Eden ii) as flanking God's throne iii) as an image form hovering over the Ark of the Covenant iv) as the chariot of Jehovah (fig.)	AV - cherubims 64, cherub 27; 91
Hebrew 4379	מַלְאָךְ	mal'ak {mal-awk'}	1) messenger, representative a) messenger b) angel 2) c) the theophanic angel	AV - angel 111, messenger 98, ambassadors 4, variant 1; 214
Hebrew 8314	שָׂרָף	saraph {saw-rawf'}	1) serpent, fiery serpent a) poisonous serpent (fiery from burning effect of poison) 2) seraph, seraphim 3) a) majestic beings with 6 wings, human hands or voices in attendance upon God	AV - fiery serpent 3, fiery 2, seraphim 2; 7

1.3 Greek Usage

The following is a selected list of usage from the New Testament.

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Strong's Number	Original	Pronunciation	Outline of biblical usage	Translation Count
Greek 32	αγγελος S	aggelos {ang'-el-os}	1) a messenger, envoy, one who is sent, an angel, a messenger from God	AV - angel 179, messenger 7; 186

1.4 Different Spirit Beings!

The bible is clear that there are different kinds of spirit beings. However, we usually call all spirit beings: Angels! We will study their appearance in more detail in the next chapter, but for now, a quick introduction is provided.

Psalm 104:4 Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.

1.4.1 Cherubim

Cherubim are near God's throne; they have multiple wings, reflect His glory and follow His commands:

Ezekiel 1:4 I looked, and I saw a windstorm coming out of the north—an immense cloud with flashing lightning and surrounded by brilliant light. The center of the fire looked like glowing metal,⁵ and in the fire was what looked like four living creatures. **In appearance their form was that of a man,⁶ but each of them had four faces and four wings.⁷ Their legs were straight; their feet were like those of a calf**



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and gleamed like burnished bronze.⁸ Under their wings

on their four sides they had the hands

of a man. All four of them had faces,⁹ and their wings touched one another. Each one went straight ahead; they did not turn as they moved.

Ezekiel 1:10 Their faces looked like this: **Each of the four had the face of a man, and on the right side each had the face of a lion, and on the left the face of an ox; each also had the face of an eagle.**

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1.4.2 Seraphim

Seraphim or fiery serpents have six wings and are also found near God's heavenly throne.

Isaiah 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. ² **Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.** ³ And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" ⁴ And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts." ⁶ Then **one of the seraphim flew to me**, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged."

1.4.3 Living Creatures

On the fourth and fifth days of creation, God created physical "living creatures".

Genesis 1:20 Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an **abundance of living creatures**, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." ²¹ So God created **great sea creatures and every living thing that moves**, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ So the evening and the morning were the fifth day. ²⁴ Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the **living creature according to its kind**: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

It is clear from His word that spiritual "living creatures" were also created by Him and they continually worship Him day and night:

Revelation 4:6 Before the throne there was[e] a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were **four living creatures** full of eyes in front and in back. ⁷ The **first living creature** was like a lion, the **second living creature** like a calf, the **third living creature** had a face like a man, and the **fourth living creature** was like a flying eagle. ⁸ The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy,[f] Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" ⁹ Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: ¹¹ "You are worthy, O Lord,[g] To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist[h] and were created."

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In this particular case, the “living creature” described is a cherub. The term living creature applies to all spirit beings: angels, cherubim, and seraphim. The bible provides some details for some of the spiritual living creatures, but is silent with most.

1.4.4 Angels

This word is used more than any other to describe spirit beings. The word angel means messenger. So the word angel does not describe “what” the spirit being looks like but rather its godly purpose.

The following scripture indicates that these angels have wings and fly. When describing angels, most scriptures do not mention flight or wings. We will study this more in the next chapter.

Revelation 14:6 Then **I saw another angel flying** in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—⁷ saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”⁸ And **another angel followed**, saying, “Babylon[f] is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”⁹ Then **a third angel followed them**, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand,¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

1.5 Angel Names

Only three angels or living beings are named in the bible: Michael, Gabriel, and Lucifer. In one case, the angel’s name is requested and not received:

Judges 13:17 Then Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, “What is Your name, that when Your words come to pass we may honor You?”¹⁸ And the Angel of the LORD said to him, “**Why do you ask My name, seeing it is wonderful?**”

1.5.1 Michael: “Who is like God?”

Daniel 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, **Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me**, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

Daniel 10:21 But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except **Michael your prince**.)

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Daniel 12:1 "At that time **Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people**; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book. ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.

Jude 1:9 Yet **Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil**, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" ¹⁰ But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.

Revelation 12:7 And war broke out in heaven: **Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought**, ⁸ but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. ⁹ So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

1.5.2 Gabriel: "Soldier of God"

Gabriel has these characteristics:

Characteristic

identified as an angel
identified as looking like a "man"
identified as "being caused to fly swiftly" but does not indicate wings!

NOTE: Jesus flew to the clouds at the Mount of Olives, but did not have wings.

Verse

Luke 1 (see below)
Daniel 8 (see below)
Daniel 9 (see below)

Acts 1:9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, **He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight**. ¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹ who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

Daniel 8:15 Then it happened, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning, that suddenly there stood before me **one having the appearance of a man**. ¹⁶ And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, who called, and said, "**Gabriel, make this man understand the vision**." ¹⁷ So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and fell on my face; but he said to me, "Understand, son of man, that the vision refers to the time of the end."

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Daniel 9:20 Now while I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God, ²¹ yes, while I was speaking in prayer, **the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly**, reached me about the time of the evening offering. ²² And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand. ²³ At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:

Luke 1:18 And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years." ¹⁹ And the angel answered and said to him, "**I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings.**" ²⁰ But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time."

Luke 1:26 Now in the sixth month **the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth**, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" ²⁹ But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³⁰ Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" ³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

1.5.3 Lucifer: “Light Bearer”

We know that Lucifer or “heylel” in Hebrew (הֵיִלֵל) was a cherub. The verses in Isaiah and Ezekiel relate to this cherub and his fall from grace.

Isaiah 14:12 “ How you are fallen from heaven, **O Lucifer,[b] son of the morning!** How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! ¹³ For you have said in your heart: ‘ I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ ¹⁵ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

Ezekiel 28:11 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ¹² “Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “ You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. ¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. ¹⁴ “ **You were the anointed cherub who covers;** I established you; You were

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on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.¹⁵ You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.¹⁶ “ By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, **O covering cherub**, From the midst of the fiery stones.¹⁷ “ Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you.

1.5.4 Apocrypha

The apocryphal writings contain more information about angels. But since the content and authorship are challenged, the accuracy and authenticity are questioned and generally not trusted by most bible scholars for doctrine.

From Wikipedia, this definition is provided:

Apocrypha (from the Greek word ἀπόκρυφα meaning "those having been hidden away"[1]) are texts of uncertain authenticity or writings where the authorship is questioned.

The Apocrypha represents a series of books not found in the “protestant bible”. Some are in the catholic bible and yet others recognized by small Christian churches.

The following books are included in the Catholic bible:

- [1 Esdras](#) (Vulgate 3 Esdras)
- [2 Esdras](#) (Vulgate 4 Esdras)
- [Tobit](#)
- [Judith](#)
- Rest of [Esther](#) (Vulgate Esther 10:4-16:24)
- [Wisdom](#)
- [Ecclesiasticus](#) (also known as Sirach)
- [Baruch](#) and the [Epistle of Jeremy](#) (all part of Vulgate Baruch)
- [Song of the Three Children](#) (Vulgate Daniel 3:24-90)
- [Story of Susanna](#) (Vulgate Daniel 13)
- [The Idol Bel and the Dragon](#) (Vulgate Daniel 14)
- [Prayer of Manasses](#)
- [1 Maccabees](#)
- [2 Maccabees](#)

From the apocrypha book of Tobit, we find another angel name.

^{Tobit 5:4} Therefore when he went to seek a man, he found **Raphael that was an angel**.
⁵But he knew not; and he said unto him, Canst thou go with me to Rages? and knowest thou those places well? ⁶To whom the angel said, I will go with thee, and I know the way

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well: for I have lodged with our brother Gabael. ⁷ Then Tobias said unto him, Tarry for me, till I tell my father.

And there are another series of apocryphal books not recognized by the Catholic Church:

- Jubilees
- Enoch
- the Rest of the Words of Baruch

From the book of Enoch, we see some familiar angel names and yet find one more.

Enoch 9:1 And then **Michael, Uriel, Raphael, and Gabriel looked down from heaven** and saw much blood being ² shed upon the earth, and all lawlessness being wrought upon the earth. And they said one to another: The earth made without inhabitant cries the voice of their cryingst up to the gates of heaven.

1.6 Which Came First?

You have heard the famous phrase, “Which came first the chicken or the egg?” We are studying angels, and can get a glimpse into the mind of God with some amazing verses. So, now consider this phrase, “Which came first, the Cherubim or the eagle?”

Establishing a timeline, we will see when God created each “kind” and we will see His plan with other “kinds”.

1.6.1 Invisible versus Visible Creation

Everything about God and His creation, everything invisible is clearly seen! How can we see the invisible creation? We see the invisible through the physical or visible creation.

Nehemiah 9:6 You alone are the LORD; You have made heaven, The heaven of heavens, with **all their host**, The earth and everything on it, The seas and all that is in them, And You preserve them all. **The host of heaven worships You.**

Colossians 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For **by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible**, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what

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may be known of God is manifest in them, for **God has shown it to them.** ²⁰ For since the creation of the world **His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made,** even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

We can spiritualize away God's word and say that this is metaphor. Having faith that God's word is truth, we can know that everything we see has an invisible counterpart.

1.6.2 Creation of the Angels

Reading God's word, we learn that the angels, often called the "sons of God", sang and shouted for joy when God created the earth.

Job 38:4 **"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?** Tell Me, if you have understanding. ⁵ Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶ To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷ **When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?**

Psalms 148:2 **Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!** ³ Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light! ⁴ Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens! ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, **For He commanded and they were created. ⁶ He also established them forever and ever;** He made a decree which shall not pass away.

1.6.3 Creation of Man and Animals

We know from scripture that angels have characteristics, types, or kinds of representation of the physical world. When studying the spirit being characteristics we will see man and animal features.

We know that we were made in the image of God, we look like God:

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, **"Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;** let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all[b] the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

The next verses are not figurative, but literal characteristics of our God. God has a body, face, hands, mouth and great power. And those who saw Christ saw God the Father.

Job 26:11 The pillars of heaven tremble, And are astonished at **His rebuke.** ¹² He stirs up the sea with **His power,** And by His understanding He breaks up the storm. ¹³ By His Spirit He adorned the heavens; **His hand** pierced the fleeing serpent. ¹⁴ Indeed these are the mere edges of His ways, And how small a whisper we hear of Him! But the thunder of **His power** who can understand?"

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Psalm 27:8 When You said, “**Seek My face,**” My heart said to You, “Your face, LORD, I will seek.”

John 14:7 “If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”⁸ Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father**; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

Consider the creation. We know that the angels, spirit beings were created before the physical (material) creation. Where did the template, the prototype, for the physical form originate? It came from the spiritual. So carefully consider the creation:

Genesis 1:24 Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth **the living creature according to its kind**: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, **each according to its kind**”; and it was so.²⁵ And God made the beast **of the earth according to its kind**, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

The kinds mentioned are the “spiritual” kinds. Man is made after the “spiritual eternal God”; animals are made after the “spiritual eternal living beings”.

So, I pose the question again: “Which came first, the cherubim or the eagle?”

1.7 Sons of God

The term “sons of God” has caused controversy in Genesis 6. There are some who say that angels had sex with humans and created a new race of beings. Is this true? We will examine the use of “sons of God” and see the intended meaning.

Genesis 6:1 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,² that **the sons of God** saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.³ And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive[a] with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”⁴ There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when **the sons of God** came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

Never does the bible indicate that the “sons of God” are exclusively angels. The term is applied in two different ways: 1) humans lead by the spirit of God in righteousness and 2) spirit beings.

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1.7.1 Sons of God: Human

Often, Christians are referred to first as “children of God” and once matured they are then referred to as “sons of God”.

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He **gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:**

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led **by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.** ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but **you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."** ¹⁶ **The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,** ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs - heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. ¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the **creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.** ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; ²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the **glorious liberty of the children of God.**

Philippians 2:14 Do all things without complaining and disputing, ¹⁵ that **you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault** in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

Genesis 6:1 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, ² that **the sons of God** saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. ³ And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive[a] with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” ⁴ There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when **the sons of God** came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called **sons of God.**

Luke 20:34 Jesus answered and said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; ³⁶ nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are **sons of God**, being sons of the resurrection.

Galatians 3:26 For you are all **sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.**

1.7.2 Daughters of Men

Being consistent with scripture, consider the use of the words “sons of God” which refer to the “spiritual righteousness” of man and also that man was created by the holy hand of God. The “daughters of men” refers to the creation “from man” and is comparable to the “children of the flesh” mentioned in Romans.

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Job 25:4 How then can man be righteous before God? Or **how can he be pure who is born of a woman?**

Romans 9:8 That is, those who are **the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God**; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed. ⁹ For this is the word of promise: "AT THIS TIME I WILL COME AND SARAH SHALL HAVE A SON."

Sons of God

"children of God"

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all[b] the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So **God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him;**

Genesis 2:7 And the **LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.** ⁸ The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

Daughters of Men

"children of the flesh"

Genesis 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²² Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. ²³ And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; **She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.**"

1.7.3 Sons of God: Spirit beings

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

Job 2:1 Again there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, And all the **sons of God** shouted for joy?

Luke 20:34 Jesus answered and said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; ³⁶ nor can they die anymore, for they are **equal to the angels and are sons of God**, being sons of the resurrection.

1.7.4 Angels and Sexuality

Angels are spirit beings and are not given in marriage. God designed sexual union for marriage. It is implied that angels do not procreate because they are not identified as male or female and they are not given in marriage. We will look more at the male and female appearance of angels in the next chapter.

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God created male and female and their sexuality is used when the two are joined in sex they become one. In the angelic realm, sexual union is not present in bible.

Matthew 19:4 And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made[a]them at the beginning '**made them male and female,**'[b] ⁵ and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and **the two shall become one flesh**'?[c] ⁶ So then, they are **no longer two but one flesh**. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

Luke 20:34 Jesus answered and said to them, "**The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage.** ³⁵ But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, **neither marry nor are given in marriage;** ³⁶ **nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels** and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

1.8 Angelic Lifetime

God created angels as spirit beings and created them to live forever.

Luke 24:36 Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." ³⁷ But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. ³⁸ And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ **Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.**" ⁴⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.[f] ⁴¹ But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" ⁴² So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb.[g] ⁴³ And He took it and ate in their presence.

Luke 20:34 Jesus answered and said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; ³⁶ **nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels** and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

Angels were created prior to the "creation of man". And since they live forever, they have seen the creation of Adam, Eve, the birth of their children and the birth of all men. They have seen the first sin and they will see the last sin. They have seen the rise and fall of nations. They have experienced a phenomenal number of incredible human events.

As spirits, they are not bound to a physical dimension and can be before the throne of God or in our homes in no time at all.

Consider your own life. Today the average man lives to be 80 years old. During this time we acquire great knowledge and experience. Now consider the life of an angel: 6,000+ years. How much knowledge do they have?

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² Samuel 14:20 To bring about this change of affairs your servant Joab has done this thing; but my lord is wise, according to **the wisdom of the angel of God, to know everything that is in the earth.**"

Because they have immense knowledge and because our spirit can “hear” the spirit world, God commands us to test these very knowledgeable spirits.

¹ John 4:1 Beloved, **do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God**; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

¹ John 4:6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this **we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.**

¹ Thessalonians 5:19 Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies. ²¹ **Test all things; hold fast what is good.** ²² Abstain from every form of evil.

James 5:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. ¹⁵ **This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.** ¹⁶ For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. ¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. ¹⁸ Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

We are required to test the spirits because there are holy and evil angels. Evil angels pervert, deceive, and mislead humans. They have great knowledge and if we listen we will hear amazing things. We will study this amazing power from their knowledge in the chapter: “Fallen Angels”.

1.9 Questions

1. What did you think angels looked like before this study?
2. Now that you have completed this study, what comes to mind regarding the word angel? What do you see?
3. Before this study, did you know what a cherub looked like?
4. Did you know what a seraph looked like?
5. Are you aware of any other angel names? What are they and where did they come from?
6. Consider the creation of spirit beings, then the creation of man. What do angels know that we do not?
7. Have you seen an angel? Did you ever test to see if it was from truly God? What was the test?
8. Have you heard the phrase “sons of God” before? What did that mean to you?
9. How would you feel if you saw a spirit being?

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2.0 Appearance of Angels

If we ignore supposition, preconceived notions, old wives tales or images from Hollywood, we will see something amazing. The angels contrived of fables are feeble, weak, and effeminate. But the angels designed by God are strong, powerful, graceful, and effective.

2.1 Spirit Beings

2.1.1 Cherubim

Cherubim are near God's throne, reflect His glory and follow His commands:

Genesis 3:24 So He drove out the man; and **He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword** which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Ezekiel 9:3 Now **the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub**, where it had been, to the threshold of the temple.[a] And He called to the man clothed with linen, who had the writer's inkhorn at his side;⁴ and the LORD said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it."



Ezekiel 1:4 I looked, and I saw a windstorm coming out of the north—an immense cloud with flashing lightning and surrounded by brilliant light. The center of the fire looked like glowing metal,⁵ and in the fire was what looked like **four living creatures**. In appearance their form was that of a man,⁶ but each of them had four faces and four wings.⁷ Their legs were straight; their feet were like those of a calf and gleamed like burnished bronze.⁸ Under their wings on their four sides they had the hands of a man. All four of them had faces and wings,⁹ and their wings touched one another. Each one went straight ahead; they did not turn as they moved.

Ezekiel 1:10 Their faces looked like this: Each of the four had the face of a man, and on the right side each had the face of a lion, and on the left the face of an ox; each also had the face of an eagle.

Revelation 4:6 Before the throne there was[e] a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.⁷ The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the

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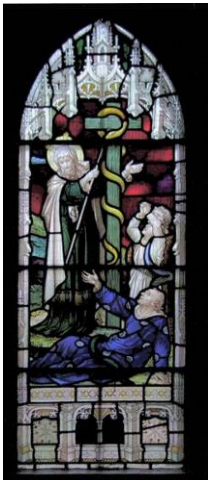
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third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. ⁸ The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: “ Holy, holy, holy,[f] Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!”

A cherub has human and animal characteristics. As noted in the four faces of the cherub, the four dominant kingdoms are seen:

Face	Characteristics	Scripture
Man	Mind, reason, affection, dominion.	Genesis 1:26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all[b] the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
Lion	Strong, mighty, fierce, majestic and the most royal of animals.	Proverbs 30:30 A lion, which is mighty among beasts And does not turn away from any; Proverbs 20:2 The wrath[a] of a king is like the roaring of a lion; Whoever provokes him to anger sins against his own life.
Eagle	Swift, strong and powerful, never weary.	Psalms 103:5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. Isaiah 40:31 But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.
Ox	Patient, strong, able to bear a hard burden.	Proverbs 14:4 Where no oxen are, the trough is clean; But much increase comes by the strength of an ox.

2.1.2 Seraphim



Seraphim are known as fiery serpents. However, in the book of Numbers and Deuteronomy the words “fiery serpent” are used in an amazing story.

Numbers 21:5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses: “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread.” ⁶ So the LORD sent **fiery serpents** among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. ⁷ Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ Then the LORD said to Moses, “**Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole;** and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.” ⁹

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So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

Deuteronomy 8:15 who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were **fiery serpents and scorpions** and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock;

If you consider the medical emblem, the “caduceus”, you will notice that there are two snakes encircling a pole. Here is an excerpt from Wikipedia regarding its origins: [<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caduceus>]

“The symbol's origins are thought to date to as early as 2600 BC in Mesopotamia, and there are several references to a caduceus-like symbol in the Bible, namely in Numbers 21:4–9, and 2 Kings 18:4. During the Exodus, Moses was instructed by God to fashion a pole upon which he was to position a serpent made of bronze; when looked upon, this Nehushtan, as it was called in Hebrew, would spare the lives of the Israelites stricken by venomous snake bites. The intent was that people would look upward and be reminded to pray to God, but eventually the meaning was forgotten and this symbol was apparently worshiped by the Hebrew people until the reign of Hezekiah as described in 2 Kings 18:4“



2 Kings 18:4 He removed the high places and broke the sacred pillars, cut down the wooden image[b] and **broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made**; for until those days the children of Israel burned incense to it, and called it Nehushtan.[c] ⁵ He trusted in the LORD God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor who were before him.

Other scripture illustrate the active seraphim near God’s throne.



Isaiah 6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. ² **Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.** ³ And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!” ⁴ And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ So I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.” ⁶ Then **one of the seraphim flew to me**, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth with it, and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged.”

Other scriptures illustrate prophecies against man regarding the seraphim:

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Isaiah 14:28 This is the burden which came in the year that King Ahaz died. ²⁹ “ Do not rejoice, all you of Philistia, Because the rod that struck you is broken; For out of the serpent’s roots will come forth a viper, And its offspring will be a **fiery flying serpent**.

Isaiah 30:6 The burden against the beasts of the South. Through a land of trouble and anguish, From which came the lioness and lion, The viper and **fiery flying serpent**, They will carry their riches on the backs of young donkeys, And their treasures on the humps of camels, To a people who shall not profit;

2.1.3 Living Creatures

All references to “living creatures” are always related to Cherubim.

2.1.4 Angels

Angels are mentioned over 200 times in the bible. However, most of the time there is no description of what the angel looks like!

Numbers 22:21 So Balaam rose in the morning, saddled his donkey, and went with the princes of Moab. ²² Then God's anger was aroused because he went, and **the Angel of the LORD took His stand in the way as an adversary against him**. And he was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him. ²³ Now the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the way **with His drawn sword in His hand**, and the donkey turned aside out of the way and went into the field. So Balaam struck the donkey to turn her back onto the road. ²⁴ Then the Angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on this side and a wall on that side. ²⁵ And when the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD, she pushed herself against the wall and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall; so he struck her again. ²⁶ Then **the Angel of the LORD went further, and stood** in a narrow place where there was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. ²⁷ And when the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD, she lay down under Balaam; so Balaam's anger was aroused, and he struck the donkey with his staff. ²⁸ Then the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?"

It is indicated that the angel has legs, hands, and a sword.

Judges 6:11 Now **the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree** which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites. ¹² And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, "The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!"

Judges 6:21 Then **the Angel of the LORD put out the end of the staff that was in His hand**, and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire rose out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And the Angel of the LORD departed out of his sight. ²² Now **Gideon perceived that He was the Angel** of the LORD. So Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord GOD! For I have seen the Angel of the LORD face to face." ²³ Then the LORD said to him, "Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die."

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In these series of verses, we see the angel “sits” and has a staff. However, the most intriguing part is that Gideon did not recognize it was an angel! So, the angel must have looked human. So we then consider this verse from the book of Hebrews:

Hebrews 13:2 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.

Genesis 18:2 So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, ³ and said, “My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant.

Judges 13:21 When the Angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah and his wife, then Manoah knew that He was the Angel of the LORD. ²² And Manoah said to his wife, “We shall surely die, because we have seen God!”

2.2 Angels and Fire

When a spirit being is seen in vision or real life, a consistent characteristic of fire is seen.

Hebrews 22: 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may[j] serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. ²⁹ For **our God is a consuming fire.**

Ezekiel 1:4 Then I looked, and behold, a whirlwind was coming out of the north, a great cloud with **raging fire engulfing itself; and brightness was all around it and radiating out of its midst like the color of amber**, out of the midst of the fire.

Ezekiel 1:13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, **their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches going back and forth among the living creatures. The fire was bright, and out of the fire went lightning.** ¹⁴ And the living creatures ran back and forth, in appearance like a flash of lightning.

Daniel 10:5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz! ⁶ His body was like beryl, **his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire**, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude. ⁷ And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. ⁸ Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me, and I retained no strength.



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Acts 12:7 Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and **a light shone in the prison**; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands.

Exodus 3:2 And the Angel of the LORD **appeared to him in a flame of fire** from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

Hebrews 1:7 And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a **flame of fire.**"^[f]

Luke 2:9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and **the glory of the Lord shone around them**, and they were greatly afraid.

Psalms 104:4 Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a **flame of fire.**

Revelation 10:1 I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And **a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun**, and his feet like pillars of fire.

Matthew 28:3 His countenance was **like lightning**, and his clothing as white as snow.

2.3 Angel Voices

Angels have the ability to speak with tongues of men but strangely have their own language!

1 Corinthians 13:1 Though I speak with **the tongues of men and of angels**, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

Hebrews 2:1 Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. ² For if **the word spoken through angels** proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him,

Ezekiel 43:2 And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. **His voice was like the sound of many waters**; and the earth shone with His glory.

Revelation 5:8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And **they sang a new song, saying**: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, ¹⁰ And have made us[d] kings[e] and priests to our God; And we[f] shall reign on the earth."

Revelation 5:11 Then I looked, and **I heard the voice of many angels** around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, ¹² **saying with a loud voice**: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

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2.4 Angels and Stars

The book of revelation indicates that stars are symbolic of angels. Other verses illustrate stars and angels in poetic form.



Faintest Stars in Globular Cluster NGC 6397 NASA, ESA, and H. Richer (University of British Columbia)

Judges 5:19 "The kings came and fought, Then the kings of Canaan fought In Taanach, by the waters of Megiddo; They took no spoils of silver. ²⁰ They fought from the heavens; **The stars from their courses fought against Sisera.**

Job 38:4 "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. ⁵ Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶ To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷ When **the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?**

Psalms 148:1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights! ² **Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!** ³ Praise Him, sun and moon; **Praise Him, all you stars of light!** ⁴ Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens! ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created.

Revelation 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: **The seven stars are the angels** of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

2.5 Appearance on Behalf of God

When a friend invites you into "their home", "their car", "their life", you are invited into their world. The home, the car and the life are not physical descriptions of your friend but attributes they possess and share with you. Likewise, God uses angels as an extension of His love for us, be amazed at how He uses these spirit beings to bless and protect us! But as an interesting note, observe that the word angel is not found.

Psalm 17:8 Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the **shadow of Your wings,**

Psalm 18:10 And **He rode upon a cherub, and flew;** He flew upon the wings of the wind.

Psalm 36:7 How precious is Your loving kindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the **shadow of Your wings.**

Psalm 57:1 To the Chief Musician. Set to "Do Not Destroy." a Michtam of David When He Flew from Saul into the Cave. Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me! For my soul

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trusts in You; And in the **shadow of Your wings** I will make my refuge, Until these calamities have passed by.

Psalm 61:4 I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the **shelter of Your wings**.
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Psalm 63:7 Because You have been my help, Therefore in the **shadow of Your wings** I will rejoice.

Psalm 68:13 Though you lie down among the sheepfolds, **You will be like the wings of a dove covered with silver, And her feathers with yellow gold.**"

Psalm 91:4 He shall **cover you with His feathers, And under His wings** you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. ⁵ You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, ⁶ Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

Isaiah 8:8 He will pass through Judah, He will overflow and pass over, He will reach up to the neck; And the **stretching out of his wings Will fill the breadth of Your land**, O Immanuel.

Ruth 2:12 The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of Israel, **under whose wings** you have come for refuge."

Malachi 4:2 But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise **With healing in His wings**; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves.

Matthew 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to **gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings**, but you were not willing!

2.6 Angels and Wings

It is clear that seraphim and cherubim have wings. They have six wings. However, the assumption is that ALL angels have wings. The bible does not support this. Only two times, the words angels and "wings or flying" are mentioned at the same time. Here are some of the verses. Notice the sensory affect: noise.

Revelation 8:13 And I looked, and **I heard an angel flying** through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

Revelation 14:6 Then **I saw another angel flying** in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—

Here are verses of wings and cherubim:

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Ezekiel 1:24 When they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of many waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a tumult like the noise of an army; and when they stood still, they let down their wings.²⁵ A voice came from above the firmament that was over their heads; whenever they stood, they let down their wings.

Ezekiel 3:13 I also heard the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels beside them, and a great thunderous noise.

Ezekiel 10:5 And the sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard even in the outer court, like the voice of Almighty God when He speaks.

Two cherubim statues were created and placed in the Holy of Holies next to the Ark of the Covenant. Consider the size of the cherubim and the size of their wings!

1 Kings 6:23 In the inner sanctuary he made a pair of cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits [l] high.²⁴ One wing of the first cherub was five cubits long, and the other wing five cubits—ten cubits from wing tip to wing tip.²⁵ The second cherub also measured ten cubits, for the two cherubim were identical in size and shape.²⁶ The height of each cherub was ten cubits.²⁷ He placed the cherubim inside the innermost room of the temple, with their wings spread out. The wing of one cherub touched one wall, while the wing of the other touched the other wall, and their wings touched each other in the middle of the room.²⁸ He overlaid the cherubim with gold.



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2 Chronicles 3:10 In the Most Holy Place he made a pair of sculptured cherubim and overlaid them with gold.¹¹ The total wingspan of the cherubim was twenty cubits. One wing of the first cherub was five cubits [g] long and touched the temple wall, while its other wing, also five cubits long, touched the wing of the other cherub.¹² Similarly one wing of the second cherub was five cubits long and touched the other temple wall, and its other wing,

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also five cubits long, touched the wing of the first cherub. ¹³ The wings of these cherubim extended twenty cubits. They stood on their feet, facing the main hall. [h]

One Wing	Wing Span	Two Wing Spans	Height
5 Cubits 7.5 Feet	10 Cubits 15 Feet	20 Cubits 30 Feet	10 Cubits 15 Feet

2.7 Angels and Gender

Similar to the masculine indication of God (e.g., he, him, etc.), bible translators frequently assign gender to angels. In the following case, the gender implies the “mankind” and is used in poetic language.

Genesis 19:10 But **the men reached out their hands** and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. ¹¹ And they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find the door. ¹² Then **the men said to Lot**, “Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city—take them out of this place!

In this case, it is implied that an angel is present but they see a “young man”.

Mark 16:5 And entering the tomb, **they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe** sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

However, in the following cases, the masculine assignment is used by the translator to add personality and is not indicated in the original Hebrew or Greek

Revelation 7:2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And **he cried with a loud voice** to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,

Revelation 8:3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. **He was given much incense**, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Because of the bible verses on marriage, it is implied that angels are sexless.

Mark 12:25 For when they rise from the dead, **they neither marry nor are given in marriage**, but are like angels in heaven.

Luke 20:36 nor can they die anymore, for they are **equal to the angels** and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

A very unusual vision is given to Zechariah which shows him two women with wings. But they are not identified as angels.

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Zechariah 5:5 Then the angel who talked with me came out and said to me, "Lift your eyes now, and see what this is that goes forth." ⁶ So I asked, "What is it?" And he said, "It is a basket[a] that is going forth." He also said, "This is their resemblance throughout the earth: ⁷ Here is a lead disc lifted up, and this is a woman sitting inside the basket"; ⁸ then he said, "This is Wickedness!" And he thrust her down into the basket, and threw the lead cover[b] over its mouth. ⁹ Then I raised my eyes and looked, and **there were two women, coming with the wind in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork**, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven. ¹⁰ So I said to the angel who talked with me, "Where are they carrying the basket?" ¹¹ And he said to me, "To build a house for it in the land of Shinar;[c] when it is ready, the basket will be set there on its base."

2.8 Questions

1. Consider seeing a Cherub face-to-face. How would you feel?
2. Which of the spirit beings is most fascinating to you? Why?
3. Have you entertained angels? What was it like?
4. Consider angels and fire. Why do you think there is a connection?
5. Have you ever heard the voice of an angel?
6. Why do we think that all angels have wings? Are we influenced more by the world and less by God's word?
7. Are angels fat little babies with wings? If so, which bible verse supports it?

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3.0 Angelic Organization

When you consider God's angels what do you see? Is it a single angel or many? What are they doing? Floating aimlessly or are they driven with a divine purpose? Who gives them their commands and why is an angel called a malak (מלאך) or messenger? We know that our God is a god of order. And there is an order to the angelic kingdom just as there is an order to the human kingdom. Let's explore this amazing order and learn more about God's amazing creation.

3.1 The Pinnacle

Before we get too far into the angelic kingdom, let's understand who is really in control and who is at the top. We know that everything gets its direction from God.

Psalm 24:1 The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

Nehemiah 9:6 **You alone are the LORD**; You have made heaven, The heaven of heavens, with all their host, The earth and everything on it, The seas and all that is in them, And You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You.

Acts 17:28 **for in Him we live and move and have our being**, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

Colossians 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And **He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.**

Hebrews 1:5 For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"?[c] And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"?[d] ⁶ But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "**Let all the angels of God worship Him.**"[e]

We also know from God's word, that He gave us dominion over "everything" physical.

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; **let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Psalms 8:5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ **You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,**

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One day after Christ's return, He will establish us as Kings and Priests. And He will give us His kingdom.

Luke 12:32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for **your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.**

Revelation 5:10 **And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."** ¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

God's entire kingdom includes the angelic kingdom. Similar to this physical life, we will have dominion over the angels in our eternal spiritual life as part of the inheritance. God indicates that we can not see all things for which we will have dominion.

1 Corinthians 6:2 Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? ³ **Do you not know that we shall judge angels?** How much more, things that pertain to this life?

Deuteronomy 4:15 "Take careful heed to yourselves, for you saw no form when the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, ¹⁶ lest you act corruptly and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of any figure: the likeness of male or female, ¹⁷ the likeness of any animal that is on the earth or the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, ¹⁸ the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground or the likeness of any fish that is in the water beneath the earth. ¹⁹ And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, **which the LORD your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage.**

Hebrews 2:5 **For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels.** ⁶ But one testified in a certain place, saying: "What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him?" ⁷ You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor,[a] **And set him over the works of Your hands.** ⁸ **You have put all things in subjection under his feet."**[b] **For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.** ⁹ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

3.2 Host of Heaven

What is a host? The word host is "tsaba" in Hebrew and generally means an organized army. In this section of the bible study, when reading the word "host",

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exchange it for the word “army” or “angel army” and begin to see the real intent of the God’s word!

Strong's Number	Original	Pronunciation	Outline of biblical usage	Translation Count
Hebrew 6633		tsaba' {tsaw-baw'}	1) that which goes forth, army, war, warfare, host a) army, host 2) host (of organised army) 3) host (of angels) 4) of sun, moon, and stars 5) of whole creation a) war, warfare, service, go out to war b) service	AV - host 393, war 41, army 29, battle 5, service 5, appointed time 3, warfare e 2, soldiers 1, company 1, misc 5; 485

Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and **all the host of them**, were finished.

Psalms 33:6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And **all the host of them** by the breath of His mouth.

2 Chronicles 18:18 Then Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and **all the host of heaven** standing on His right hand and His left.

Isaiah 40:26 Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things, Who brings out **their host by number; He calls them all by name**, By the greatness of His might And the strength of His power; Not one is missing.

Nehemiah 9:6 You alone are the LORD; You have made heaven, The heaven of heavens, with **all their host**, The earth and everything on it, The seas and all that is in them, And You preserve them all. **The host of heaven** worships You.

3.2.1 Lord of Hosts

God is identified as “The Lord of Hosts” or “Lord of Sabaoth”. And both phrases occur 237 times in the bible. This is an important title of God which He repeats for emphasis.

Lord of Hosts	235
Lord of Sabaoth	2

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Total

237

Consider the name Lord of Host and envision: “Lord of the Angel Army”! The word “host” is watered down, but the word “army” has power. Consider the absolute power of your God when you read these verses!

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“Hosts” – NKJV

Isaiah 1:24 Therefore the Lord says, The **LORD of hosts**, the Mighty One of Israel, “ Ah, I will rid Myself of My adversaries, And take vengeance on My enemies. ²⁵ I will turn My hand against you, And thoroughly purge away your dross, And take away all your alloy. ²⁶ I will restore your judges as at the first, And your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city.”

Psalms 46:7 The **LORD of hosts** is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

Powerful!!

“Angel Army” – The Message

Isaiah 1:24-26 This Decree, therefore, of the Master, **God-of-the-Angel-Armies**, the Strong One of Israel: "This is it! I'll get my oppressors off my back. I'll get back at my enemies.

I'll give you the back of my hand, purge the junk from your life, clean you up. I'll set honest judges and wise counselors among you just like it was back in the beginning. Then you'll be renamed City-That-Treats-People-Right, the True-Blue City."

Psalms 46:7 Jacob-wrestling God fights for us, **God-of-Angel-Armies** protects us. [

3.2.2 Warrior Angels

Being consistent with the theme “angel army”, let’s look at individual angels and their “warrior” appearance and their amazing power and strength.

Genesis 3:24 So He drove out the man; and **He placed cherubim** at the east of the garden of Eden, and **a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard** the way to the tree of life.

Numbers 22:23 Now the donkey saw **the Angel of the LORD standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand**, and the donkey turned aside out of the way and went into the field. So Balaam struck the donkey to turn her back onto the road.

Numbers 22:31 Then the LORD opened Balaam's eyes, and **he saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand**; and he bowed his head and fell flat on his face.



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¹ Chronicles 21:16 Then David lifted his eyes and **saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, having in his hand a drawn sword** stretched out over Jerusalem. So David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces.

¹ Chronicles 21:30 But David could not go before it to inquire of God, for he was afraid of **the sword of the angel** of the LORD.

² Chronicles 32:21 Then **the LORD sent an angel who cut down every mighty man** of valor, leader, and captain in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned shamefaced to his own land. And when he had gone into the temple of his god, some of his own offspring struck him down with the sword there.

Isaiah 63:9 In all their affliction He was afflicted, And **the Angel of His Presence saved them**; In His love and in His pity He redeemed them; And He bore them and carried them All the days of old.

Daniel 10:10 Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands. ¹¹ And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling. ¹² Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. ¹³ But **the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me**, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

Revelation 12:7 And war broke out in heaven: **Michael and his angels fought with the dragon**; and the dragon and his angels fought, ⁸ but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

3.2.3 Number of Spirit Beings

Although many have tried, no one knows the exact number of spirit beings. It is clear in God's word, that there are many.

Jeremiah 33:22 As **the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured**, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.' "

Hebrews 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an **innumerable company of angels**,

Daniel indicates in his vision 10,000 times 10,000 which would be 100 million angels. And in Psalms, David indicates the number is thousands of thousands.

Daniel 7:9 "I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire; ¹⁰ A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. **A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.** The court[b] was seated, And the books were opened.

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Psalms 68:17 The chariots of God are **twenty thousand, Even thousands of thousands;**
The Lord is among them as in Sinai, in the Holy Place.

A Roman Legion is between 3,000 and 6,000 men. So, 12 legions would be between 36,000 to 72,000 angels.

Matthew 26:52 But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³ Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and **He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?**

3.2.4 Wrong Worship

It is very appealing to look to “the hosts of heaven” for comfort and direction. Especially, when God “appears” so far away and when there are fallen angels, demons that will gladly accept human worship at any time. This will be discussed in more detail in the Fallen Angel section.

Deuteronomy 4:19 And **take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven**, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, **all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them** and serve them, which the LORD your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage.

Deuteronomy 17:2 "If there is found among you, within any of your gates which the LORD your God gives you, a man or a woman who has been wicked in the sight of the LORD your God, in transgressing His covenant, ³ **who has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, either the sun or moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded,**

2 Kings 23:5 Then he removed the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense on the high places in the cities of Judah and in the places all around Jerusalem, and **those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun, to the moon, to the constellations, and to all the host of heaven.**

3.3 Hierarchy

It is through Paul, that we get a glimpse of the spirit being hierarchy which God has created. Through several verses, we can piece together “types” of the organization of spirit beings. These are not abstract governments, but types of “organized spirit beings” which Christ conquered as indicated in Colossians 2:15.

Romans 8:38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, **nor angels nor principalities nor powers**, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 3:8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been

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hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; ¹⁰ to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church **to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places**, ¹¹ according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

Ephesians 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against **principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age,[c] against spiritual hosts** of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether **thrones or dominions or principalities or powers**. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Colossians 2:15 Having **disarmed principalities and powers**, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

These verses from Titus relate to “man” and obedience of men rather than that of angels. However, the same words are used.

Titus 3:1 Remind them to be **subject to rulers and authorities**, to obey, to be ready for every good work, ² to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.

Titus 3:1 Put them in mind to be subject to **principalities and powers, to obey magistrates**, to be ready to every good work, [KJV]

	Hierarchy	Rom 8:38	Eph 3:1	Eph 6:1	Col 1:1	Col 2:1	Titus 3:1
1	Angels	•	0	2	6	5	
2	Thrones				•		
3	Dominions				•		
4	Principalities	•	•	•	•	•	•
5	Powers	•	•	•	•	•	•
6	Rulers			•			•
7	Authorities						•

The word hierarchy implies a ranking or order. These are the only verses which describe these orders, and since the bible is silent on the details of the intended meaning of each, we are not left with definitive hierarchy of angels.

However, here is a list of the meanings of the words that Paul used:

Hierarchy	Original	Pronunciation	Outline of biblical usage	Translation Count
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Hierarchy	Original	Pronunciation	Outline of biblical usage	Translation Count
1 Angels	32 αγγελος	aggelos {ang'-el-os}	1) a messenger, envoy, one who is sent, an angel, a messenger from God	AV - angel 179, messenger 7; 186
2 Thrones	2362 θρονοσ	thronos {thron'-os}	1) a throne seat a) a chair of state having a footstool b) assigned in the NT to kings, hence, kingly power or royalty 2) metaph. to God, the governor of the world 3) to the Messiah, Christ, the partner and assistant in the divine administration a) hence divine power belonging to Christ 4) to judges i.e. tribunal or bench 5) to elders	AV - throne 54, seat 7; 61
3 Dominions	2963 κυριοτης	kuriotes {koo-ree-ot'-ace}	1) dominion, power, lordship 2) in the NT: one who possesses dominion	AV - dominion 3, government 1; 4
4 Principalities	746 αρχη	arche {ar-khay'}	1) beginning, origin 2) the person or thing that commences, the first person or thing in a series, the leader 3) that by which anything begins to be, the origin, the active cause 4) the extremity of a thing a) of the corners of a sail 5) the first place, principality, rule, magistracy a) of angels and demons	AV - beginning 40, principality 8, corner 2, first 2, misc 6; 58

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Hierarchy	Original	Pronunciation	Outline of biblical usage	Translation Count
5 Powers	1411 δυναμ LS	dunamis {doo'-nam-is}	1) strength power, ability a) inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth b) power for performing miracles c) moral power and excellence of soul d) the power and influence which belong to riches and wealth e) power and resources arising from numbers f) power consisting in or resting upon armies, forces, hosts For Synonyms see entry 5820	AV - power 77, mighty 11, work 11, strength 7, miracle 7, might 4, virtue 3, mighty 2, misc 9; 120

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Hierarchy	Original	Pronunciation	Outline of biblical usage	Translation Count
5 Powers	1849 ἐξουσία Lα	exousia {ex-oo-see'-ah}	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) power of choice, liberty of doing as one pleases <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) leave or permission 2) physical and mental power <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) the ability or strength with which one is endowed, which he either possesses or exercises 3) the power of authority (influence) and of right (privilege) 4) the power of rule or government (the power of him whose will and commands must be submitted to by others and obeyed) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) universally <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) authority over mankind b) specifically <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) the power of judicial decisions ii) of authority to manage domestic affairs c) metonymically <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) a thing subject to authority or rule <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) jurisdiction (2) one who possesses authority <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a ruler, a human magistrate (b) the leading and more powerful among created beings superior to man, spiritual potentates d) a sign of the husband's authority over his wife <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) the veil with which propriety required a women to cover herself e) the sign of regal authority, a crown For Synonyms see entry 5820 	<p>AV - power 69, authority 29, right 2, liberty 1, jurisdiction 1, strength 1; 103</p>

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Hierarchy	Original	Pronunciation	Outline of biblical usage	Translation Count
6 Rulers	2888 ΚΟΣΜΟ ΚΡΑΤΩ Ρ	kosmokrator {kos-mok-rat'- ore}	1) lord of the world, prince of this age 2) the devil and his demons	AV - ruler 1; 1
7 Authorities	3980 ΠΕΙΘΑ ΡΧΕΩ	peitharcho {pi-tharkh-eh'- o}	1) to obey (a ruler or a superior)	AV - obey 2, hearken unto 1, obey a magistrate 1; 4

3.3.1 World's Perspective

When considering the hierarchy of angels, it is very easy to look to the world for information. This information is not full of the knowledge of the Lord. But rather, it is a swirled and tangled mixture of truth and lies which is not easily separated. For illustration purposes, a worldly perspective of angels is presented.

If you are careful, you will recognize the lack God's truth to support the definition and claims. Most of the information comes from human reasoning without the leading of the Holy Spirit or support of scripture.

The following information comes from Wikipedia, "Hierarchy of Angels"
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angelic_hierarchy

According to [medieval Christian theologians](#), the [Angels](#) are organized into several orders, or **Angelic Choirs**.

The most influential of these classifications was that put forward by [Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite](#) in the [Fourth](#) or [Fifth century](#), in his book *The Celestial Hierarchy*. However, during the [Middle Ages](#), many schemes were proposed, some drawing on and expanding on Pseudo-Dionysius, others suggesting completely different classifications (some authors limited the number of Choirs to seven). Several other hierarchies were proposed, some in nearly inverted order. Scholars of the Middle Ages believed that angels and archangels were lowest in the order because they were the most involved in the world of men and thus more susceptible to sin.

In *The Celestial Hierarchy*, the author drew on passages from the [New Testament](#), specifically [Ephesians](#) 6:12 and [Colossians](#) 1:16 (considered by modern scholars to be very tentative and ambiguous sources in relation

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to the construction of such a schema), to construct a schema of three **Hierarchies, Spheres** or **Triads** of [angels](#), with each Hierarchy containing three **Orders** or **Choirs**. In descending order of power, these were:



The Assumption of the Virgin by [Francesco Botticini](#) at the National Gallery London, shows three hierarchies and nine orders of angels, each with different characteristics



- **First Hierarchy:**
 - [Seraphim](#)
 - [Cherubim](#)
 - [Thrones](#) or [Ophanim](#)
- **Second Hierarchy:**
 - "Dominions" or *Dominations* or *Kyriotetes*
 - "Virtues" or *Dynameis*
 - "Powers" or *Exousiai*
- **Third Hierarchy:**
 - *Principalities* or *Archai*
 - [Archangels](#)
 - [Angels](#)

The angelic classification originates from "Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite". This philosophy has minimal biblical basis but has international and mystical appeal. This article is also from Wikipedia [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pseudo-Dionysius_the_Areopagite]

Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite, also known as **pseudo-Denys**, refers to the anonymous theologian and philosopher of the [5th century](#) whose *Corpus Areopagiticum* was [falsely ascribed](#) to [Dionysius the Areopagite](#) of [Acts 17:34](#). The author was historically believed to be the Areopagite because he claimed acquaintance with biblical characters. [Georgian](#) academician [Shalva Nutsubidze](#) and [Belgian](#) professor [Ernest Honigmann](#) were authors of a theory identifying pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite with [Peter the Iberian](#). The author's works currently available include the *Divine Names*, *Celestial Hierarchy*, *Mystical Theology*, *Ecclesiastical Hierarchy*, and various [epistles](#). He refers in his writings to some other works of his that are no longer extant, such as *Theological Outlines*.

3.4 Angel Headquarters

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Where are the headquarters of the angels and where are the angels located? They are in the 3rd heavens. To understand where this is, we need to consider the other two heavens!

3.4.1 1st Heaven

The first heaven is the one we see each day. It is the one in which birds fly and the clouds form and the rain falls.

Deuteronomy 11:17 lest the LORD's anger be aroused against you, and **He shut up the heavens so that there be no rain**, and the land yield no produce, and you perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you.

Deuteronomy 28:12 **The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain** to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

Judges 5:4 "LORD, when You went out from Seir, When You marched from the field of Edom, The earth trembled **and the heavens poured, The clouds also poured water**;

Acts 14:17 Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that **He did good, gave us rain from heaven** and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

3.4.2 2nd Heaven

The second heaven is the one we see each night. It is the one in which sun and stars shine in their glory.

Psalms 19:4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them **He has set a tabernacle for the sun**,⁵ Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, And rejoices like a strong man to run its race. ⁶ **Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end**; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Jeremiah 8:2 They shall spread them before **the sun and the moon and all the host of heaven**, which they have loved and which they have served and after which they have walked, which they have sought and which they have worshiped. They shall not be gathered nor buried; they shall be like refuse on the face of the earth.

Isaiah 13:10 For **the stars of heaven and their constellations** Will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine. ¹¹ "I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

3.4.3 3rd Heaven

The third heaven is the place that we can not see. It is the one in which God and His angels shine in their glory.

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Deuteronomy 10:14 Indeed heaven and **the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God**, also the earth with all that is in it.

1 Kings 8:30 And may You hear the supplication of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. **Hear in heaven Your dwelling place**; and when You hear, forgive.

Psalms 2:4 **He who sits in the heavens** shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify **your Father in heaven**.

2 Corinthians 12:2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, **God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven**.

Jacob, who was renamed to Israel, was able to see angels ascend and descend the 3rd heaven! This story is known as “Jacob’s Ladder”.

Genesis 28:10 Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And **he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep**. ¹² Then he dreamed, and behold, **a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it**. ¹³ And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: “I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants. ¹⁴ Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread

abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed. ¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.” ¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, **“Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.”** ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!” ¹⁸ Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. ¹⁹ And he called the name of that place Bethel;[a] but the name of that city had been Luz previously. ²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, ²¹ so that I come back to my father’s house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God. ²² And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God’s house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.”



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Tradition states that the pillow stone on which he slept is with us today. This excerpt from Wikipedia describes the stone and how it is used [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stone_of_Scone]



The **Stone of Scone**, (pronounced 'skoon') also commonly known as the **Stone of Destiny** or the **Coronation Stone** (though the former name sometimes refers to [Lia Fáil](#)) is a block of [sandstone](#) historically kept at the now-ruined [abbey](#) in [Scone](#), near [Perth](#), [Scotland](#). It was used for centuries in the [coronation](#) of the [monarchs of Scotland](#), the [monarchs of England](#), and, more recently, [British monarchs](#). Other names by which it has sometimes been known include **Jacob's Pillow Stone** and the [Tanist Stone](#).



Traditionally, it is supposed to be the [pillow stone](#) said to have been used by the [Biblical Jacob](#). According to one legend, it was the Coronation Stone of the early [Dál Riata Gaels](#) when they lived in [Ireland](#), which they brought with them when settling [Caledonia](#). Another legend holds that the stone was actually the travelling [altar](#) used by [St Columba](#) in his [missionary](#) activities throughout what is now Scotland. Certainly, since the time of [Kenneth Mac Alpin](#), the first [King of Scots](#), at around [847](#), Scottish monarchs were seated upon the stone during their [coronation](#) ceremony. At this time the stone was situated at Scone, a few miles north of Perth.

3.5 Questions

1. You probably knew that God was the head of the angels. But did you realize that one day you would judge the angels and have dominion over their kingdom?
2. Consider the term “Host of Heaven”. How do you feel about God’s protection when you read “The Message” translation regarding the “angel army”?
3. Why would people be “driven” to worship the “hosts of Heaven”?

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4. Think about the spirit being hierarchy. Have you heard of this before?
Was it supported by the bible?
5. How many “heavens” were you aware of before the bible study?
6. How would you feel if you were Jacob and saw the angels ascending and descending from the 3rd Heaven?

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4.0 Angelic Ministry

The word “ministry” means acts of service. When you think of the service industry what comes to mind? Do you think of a butler or a maid, a waiter or waitress?

Matthew 4:10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND HIM ONLY YOU SHALL SERVE.' " ¹¹ Then the devil left Him, and behold, **angels came and ministered to Him.**

Hebrews 1:13 But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"?[i] ¹⁴ **Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?**

By their God-designed nature, angels were made to minister, to serve others. When considering the angels, what “acts of service” are they supposed to provide? To whom do they provide service? We will consider the many acts of service and learn who the blessed recipients are!

4.1 Angels at Your Service

Before we look at angelic service, we need to consider which angels provide a pure and holy service and which one provide a perverted service.

Here is a quick look at what is unholy. This will be studied in more detail in the chapter on Fallen Angels. Evil angels are known as demons. We know that demons exist and they do provide an evil, maligned service through perversion, meanness, bondage, destruction, and mental anguish.

Matthew 8:28 When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him **two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way.** ²⁹ And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

Luke 8:28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" ²⁹ For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For **it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds** and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. ³⁰ Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him.



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Luke 9:42 And as he was still coming, **the demon threw him down and convulsed him.** Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father.

Luke 11:14 And He was casting out **a demon, and it was mute.** So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled.

So, let us observe the holy angels.

1 Timothy 5:21 I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and **the elect angels** that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.

Matthew 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and **all the holy angels with Him**, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

Mark 8:38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in **the glory of His Father with the holy angels.**"

Matthew 18:10 "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that **in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.**

Mark 13:32 "But of that day and hour no one knows, **not even the angels in heaven**, nor the Son, but only the Father.



4.2 God Commands the Service

Angels do not enter into service without direction from El Shaddai or God Almighty. The service begins when we ask for help, and ultimately when God hears our prayers! Let us look at times when God hears and put angels in motion to serve.

Psalms 4:1 To the Chief Musician. With Stringed Instruments. A Psalm of David. Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress; Have mercy on me, and **hear my prayer.**

Psalms 17:1 A Prayer of David. Hear a just cause, O LORD, Attend to my cry; **Give ear to my prayer** which is not from deceitful lips. ² Let my vindication come from Your presence; Let Your eyes look on the things that are upright.

Psalms 39:12 "Hear my prayer, O LORD, And **give ear to my cry**; Do not be silent at my tears; For I am a stranger with You, A sojourner, as all my fathers were.

Psalms 54:2 **Hear my prayer, O God; Give ear to the words of my mouth.**

Psalms 102:1 A Prayer of the Afflicted, When He is Overwhelmed and Pours Out His Complaint Before the LORD. **Hear my prayer, O LORD, And let my cry come to You.**

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² Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble; Incline Your ear to me; In the day that I call, **answer me speedily.**

When God's timing is right, He will answer the prayer and most often the answer comes through angelic service.

Psalm 57:1 To the Chief Musician. Set to "Do Not Destroy." a Michtam of David When He Flew from Saul into the Cave. Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me! For my soul trusts in You; And **in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, Until these calamities have passed by.**

Psalm 61:4 I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the **shelter of Your wings.**
Selah

Psalm 63:7 Because **You have been my help,** Therefore in the **shadow of Your wings** I will rejoice.

Psalm 91:4 **He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge;** His truth shall be your shield and buckler. ⁵ You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, ⁶ Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

Psalms 118:4 Let those who fear the LORD now say, "His mercy endures forever." ⁵ I called on the LORD in distress; **The LORD answered me and set me in a broad place.** ⁶ **The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.** What can man do to me?

Psalms 118:21 I will praise You, For **You have answered me, And have become my salvation.**

Psalms 138:3 In the day when I cried out, **You answered me, And made me bold with strength in my soul.**

Jonah 2:1 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the fish's belly. ² And he said: "I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction, And **He answered me. "Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, And You heard my voice.**

In an amazing story, Cornelius prays to God and gets an immediate answer from Him through an angel.

Acts 10:1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, ² **a devout man and one who feared God** with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and **prayed to God always.** ³ About the ninth hour of the day he **saw clearly in a vision an angel of God** coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!" ⁴ And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. ⁵ Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter. ⁶ He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do." ⁷ And when the angel who spoke to him had departed, Cornelius called two of his household servants and a devout soldier from among those who waited on him continually.

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Cornelius was a “gentile” and up to this time only Jews had received the good news of salvation of Christ. So, through prayer, God’s timing and angelic help, Cornelius became the first gentile Christian!

4.3 Holy Angels, Holy People

Who is blessed to receive the protection and service of Holy angels? Carefully notice to whom God provides “ministering angels”.

Psalms 34:7 The angel of the LORD **encamps all around those who fear Him**, And delivers them.

Zechariah 12:8 In that day **the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem**; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, **like the Angel of the LORD before them**.⁹ It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

Hebrews 1:13 But to which of the angels has He ever said: “ Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool”?¹⁴ **Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?**

Hebrews 2:16 For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but **He does give aid to the seed of Abraham**.

The angels of the Lord are for those who “fear” and obey Him. Who are those that fear the Lord?

Proverbs 1:7 The **fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge**, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 14:26 **In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge**.²⁷ The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death.

Proverbs 19:23 The **fear of the LORD leads to life, And he who has it will abide in satisfaction**; He will not be visited with evil.

Psalms 34:9 Oh, **fear the LORD, you His saints!** There is no want to those who fear Him.

Psalms 103:11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; ¹² As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. ¹³ **As a father pities his children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him**.

Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, **moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household**, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

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Those that fear the Lord are His children, and His saints. Who are His children and His saints?

Daniel 7:21 As I watched, this horn was waging war against the saints and defeating them, ²² until the **Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom.**

¹ Peter 2:9 **But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God,** that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

God's Holy angels are designed to bless His saints and His children, a Holy people. However, these same angels will stand against those who are opposed to God.

¹ Chronicles 21:14 So the LORD sent a plague upon Israel, and seventy thousand men of Israel fell. ¹⁵ And **God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it.** As he was destroying, the LORD looked and relented of the disaster, and said to the angel who was destroying, "It is enough; now restrain your hand." And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. ¹⁶ Then David lifted his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, having in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. So David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces.

² Chronicles 32:21 Then **the LORD sent an angel who cut down every mighty man of valor, leader, and captain** in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned shamefaced to his own land. And when he had gone into the temple of his god, some of his own offspring struck him down with the sword there.

Isaiah 37:36 Then **the angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians** one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses all dead.

Psalms 35:5 Let them be like chaff before the wind, And let **the angel of the LORD chase them.** ⁶ Let their way be dark and slippery, And let **the angel of the LORD pursue them.**

Acts 12:21 So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. ²² And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!" ²³ Then **immediately an angel of the Lord struck him,** because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.

4.4 Angelic Service

We have just learned the process in which God provides angels to help His children and His saints. There are many verses which illustrate these qualities, but a select few are presented for your edification.

4.4.1 Reveal

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Daniel 10:12 Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and **I have come because of your words.**"¹³ But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.¹⁴ Now **I have come to make you understand what will happen** to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come."¹⁵ When he had spoken such words to me, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless.¹⁶ And suddenly, one having the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, saying to him who stood before me, "My lord, because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed me, and I have retained no strength.

Acts 7:52 Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers,⁵³ who have **received the law by the direction of angels** and have not kept it."

Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants things which must shortly take place. And **He sent and signified it by His angel** to His servant John,² who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw.

4.4.2 Guide

Matthew 1:24 Then **Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,**²⁵ and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

Matthew 2:13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."¹⁴ **When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt,**

Acts 8:26 Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert.²⁷ **So he arose and went.** And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship,²⁸ was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet.



4.4.3 Protect and Deliver

2 Kings 6:15 And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"¹⁶ So he answered, "**Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.**"¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then 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**

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around Elisha. ¹⁸ So when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and said, "Strike this people, I pray, with blindness." And **He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.**

Daniel ^{3:24} Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." ²⁵ "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of **the fourth is like the Son of God.**" ²⁶ Then Nebuchadnezzar went near the mouth of the burning fiery furnace and spoke, saying, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here." Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego came from the midst of the fire. ²⁷ And the satraps, administrators, governors, and the king's counselors gathered together, and they saw these men on whose bodies the fire had no power; the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments affected, and the smell of fire was not on them. ²⁸ Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, **who sent His Angel and delivered His servants** who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God!

Daniel ^{6:16} So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. But the king spoke, saying to Daniel, "**Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you.**" ¹⁷ Then a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signets of his lords, that the purpose concerning Daniel might not be changed. ¹⁸ Now the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; and no musicians were brought before him. Also his sleep went from him. ¹⁹ Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions. ²⁰ And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?" ²¹ Then Daniel said to the king, "**O king, live forever! ²² My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths,** so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you."



Acts ^{5:17} Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, ¹⁸ and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. ¹⁹ But at night **an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out,** and said, ²⁰ "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

Acts ^{12:6} And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. ⁷ Now behold, **an angel of the Lord stood by him,** and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And

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his chains fell off his hands. ⁸ Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "**Put on your garment and follow me.**"

4.4.4 Provide and Strengthen

Genesis 21:17 And God heard the voice of the lad. Then the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said to her, "What ails you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is. ¹⁸ Arise, lift up the lad and hold him with your hand, for I will make him a great nation." ¹⁹ **Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water.** And she went and filled the skin with water, and gave the lad a drink. ²⁰ So God was with the lad; and he grew and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.

1 Kings 19:5 Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶ **Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water.** So he ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷ And the angel of the LORD came back the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you." ⁸ So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.

Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And **when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.** ³ Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." ⁴ But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" [a] ⁵ Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" [b] ⁷ Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" [c] ⁸ Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, [d] Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" [e] ¹¹ Then the devil left Him, **and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.**

4.4.5 Encourage

Genesis 16:10 Then the Angel of the LORD said to her, "I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude." ¹¹ And the Angel of the LORD said to her: "**Behold, you are with child, And you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, Because the LORD has heard your affliction.**" ¹² He shall be a wild man; His hand shall be against every man, And every man's hand against him. And he shall



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dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

Luke 1:28 And having come in, **the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"** ²⁹ But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³⁰ Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for **you have found favor with God.** ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³² **He will be great,** and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

Acts 5:19 But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰ "Go, stand in the temple and **speak to the people all the words of this life.**"

Acts 27:22 And now **I urge you to take heart,** for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. ²³ For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve, ²⁴ saying, '**Do not be afraid, Paul;** you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.' ²⁵ Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me. ²⁶ However, we must run aground on a certain island."

4.4.6 Answering Prayer

Daniel 9:20 Now while I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God, ²¹ yes, **while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.** ²² And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand. ²³ At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision: ²⁴ "Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.

Daniel 10:10 Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands. ¹¹ And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling. ¹² Then he said to me, "**Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.**

4.4.7 Caring

2 Kings 2:11 Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly **a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire,** and separated the two of them; and **Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.** ¹² And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces.

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Luke 16:22 So it was that the beggar died, and was **carried by the angels** to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.

4.4.8 Intervening and Redeeming

Genesis 22:10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But **the Angel of the LORD called to him** from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." ¹² And He said, "**Do not lay your hand on the lad**, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

Genesis 48:14 Then Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, guiding his hands knowingly, for Manasseh was the firstborn. ¹⁵ And he blessed Joseph, and said: "God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, The God who has fed me all my life long to this day, ¹⁶ **The Angel who has redeemed me from all evil**, Bless the lads; Let my name be named upon them, And the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; And let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

4.5 Questions

1. Before this study, what did you think that angels did all day? Now what do you know they are doing?
2. Who commands the angels to help? How do you know this?
3. If God commands the angels, then who is the blessed recipient of their service? How do you know this?
4. Should we pray to angels or God to ask for help?
5. Of the various service qualities of angels, which one surprised you the most?
6. Consider someone who does not fear the Lord. Would God provide ministering angels? Why or why not?
7. Consider your own times of trouble. How has God helped you through angelic service?

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5.0 Limiting God's Power

When we truly consider all that the Lord has done for us, how He created us, how He blesses us daily, we realize that we were designed to worship Him and Him alone! Like the most intimate of human relationships, we celebrate the exclusive, special love and devotion of a doting, enamored spouse but with our God.

In this divine relationship, we begin to realize that we have all the power of the universe at our fingertips. Through His mercy, His spirit lives within us and we have access to His power, the same power which created the universe! We celebrate this relationship with daily worship and praise Him for His immeasurable goodness.



Psalms 19:1 To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. **The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.** ² Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. ³ There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard. ⁴ Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, ⁵ Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, And rejoices like a strong man to run its race. ⁶ Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

If we move our eyes off of Him and place it in the adoration of angels through acts of paying honor or worship and we move our reverent homage and fervent devoted love to angels, then we miss the mark and loose direct access to His absolute and divine power.

From the very beginning, God has warned all mankind not to worship the “host of heaven”. Why has He commanded this? We know from the previous sections that angels have helped us in many ways. How should we respond to the service of angels? What should we do or what can we do to show appreciation?

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5.1 Case Study on Power

Several years ago, Bill Gates announced that he would give away 95% of his wealth. He would focus his efforts on the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation with its interests in education, poverty and global health.

Today, the company Bill helped create, Microsoft, is a multinational computer technology corporation with global annual revenue of US\$44.28 billion and 76,000 employees in 102 countries.

Consider this article from Wikipedia [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_Gates] on the Bill Gates. And consider Bill's ability to lead, build, direct, manage, and create products that affect virtual every human on this planet. Although Bill is the figurehead of one of the world's most successful organization, he did not do the work to create the products or help people! It was the 76,000 employees of Microsoft who did the work!

“William Henry Gates III (born [October 28, 1955](#) in [Seattle, Washington](#)) is an [American entrepreneur](#) and the co-founder, [chairman](#), former [chief software architect](#), and former [CEO](#) of [Microsoft](#), the world's largest software company. *Forbes* magazine's list of [The World's Billionaires](#) has ranked him as the richest person in the world for the last thirteen consecutive years,^[3] and recent estimates put his net worth near \$82 billion.^[2] When family wealth is considered, [his family](#) ranks second behind the [Walton family](#).^{[4][5]} Gates is one of the best-known entrepreneurs of the [personal computer](#) revolution. Although he is widely respected by people who see his wealth as a product of intelligence and foresight,^{[6][7]} his business tactics have often been criticized as unethical or anti-competitive, and have, in some instances, been ruled as such in court.^{[8][9]} Since amassing his fortune, Gates has pursued a number of [philanthropic](#) endeavors, donating large amounts of money to various charitable organizations and scientific research programs through the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#), established in 2000.”

Bill receives praise and adulation for his many achievements, but employed thousands of people to achieve the goals. In light of what you know about Bill Gates, consider these questions:

- If you want to get an enormous project completed, could Bill Gates provide powerful direction, powerful influence, and deep wisdom to make it happen? Does he have the connections and financing to make things work?
- If you want to get a big project completed, would you talk to the janitor to get the program started, implemented and completed? Why or why not?
- Who received praise for the success of the project?

Now consider God and His innumerable angels that are at His beckon call. Should we communicate with the angels or the Creator of the angels when we

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need help? Should we worship the angels, who being lead by God, have answered our prayers?

If we beseech angels or worship them, we loose access to the most powerful spirit in the universe who can make anything happen!

Matthew 19:26 But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but **with God all things are possible.**"

Luke 1:37 For **with God nothing will be impossible.**"

Philippians 4:13 **I can do all things through Christ** who strengthens me.

Before we consider our response and interaction with angels, we need to consider our relationship with God. We will see that proper relationship and proper worship will provide rich, powerful blessings. Misplaced worship will result in curses.

5.2 Our Relationship with God

When we are in an intimate relationship with God, we have access to His full power. This includes the spirit of power, love, a sound mind, good health, and abundant life in all of its forms.

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. **I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.**

2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, **but of power and of love and of a sound mind.**



Love is what binds two in a relationship. Let us see what how He loves us, what He has done for us, and why His exclusive worship is critical to our relationship with Him.

5.2.1 God Loves Us

Romans 8:38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God** which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for **love is of God**; and everyone who **loves is born of God** and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for **God is love.**

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1 Corinthians 13:4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵ does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ **Love never fails.** But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

The only way to salvation, eternal life with God, is through Christ. The ultimate expression of Divine Love, agape [**αγαπη**] for us is express through the life and death of Jesus Christ.

John 5:22 For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, ²³ that **all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father.** He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through Me.**

5.2.2 We Love, Glorify, and Worship God

Psalms 18:1 I love you, GOD-- you make me strong. [Message]

Psalms 63:1 God--you're my God! **I can't get enough of you!** I've worked up such hunger and thirst for God, traveling across dry and weary deserts. ² So **here I am in the place of worship, eyes open, drinking in your strength and glory.** [Message]

Psalms 95:3 For **the LORD is the great God,** And the great King above all gods.

Psalms 96:3 **Declare His glory** among the nations, **His wonders** among all peoples. ⁴ For the **LORD is great and greatly to be praised;** He is to be feared above all gods. ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens. ⁶ Honor and majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. ⁷ Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, **Give to the LORD glory** and strength. ⁸ **Give to the LORD the glory due His name;** Bring an offering, and come into His courts. ⁹ Oh, **worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!** Tremble before Him, all the earth.

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 22:37 Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'[d] ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment.

Mark 12:29 Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. ³⁰ And you shall **love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.**'[e] This is the first commandment.[f]

1 John 4:19 We love Him because He first loved us.

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Revelation 4:11 **"You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory** and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

Revelation 5:11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice: **"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"** ¹³ And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: **"Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him** who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" ¹⁴ Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And **the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him** who lives forever and ever.

Revelation 15:4 **Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?** For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested."

5.2.3 Misplaced Worship

Like the wandering eyes of the adulterer, in this flesh, we can lose focus on the love of God and hold onto the world inspired by Satan. As a tragic result, we miss the power and immense blessings of God. Without the leading of the Holy Spirit, we would naturally gravitate towards worldly worship through the pull of Satan's spirit.

Consider the exclusive relationship of a man and woman. When a third party enters the relationship, the following occurs:

- The foundation of the relationship falls apart.
- Key communication is interrupted.
- The intimacy is destroyed.

God desires an exclusive, intimate relationship. This means, that He alone can receive worship; He alone can receive praise; He alone receives our prayers. Let's see what happens when man worships loses his focus on God and worships the "host of heaven". We know from earlier sections that the "host of heaven" represents the angels.

Zephaniah 1:2 "I will utterly consume everything From the face of the land," Says the LORD; ³ "I will consume man and beast; I will consume the birds of the heavens, The fish of the sea, And the stumbling blocks along with the wicked. I will cut off man from the face of the land," Says the LORD. ⁴ "I will stretch out My hand against Judah, And against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. I will cut off every trace of Baal from this place, The names of the idolatrous priests with the pagan priests ⁵ **Those who worship the host of heaven** on the housetops; Those who worship and swear oaths by the LORD, But who also swear by Milcom; ⁶ Those who have turned back from following the LORD, And have not sought the LORD, nor inquired of Him."

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Deuteronomy 4:15 "Take careful heed to yourselves, for you saw no form when the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, ¹⁶ lest you act corruptly and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of any figure: the likeness of male or female, ¹⁷ the likeness of any animal that is on the earth or the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, ¹⁸ the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground or the likeness of any fish that is in the water beneath the earth. ¹⁹ **And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them,** which the LORD your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage.

Deuteronomy 17:2 "If there is found among you, within any of your gates which the LORD your God gives you, a man or a woman who has been wicked in the sight of the LORD your God, in transgressing His covenant, ³ **who has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, either the sun or moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded,**

2 Kings 17:15 **And they rejected His statutes** and His covenant that He had made with their fathers, and His testimonies which He had testified against them; they followed idols, became idolaters, and went after the nations who were all around them, concerning whom the LORD had charged them that they should not do like them. ¹⁶ So they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, made for themselves a molded image and two calves, made a wooden image and **worshiped all the host of heaven,** and served Baal. ¹⁷ And they caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire, practiced witchcraft and soothsaying, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger. ¹⁸ Therefore **the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them from His sight;** there was none left but the tribe of Judah alone.

5.2.4 A Jealous God

When something or someone else enters the divine relationship between us and God, destruction occurs. God expresses His holy and perfect devotion for His people through the word "jealous".

Exodus 20:4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For **I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God,** visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

Exodus 34:13 But you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images ¹⁴ **(for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God),** ¹⁵ lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they play the harlot with their gods and make sacrifice to their gods, and one of them invites you and you eat of his sacrifice, ¹⁶ and you take of his daughters for your sons, and his daughters play the harlot with their gods and make your sons play the harlot with their gods. ¹⁷ "You shall make no molded gods for yourselves.

Deuteronomy 4:23 Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of anything which the LORD your God has forbidden you. ²⁴ **For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.**

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Nahum 1:2 **God is jealous, and the LORD avenges**; The LORD avenges and is furious. The LORD will take vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies; ³ The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, And will not at all acquit the wicked. The LORD has His way In the whirlwind and in the storm, And the clouds are the dust of His feet.

5.3 Idols and the Host of Heaven

Continually, the nation of Israel departed their first true love. They repeatedly destroyed their intimate relationship with God, and went towards Satan's substitute. Continually, God tried to bring them back, but their free will chose not to return but rather worship an impotent god: idols which included the host of heaven or angels.

Idol worship is associated with other perverse elements such as burning children in sacrificial fires.

Genesis 31:19 Now Laban had gone to shear his sheep, and **Rachel had stolen the household idols that were her father's.**

2 Kings 21:3 For he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; he **raised up altars for Baal, and made a wooden image**, as Ahab king of Israel had done; and he worshiped all the host of heaven and served them. ⁴ He also built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In Jerusalem I will put My name." ⁵ And **he built altars for all the host of heaven** in the two courts of the house of the LORD. ⁶ Also **he made his son pass through the fire, practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft, and consulted spiritists and mediums. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger.** ⁷ He even set a **carved image of Asherah** that he had made, in the house of which the LORD had said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever; ⁸ and I will not make the feet of Israel wander anymore from the land which I gave their fathers only if they are careful to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that My servant Moses commanded them." ⁹ But they paid no attention, and Manasseh **seduced them to do more evil than the nations whom the LORD had destroyed** before the children of Israel.

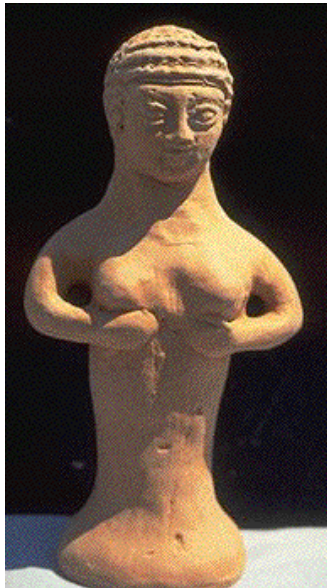
2 Kings 23:4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, the priests of the second order, and the doorkeepers, to bring out of the temple of the LORD **all the articles that were made for Baal, for Asherah, and for all the host of heaven**; and he burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel. ⁵ Then he removed the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense on the high places in the cities of Judah and in the places all around Jerusalem, and **those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun, to the moon, to the constellations, and to all the host of heaven.** ⁶ And he brought out **the wooden image** from the house of the



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LORD, to the Brook Kidron outside Jerusalem, burned it at the Brook Kidron and ground it to ashes, and threw its ashes on the graves of the common people. ⁷ Then he tore down the ritual booths of the perverted persons that were in the house of the LORD, where the women **wove hangings for the wooden image.** ⁸ And he brought all the priests from the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba; also **he broke down the high places** at the gates which were at the entrance of the Gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were to the left of the city gate. ⁹ Nevertheless the priests of the high places did not come up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they ate unleavened bread among their brethren. ¹⁰ And he defiled Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, that no man might **make his son or his daughter pass through the fire to Molech.** ¹¹ Then he removed the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun, at the entrance to the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-Melech, the officer who was in the court; and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire. ¹² The altars that were on the roof, the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, the king broke down and pulverized there, and threw their dust into the Brook Kidron. ¹³ Then **the king defiled the high places** that were east of Jerusalem, which were on the south of the Mount of Corruption, which Solomon king of Israel had **built for Ashtoreth** the abomination of the Sidonians, for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the people of Ammon. ¹⁴ And **he broke in pieces the sacred pillars and cut down the wooden images,** and filled their places with the bones of men.



Jeremiah 8:2 They shall spread them before **the sun and the moon and all the host of heaven, which they have loved and which they have served and after which they have walked, which they have sought and which they have worshiped.** They shall not be gathered nor buried; they shall be like refuse on the face of the earth. ³ Then **death shall be chosen rather than life** by all the residue of those who remain of this evil family, who remain in all the places where I have driven them," says the LORD of hosts.

Jeremiah 19:3 and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will bring such a catastrophe on this place, that whoever hears of it, his ears will tingle. ⁴ **"Because they have forsaken Me** and made this an alien place, because **they have burned incense in it to other gods whom neither they, their fathers, nor the kings of Judah have known,** and have **filled this place with the blood of the innocents** ⁵ (they have also built the

high places of Baal, to **burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings to Baal,** which I did not command or speak, nor did it come into My mind),

Once man made his decision not to worship the true God, God Himself pulled away and left man to his own perverse desires. And ultimately those chasing other gods lost their true divine power and help.

Finally, God separated Himself from Israel's continual perversions, adulterous behavior, and finally "divorced" the nation. He let them take their ruined, cursed path in life.

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Isaiah 50:1 Thus says the LORD: "Where is **the certificate of your mother's divorce, Whom I have put away?** Or which of My creditors is it to whom I have sold you? For your iniquities you have sold yourselves, And for your transgressions **your mother has been put away.**

Jeremiah 3:7 And I said, **after she had done all these things, 'Return to Me.'** But she did **not return.** And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. ⁸ Then I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had committed adultery, **I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce;** yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also. ⁹ So it came to pass, **through her casual harlotry, that she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and trees.**

5.3.1 Perverted gods

Who are the perverted gods of the Israelites?

God	Description	Source
Baal	<p>The antiquity of the worship of the god or gods of Baal extends back to the 14th century BCE among the ancient Semitic peoples, the descendants of Shem, the oldest son of Biblical Noah. Semitic is more of a linguistic classification than a racial one. Thus, people speaking the same or similar languages first worshiped Baal in his many forms. The word Baal means "master" or "owner". In ancient religions the name denoted sun, lord or god. Baal was common a name of small Syrian and Persian deities. Baal is still principally thought of as a Canaanite fertility deity. The Great Baal was of Canaan. He was the son of El, the high god of Canaan. The cult of Baal celebrated annually his death and resurrection as a part of the Canaanite fertility rituals. These ceremonies often included human sacrifice and temple prostitution.</p> <p>In the Bible Baal is also called Beelzebub, or Baalzebub, one of the fallen angels of Satan.</p>	<p>"Baal." <i>Encyclopedia Mythica</i> from Encyclopedia a Mythica Online. <http://www.pantheon.org/articles/b/baal.html> [Accessed March 03, 2007].</p>

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God	Description	Source
Astoreth	<p>"... She was the goddess of sexual love, maternity and fertility. Prostitution as a religious rite in the service of this goddess under various names is widely attested. The identification of 'Ashtart with Aphrodite is evidence of her sexual character." "Ashtaroth (plural of Astoreth). In connection with the plural of Baal, a general designation for the female divinities of the Canaanites ..." "Asherah refers to a wooden pole or mast which stood at Canaanite places of worship (Exo.34:13); originally it was, perhaps, the trunk of a tree with branches chopped off, and was regarded as the wooden symbol of the goddess Asherah, who like Ashtoreth, was a type of fertility ... It was erected beside the altar of Baal. (Judg 6:25, 28)"</p>	Westminster Dictionary of the Bible
Astoreth	<p>The Babylonian and Assyrian counterpart of Ashtoreth was Ishtar. As the people scattered from Babel with their different languages, they, of course, used different names for Nimrod (Tammuz) and Semiramis. Some called the Mother Goddess "ISHTAR" (originally pronounced "Easter").[9] In other lands, she was called Eostre, Astarte, Oстера, and Eastre. Other names for Semiramis, the Mother Goddess include: Wife of Baal, Ashtaroth or Ashtoreth, and Queen of Heaven.[10] The Mother goddess was frequently worshipped as the goddess of fertility - and as a sort of Mother Nature and goddess of Spring and sexual love and birth. She was also worshipped as a mediator between god and man. Sexual orgies and temple prostitutes were often used in her worship and in attempting to gain her favor.</p>	Paul S. Taylor, "Where did "Easter" get its name?" <i>Christian Answers Network</i> Web site (Gilbert, AZ: Eden Communications, 1996), URL: http://www.christiananswers.net/q-eden/eden-t020.html

5.3.2 God's Temple and Image of Cherubim

Solomon was allowed by God to recreate the spiritual throne of God here on earth in His Temple. It allowed man a glimpse of His awesome heavenly

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dwelling. At no time was Solomon or any other man to worship the “temple or images” which Solomon created.

The “Holy of Holies” was built to show us the brilliance of God’s presence (gold covered walls) and the presence of His holy angels surrounding His throne in heaven.

¹ Kings 6:22 The whole temple he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the temple; also he overlaid with gold the entire altar that was by the inner sanctuary. ²³ Inside the inner sanctuary **he made two cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits high.** ²⁴ One wing of the cherub was five cubits, and the other wing of the cherub five cubits: ten cubits from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other. ²⁵ And the other cherub was ten cubits; both cherubim were of the same size and shape. ²⁶ The **height of one cherub was ten cubits, and so was the other cherub.** ²⁷ Then **he set the cherubim inside the inner room;** and they stretched out the wings of the cherubim so that the wing of the one touched one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall. And their wings touched each other in the middle of the room. ²⁸ Also **he overlaid the cherubim with gold.** ²⁹ Then he carved all the walls of the temple all around, both the inner and outer sanctuaries, with **carved figures of cherubim**, palm trees, and open flowers. ³⁰ And the floor of the temple he overlaid with gold, both the inner and outer sanctuaries. ³¹ For the entrance of the inner sanctuary he made doors of olive wood; the lintel and doorposts were one-fifth of the wall. ³² The two doors were of olive wood; and **he carved on them figures of cherubim**, palm trees, and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold; and **he spread gold on the cherubim** and on the palm trees. ³³ So for the door of the sanctuary he also made doorposts of olive wood, one-fourth of the wall. ³⁴ And the two doors were of cypress wood; two panels comprised one folding door, and two panels comprised the other folding door. ³⁵ Then **he carved cherubim**, palm trees, and open flowers on them, and overlaid them with gold applied evenly on the carved work.



Never was the carving or image to be used for worship, but rather to reflect the physical representation of the spiritual throne of God. The throne of God and the cherubim are described in this verse in Revelation:

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Revelation 4:2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, **a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.** ³ And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. ⁴ **Around the throne were twenty-four thrones**, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. ⁵ And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. ⁶ Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. ⁷ The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. ⁸ The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" ⁹ Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: ¹¹ "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

5.4 Angel Worship in the New Testament

These are several verses in the New Testament that mention angel worship. But first, what is the definition of worship?

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wor·ship   (wûr'shĭp) [Pronunciation Key](#)

n.

1.

- a. The reverent love and devotion accorded a deity, an idol, or a sacred object.
- b. The ceremonies, prayers, or other religious forms by which this love is expressed.

2. Ardent devotion; adoration.

3. often **Worship** *Chiefly British* Used as a form of address for magistrates, mayors, and certain other dignitaries: *Your Worship*.

v. wor·shipped or wor·shipped, wor·ship·ing or wor·ship·ping, wor·ships

v. *tr.*

1. To honor and love as a deity.

2. To regard with ardent or adoring esteem or devotion. See Synonyms at [revere](#)¹.

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Remember that the cherub has four faces: calf (ox), man, eagle, lion. When Moses was receiving the 10 commandments, the nation of Israel made a “calf”, an image of an angel and began worshipping it. We know that Satan is a cherub and has four faces!

Ezekiel 28:14 **"You were the anointed cherub who covers;** I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. ¹⁵ You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.

From the beginning, Satan has desired worship. And he requested that Jesus worship him during the temptation.

Matthew 4:8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You **if You will fall down and worship me.**" ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you,[d] Satan! For it is written, '**You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve**.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

The calf or ox represents one of the faces of the cherub. Remember that the Garden of Eden existed prior to the flood of Noah. As such, Noah and his family could have seen the cherub guarding the entrance to the Garden of Eden. A legend develops and ultimately worship ensues in the form of a calf. Notice that the Hindu religion considers the ox a sacred animal. Is there a connection between cherub and the “holy cow”?

Acts 7:41 And **they made a calf** in those days, offered sacrifices to the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands. ⁴² Then **God turned and gave them up to worship the host of heaven,** as it is written in the book of the Prophets: ' Did you offer Me slaughtered animals and sacrifices during forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? ⁴³ You also took up the tabernacle of Moloch, And the star of your god Remphan, Images which you made to worship; And I will carry you away beyond Babylon.'[m]

Colossians 2:18 Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and **worship of angels,** intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God.

Colossians 2:18 Don't tolerate people who try to run your life, ordering you to bow and scrape, **insisting that you join their obsession with angels** and that you seek out visions. They're a lot of hot air, that's all they are. [Message]

Galatians 1:8 But even if we, or **an angel from heaven,** preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

The apostles knew that proper worship should be to God and Him alone.

Acts 10:25 As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshipped him. ²⁶ But Peter lifted him up, saying, "**Stand up; I myself am also a man.**"

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Revelation 22:8 Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. ⁹ Then he said to me, "**See that you do not do that.** For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. **Worship God.**"

5.5 Thanksgiving to Angels

Repeatedly we see psalms of thanksgiving and praise for what God has done. All of creation, including man and angels, are requested to “praise and bless the Lord”.

Psalms 103:20 **Bless the LORD**, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word. ²¹ **Bless the LORD**, all you His hosts, You ministers of His, who do His pleasure. ²² **Bless the LORD**, all His works, In all places of His dominion. **Bless the LORD**, O my soul!

Psalms 148:1 **Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD** from the heavens; **Praise Him** in the heights! ² **Praise Him**, all His angels; **Praise Him**, all His hosts! ³ **Praise Him**, sun and moon; **Praise Him**, all you stars of light! ⁴ **Praise Him**, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens! ⁵ Let them **praise the name of the LORD**, For He commanded and they were created. ⁶ He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away. ⁷ **Praise the LORD** from the earth, You great sea creatures and all the depths;

There are no verses which prohibit “thanking angels”, but how do you know which ones to thank? If we thank God for His answer and help, He can pass the thanksgiving to His messengers.

5.6 Prayer to Angels

We know from scripture that on several occasions, man has talked with angels. Always, the angels were on a mission from God presenting His message. If there is a physical apparition or vision of an angel from God, then one might have the same opportunity to discuss the deeper things of life.

However, for most of us who have not had this opportunity, we enter into prayer. When considering prayer or the request for help, we need to understand the biblical plan for spiritual communication.

Matthew 6:6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, **pray to your Father** who is in the secret place; and **your Father who sees in secret will reward you** openly.[b] ⁷ And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ “Therefore do not be like them. For **your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.** ⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray: **Our Father in heaven**, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And do not lead

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us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.[c]

Matthew 26:52 But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³ Or do you think that I cannot now **pray to My Father**, and **He will provide** Me with more than twelve legions of angels?

John 14:13 And whatever you **ask in My name**, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ **If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.**

John 15:16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that **whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.**

John 16:23 "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever **you ask the Father in My name He will give you.** ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in My name. **Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.** ²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will **ask in My name**, and I do not say to you that **I shall pray the Father for you;** ²⁷ for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.

Our prayers are presented on the altar before God. Angels add incense with the prayers.

Revelation 8:3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with **the prayers of all the saints** upon the golden altar which was before the throne. ⁴ And the smoke of the incense, with **the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.**

Continually throughout the bible we see Christ commanding us to pray to God the Father. Like the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of a major corporation, we start at the top and ask for help. Asking the janitor of the same corporation for the same serious help will not provide an answer which is desired! Their power is lacking and you will not receive your help!

Likewise, the angels receive their direction from God through our prayer to Him. Ultimately, because of God the Father, our answered prayers are delivered from the hands of angels.

5.7 Questions

1. What power does God offer us when we pray to Him?
2. What is your relationship with God like? Is there any misplaced worship?
3. Do you have any idols in your life?
4. How do we limit the power of God when we give our adoration, time, or attention to angels?

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5. If you lived in ancient times and had the Holy Spirit, what would you do to help redirect those who worshiped idols or angels? How would you help them today?
6. What power do angels offer us when we pray to them?

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6.0 Fallen Angels

The study of angels is not complete until considering **all** of God's angels. So far, we have focused on the Holy angels which are at the throne of God. However, there are other angels who have "fallen from grace" and who have "sinned against God". Who are these angels? Where are they now? What are they doing?

Isaiah 14:12 "How **you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer**, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!

Luke 10:18 And He said to them, "**I saw Satan fall** like lightning from heaven.

God shows us in His word a little about these angels. They are not holy and are now perverted. Their perversion affects all mankind. In this section we will learn more about the Fallen Angels and their impact in our lives.

6.1 The Story

We catch a glimpse of the fallen angels through their leader: Satan. Satan had a perfect beginning. However through his pride, he chose a different path which eternally separated him from God Almighty.

From the beginning, Lucifer, "light bearer" an anointed cherub, was continually near the very throne of God.

Ezekiel 28:14 "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. ¹⁵ You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, **Till iniquity was found in you.**

6.1.1 The Fall of Satan

It is not clear the exact cause for the "iniquity" of Satan; however, we are given another clue in the preceding verses:

Ezekiel 28:11 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ¹² "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. ¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. ¹⁴ "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. ¹⁵ You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you. ¹⁶ "**By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned;** Therefore I

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cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones. ¹⁷ **"Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor;** I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you. ¹⁸ "You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you.

It was through the abundant blessings and immense beauty which built Satan's self-pride, and he fell. Continually, pride is the root of all evil and a recurring theme of potential disaster for all mankind. It is his choice!

Leviticus 26:17 **I will set My face against you**, and you shall be defeated by your enemies. Those who hate you shall reign over you, and you shall flee when no one pursues you. ¹⁸ 'And after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. ¹⁹ **I will break the pride of your power;** I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze. ²⁰ And your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield its produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruit. ²¹ 'Then, if you walk contrary to Me, and are not willing to obey Me, I will bring on you seven times more plagues, according to your sins. ²² I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, destroy your livestock, and make you few in number; and your highways shall be desolate.

Ultimately, Lucifer was kicked out of God's presence, from the throne, from heaven and fell.

Isaiah 14:12 "How **you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer**, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! ¹³ For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'

Luke 10:18 And He said to them, "**I saw Satan fall** like lightning from heaven.

Revelation 12:7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and **the dragon and his angels fought, ⁸ but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.** ⁹ So **the great dragon was cast out**, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and **his angels were cast out with him.**

6.1.2 Fall of Man

For whatever reason, God allowed Satan an opportunity to rule the earth. As a result of lies of Satan and our own fall in the Garden of Eden, we too are subject to his perverse rulership.

Genesis 3:1 Now **the serpent was more cunning** than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³ but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the

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garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' " ⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Job 1:⁶ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and **Satan also came among them.** ⁷ And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the LORD and said, "**From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.**" ⁸ Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?" ⁹ So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing?"

2 Corinthians 4:³ But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ whose minds **the god of this age has blinded**, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

6.1.3 Satan Rules the World

During the temptation, Satan shows Christ that his authority of the “world”. Satan offers his “world” to Christ through false worship.

Matthew 4:⁸ Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You **if You will fall down and worship me.**" ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you,[d] Satan! For it is written, '**You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve**.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

We are warned by the apostles that Satan is our adversary and we need to be vigilant of his perverse ways.

1 Peter 5:⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion**, seeking whom he may devour.

Ephesians 2:¹ And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, **according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,** ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.



As Christians, we have an eternal hope that Satan, his perverse spirit and perverted following (demons) will be put away and will not affect us. Satan will be removed for eternity and we will be in the Holy presence of God and Christ! Praise our God!

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John 12:30 Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now **the ruler of this world will be cast out.** ³² And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."

John 14:29 "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for **the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.** ³¹ But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

John 16:8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of **judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.**

6.1.4 Demons Follow Satan

Known as demons, or in Greek "daimonion" (**δαιμονιον**) they are evil spirits or the messengers and ministers of the Satan. John depicts Satan as a dragon. And in this story shows us how the demons (stars) were pulled along with him to earth when he fell from heaven.

Revelation 12:4 **His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.** And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

Demons are also known as "familiar spirits" which are mentioned several times in both the old and new testaments. The demons are now the fallen angels who will be judge in the end times.

2 Peter 2:4 For if God did not spare **the angels who sinned**, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

Jude 1:6 And **the angels who did not keep their proper domain**, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

The judgment has not occurred, yet. Until the judgment, demons are allowed to operate under the influence of Satan. In the mean time, people are blinded and demons are worshiped by man.

Deuteronomy 32:16 They provoked Him to jealousy with foreign gods; With abominations they provoked Him to anger. ¹⁷ **They sacrificed to demons, not to God**, To gods they did not know, To new gods, new arrivals That your fathers did not fear.

Psalms 106:36 They served their idols, Which became a snare to them. ³⁷ **They even sacrificed their sons And their daughters to demons,** ³⁸ And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with blood. ³⁹ Thus they were defiled by their own works, And played the harlot by their own deeds.

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6.2 Temple of Spirit

We know from God's word that the human body is a temple for the Holy Spirit.

¹ Corinthians 6:18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or **do you not know that your body is the temple** of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

² Corinthians 6:16 And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For **we are the temple** of the living God. As God said: "I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be My people." ¹⁷ Therefore, come out from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them, says the LORD. Don't touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you. ¹⁸ And I will be your Father, and you will be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty. " [NLT]

² Corinthians 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

6.2.1 The Temple of Good or Evil

Christians can be influenced by Satan, but he does not possess us.

Matthew 16:22-23 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" ²³ But **He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me,** for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

Luke 22:31-32 And the Lord said, "**Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you,** that he may sift you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

Ephesians 4:26 Go ahead and be angry. You do well to be angry--but don't use your anger as fuel for revenge. And don't stay angry. Don't go to bed angry. ²⁷ **Don't give the Devil that kind of foothold** in your life. [Message]

God's shows us that His Holy Spirit is a guarantee of eternal life and we are sealed. It is clear that good and bad spirits do not co-exist in one "temple".

² Corinthians 1:21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, ²² who also **has sealed us and given us the Spirit** in our hearts as a guarantee.

² Corinthians 5:4 For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is **God, who also has given us the Spirit** as a guarantee.

James 3:11 Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus **no spring yields both salt water and fresh.**

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¹ John 5:18 We know that none of the God-begotten makes a practice of sin--fatal sin. The God-begotten are also the God-protected. **The Evil One can't lay a hand on them.** ¹⁹ We know that **we are held firm by God**; it's only the people of the world who continue in the grip of the Evil One. [Message]

Somehow, God has created within us a place for a "spirit" to dwell. Consider our own spirit; it is also part of us as well! Let's see what happens when Satan perverse spirits come near a human who does not have the Holy Spirit.

6.2.2 Demon Possession

The same human temple can contain "other" spirits.

Matthew 9:32 As they went out, behold, **they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed.** ³³ And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"

Matthew 12:22 Then one was brought to Him **who was demon-possessed, blind and mute**; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw.

Matthew 12:45 Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and **they enter and dwell there**; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."

Matthew 15:22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! **My daughter is severely demon-possessed.**" ²³ But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." ²⁴ But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" ²⁶ But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." ²⁷ And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Matthew 17:17 Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." ¹⁸ And **Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him**; and the child was cured from that very hour. ¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁰ So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." ²¹ However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

Mark 5:2 And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there **met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,** ³ who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, ⁴ because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. ⁵ And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. ⁶ When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. ⁷ And he cried out with a loud voice and

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said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me." ⁸ For He said to him, "**Come out of the man, unclean spirit!**" ⁹ Then He asked him, "What is your name?" And he answered, saying, "**My name is Legion; for we are many.**" ¹⁰ Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country. ¹¹ Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. ¹² So all the demons begged Him, saying, "**Send us to the swine, that we may enter them.**" ¹³ And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then **the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine** (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea. ¹⁴ So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵ Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ¹⁶ And those who saw it told them how it happened to him who had been demon-possessed, and about the swine. ¹⁷ Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region. ¹⁸ And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. ¹⁹ However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you."







6.3 Familiar Spirit

Many times throughout God's word, we find the term, familiar spirit. What is a familiar spirit? And why are we warned by God to avoid such a spirit? We will see that a familiar spirit can be summoned or possess a person. Either way, the answer is not from God and from a perverted demon who misleads man.

Strong's Number	Original	Pronunciation	Outline of biblical usage	Translation Count
Hebrew 178		'owb {obe}	1) water skin bottle 2) necromancer a) necromancer, one who evokes the dead b) ghost, spirit of a dead one c) practice of necromancy 3) one that has a familiar spirit	AV - familiar spirit(s) 16, bottles 1; 17



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Strong's Number	Original	Pronunciation	Outline of biblical usage	Translation Count
Hebrew 3049		yidd@`oniy {yid-deh-o-nee'}	1) a knower, one who has a familiar spirit a) a familiar spirit, soothsayer, necromancer (meton)	AV - wizard 11; 11
Hebrew 5172		nachash {naw-khash'}	1) to practice divination, divine, observe signs, learn by experience, diligently observe, practice fortunetelling, take as an omen a) (Piel) i) to practice divination ii) to observe the signs or omens	AV - enchantment 4, divine 2, enchanter 1, indeed 1, certainly 1, learn by experience 1, diligently observe 1; 11
Hebrew 6049		`anan {aw-nan'}	1) (Piel) to make appear, produce, bring (clouds) 2) (Poel) to practise soothsaying, conjure a) to observe times, practice soothsaying or spiritism or magic or augury or witchcraft b) soothsayer, enchanter, sorceress, diviner, fortuneteller, barbarian, Meonenim (participle)	AV - observer of times 5, soothsayer 2, bring 1, sorceress 1, enchanter 1; 11
Hebrew 3784		kashaph {kaw-shaf'}	1) (Piel) to practice witchcraft or sorcery, use witchcraft a) sorcerer, sorceress (participle)	AV - sorcerers 3, witch 2, witchcraft 1; 6

And a necromancer is one who “raises the dead” and follows this definition:

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nec·ro·man·cy   'nek rə,mæn si - [Show Spelled Pronunciation](#)[nek-ruh-man-see] [Pronunciation Key](#) - [Show IPA Pronunciation](#)

-noun

- 1) a method of divination through alleged communication with the dead; black art.
- 2) magic in general, esp. that practiced by a witch or sorcerer; sorcery; witchcraft; conjuration.

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[Origin: 1250-1300; **NECRO-** + **-MANCY**; r. ME *nigromancie* < ML *nigromantia* for LL *necromantia* < Gk *nekromanteia*; by folk etymology *nigro-* (comb. form of L *niger* black) was substituted in ML for original *necro-*]

From the beginning, God wanted His voice to be heard and he provided the prophets with His inspired message.

Deuteronomy 18:15 "The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear,

But people rejected God's word and desired their own. Like a small, selfish child, people desire their own will and not God's Holy will. Finally, God allowed man to "have his way" but ultimately it was to man's destruction.

Judges 9:23 **God sent a spirit of ill will** between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech,

1 Samuel 16:14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and **a distressing spirit from the LORD** troubled him.

6.3.1 False Prophets

Who are the "false prophets"? They are those who "think" they have God's blessing and vision, but they do not. False prophets can be directed by familiar spirits but usually, they speak without the authority of God and mislead both the good and the bad. God condemns their actions and curses them for what they do.

Jeremiah 14:14 And the LORD said to me, "**The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart.**"¹⁵ Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who prophesy in My name, whom I did not send, and who say, 'Sword and famine shall not be in this land "By sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed!"¹⁶ And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; they will have no one to bury them nor their wives, their sons nor their daughters for I will pour their wickedness on them.'¹⁷ "Therefore you shall say this word to them: 'Let my eyes flow with tears night and day, And let them not cease; For the virgin daughter of my people Has been broken with a mighty stroke, with a very severe blow.'

Jeremiah 23:15 "Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets: 'Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, And make them drink the water of gall; For from the prophets of Jerusalem Profaneness has gone out into all the land.'¹⁶ Thus says the LORD of hosts: "**Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; They speak a vision of their own heart, Not from the mouth of the LORD.**"¹⁷ They continually say to those who despise Me, 'The LORD has said, "You shall have peace" '; And to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, 'No evil shall come upon you.'¹⁸ For who has stood in the

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counsel of the LORD, And has perceived and heard His word? Who has marked His word and heard it? ¹⁹ Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD has gone forth in fury A violent whirlwind! It will fall violently on the head of the wicked.

Lamentations 2:14 **Your prophets have seen for you False and deceptive visions;** They have not uncovered your iniquity, To bring back your captives, But have **envisioned for you false prophecies and delusions.**

Ezekiel 13:6 They have envisioned futility and **false divination**, saying, 'Thus says the LORD!' But **the LORD has not sent them**; yet they hope that the word may be confirmed. ⁷ Have you not seen a futile vision, and have you not spoken false divination? You say, 'The LORD says,' but I have not spoken." ⁸ Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Because you have spoken nonsense and envisioned lies, therefore I am indeed against you," says the Lord GOD. ⁹ "My hand will be against the prophets who envision futility and who divine lies; they shall not be in the assembly of My people, nor be written in the record of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 13:19 And will you profane Me among My people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, **killing people who should not die, and keeping people alive who should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies?"** ²⁰ Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against your magic charms by which you hunt souls there like birds. I will tear them from your arms, and let the souls go, the souls you hunt like birds. ²¹ I will also tear off your veils and deliver My people out of your hand, and they shall no longer be as prey in your hand. Then you shall know that I am the LORD. ²² "Because **with lies you have made the heart of the righteous sad**, whom I have not made sad; and **you have strengthened the hands of the wicked**, so that he does not turn from his wicked way to save his life. ²³ Therefore you shall no longer envision futility nor practice divination; for I will deliver My people out of your hand, and you shall know that I am the LORD." ' ' "

Ezekiel 22:28 Her prophets plastered them with untempered mortar, **seeing false visions, and divining lies** for them, saying, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,' when the LORD had not spoken.

2 Corinthians 11:13 For such are **false apostles, deceitful workers**, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

6.3.2 Mediums, Sorcerers, and Diviners

A medium and a sorcerer are necromancers and have a “familiar spirit”. The demon communicates to the person and the person reveals the spiritual deception.

Leviticus 19:26 You shall not eat anything with the blood, **nor shall you practice divination or soothsaying.**

Leviticus 19:31 **'Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits;** do not seek after them, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.

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Leviticus 20:26 And you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine. ²⁷ **'A man or a woman who is a medium, or who has familiar spirits, shall surely be put to death;** they shall stone them with stones. Their blood shall be upon them.' "

Deuteronomy 18:9 "When you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. ¹⁰ There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, **or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, ¹¹ or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.** ¹² For all who do these things are an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you. ¹³ You shall be blameless before the LORD your God. ¹⁴ For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not appointed such for you.

Zechariah 10:2 For **the idols speak delusion; The diviners envision lies,** And tell false dreams; They comfort in vain. Therefore the people wend their way like sheep; They are in trouble because there is no shepherd. ³ "My anger is kindled against the shepherds, And I will punish the goatherds. For the LORD of hosts will visit His flock, The house of Judah, And will make them as His royal horse in the battle.

Malachi 3:5 And I will come near you for judgment; **I will be a swift witness Against sorcerers,** Against adulterers, Against perjurers, Against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, And against those who turn away an alien Because they do not fear Me," Says the LORD of hosts.

1 Samuel 28:5 When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. ⁶ And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, either by dreams or by Urim or by the prophets. ⁷ Then Saul said to his servants, "**Find me a woman who is a medium,** that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "In fact, **there is a woman who is a medium at En Dor.**" ⁸ So Saul disguised himself and put on other clothes, and he went, and two men with him; and they came to the woman by night. And he said, "**Please conduct a séance for me, and bring up for me the one I shall name to you.**" ⁹ Then the woman said to him, "Look, you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the spiritists from the land. Why then do you lay a snare for my life, to cause me to die?" ¹⁰ And Saul swore to her by the LORD, saying, "As the LORD lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing." ¹¹ Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" And he said, "**Bring up Samuel for me.**" ¹² When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice. And the woman spoke to Saul, saying, "**Why have you deceived me? For you are Saul!**" ¹³ And the king said to her, "Do not be afraid. What did you see?" And the woman said to Saul, "I saw a spirit ascending out of the earth." ¹⁴ So he said to her, "What is his form?" And she said, "An old man is coming up, and he is covered with a mantle." And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground and bowed down. ¹⁵ Now **Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?"** And Saul answered, "I am deeply distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God has departed from me and does not answer me anymore, neither by prophets nor by dreams. Therefore I have called you, that you may reveal to me what I should do." ¹⁶ Then Samuel said: "So why do you ask me, seeing the LORD has departed from you and has become your enemy? ¹⁷ And the LORD has done for Himself as He spoke by me. For the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, David. ¹⁸ Because you did not obey the voice of the LORD nor execute His fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore the LORD has done this thing to you this

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day. ¹⁹ Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with you into the hand of the Philistines. And tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. The LORD will also deliver the army of Israel into the hand of the Philistines." ²⁰ Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, and was dreadfully afraid because of the words of Samuel. And there was no strength in him, for he had eaten no food all day or all night. ²¹ And the woman came to Saul and saw that he was severely troubled, and said to him, "Look, your maidservant has obeyed your voice, and I have put my life in my hands and heeded the words which you spoke to me.

Notice that the "spirit of Samuel" spoke to Saul. This was not "Samuel" because Saul heard the familiar spirit or demon's voice. God was very upset with Saul because of his actions. As a result, God killed Saul and moved the leadership from Saul to David.

¹ Chronicles 10:13 **So Saul died for his unfaithfulness** which he had committed against the LORD, because he did not keep the word of the LORD, and also because he consulted a medium for guidance. ¹⁴ But he did not inquire of **the LORD; therefore He killed him**, and turned the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.

6.3.3 Astrologers

Astrologers look to the stars for life's answers and lead by familiar spirits, they do not turn towards God. As a result, they tell lies to people and the people trust them rather than God.

Isaiah 47:12 "Stand now with your enchantments And the multitude of your sorceries, In which you have labored from your youth Perhaps you will be able to profit, Perhaps you will prevail. ¹³ You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels; Let now the **astrologers, the stargazers, And the monthly prognosticators Stand up and save you** From what shall come upon you. ¹⁴ Behold, they shall be as stubble, The fire shall burn them; They shall not deliver themselves From the power of the flame; It shall not be a coal to be warmed by, Nor a fire to sit before! ¹⁵ Thus shall they be to you With whom you have labored, Your merchants from your youth; They shall wander each one to his quarter. No one shall save you.

Daniel 2:27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, "The secret which the king has demanded, **the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king.** ²⁸ But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these:

Daniel 4:6 Therefore I issued a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream. ⁷ **Then the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers came in, and I told them the dream; but they did not make known to me its interpretation.**

Daniel 5:7 The king cried aloud to bring in **the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers.** The king spoke, saying to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing, and tells me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck; and he shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." ⁸ **Now all the**

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king's wise men came, but they could not read the writing, or make known to the king its interpretation.

6.3.4 Early Church

In the early days of the church, some recanted their evil practices and moved towards God. And we learn that we are commanded to “test the spirits”.

Acts 19:18 And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. ¹⁹ Also, many of **those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them** in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. ²⁰ So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

Galatians 1:8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

1 John 4:1 Beloved, **do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God**; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

6.4 Authority of the Believer

It is through the amazing authority of Christ that the true believe has authority over the fallen angels, even Satan himself. We have nothing to fear.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but **perfect love casts out fear**, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

1 John 4:8 He who does not love does not know God, for **God is love**.

As Christians, because of the love of God, we have nothing to fear from Satan, a fallen angel, or demon. We are protected and have authority over the “familiar spirits” through His Holy name! Praise the Lord! We have absolute, total authority over any unholy spirit!

Luke 10:17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, **even the demons are subject to us in Your name.**" ¹⁸ And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, **I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**" ²⁰ Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that **the spirits are subject to you**, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

Colossians 1:13 **He has delivered us from the power of darkness** and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that **you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.** ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against

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spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that **you may be able to withstand in the evil day**, and having done all, to stand.

James 2:19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe and tremble!

Ultimately, Satan and his demons will be cast away from Christ, His church and the Holy angels for eternity! Again, praise the Lord!

Matthew 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, **into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels**:'

6.5 Questions

1. What new thing did you learn about the fall of Satan?
2. Had you considered the fall of man and his relation to the fall of the angels?
3. Did you know that Satan rules this present world? Did you know that Christ will remove Satan when he returns?
4. How do Satan and demons affect your life? How can you change this?
5. What did you learn about mediums, sorcerers, diviners, astrologers, and diviners that you did not know before this study?
6. Should believers in Christ have any concern for fallen angels?
7. As a Christian, how would you stand against Satan or the demons?
8. As a Christian, how would you help others who are attacked by Satan or his demons.

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