

## Common Questions about Angels

The subject of angels is mentioned all throughout the Bible. We can read about them as early as Genesis 16:7 and as late as Revelation 22:16. Let's consider a few critical things about them.

### I. What are angels?

- A. **Created** beings (Psalm 148:1-5; Colossians 1:16)
- B. Inferior to God (Hebrews 1:4-6)
- C. **Powerful** (Psalm 103:20; 2 Peter 2:11; 2 Thessalonians 1:7)
- D. Those with limitations
  - 1. In knowledge (Matthew 24:36; 1 Peter 1:12)
  - 2. In marriage (Matthew 24:30)
  - 3. In mortality (Luke 20:36)
- E. Spirit beings (Hebrews 1:13-14)
- F. Have appeared as men (Hebrews 13:2; Genesis 18:1-8; 19:1-5; Matthew 28:1-2; John 20:11-12; Mark 16:5; Luke 24:4).
- G. Have the power of free will (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6).

### II. What purpose do angels serve?

- A. They are NOT to be worshiped (Revelation 22:8).
- B. Instead they carry out the will of God (Psalm 103:20).
  - 1. Gave announcements or instructions
    - a. To Mary (Luke 1:26-27)
    - b. To Lot (Genesis 19:12-14)
    - c. To Cornelius (Acts 10:1-3)
  - 2. Revealed God's will
    - a. At Mount Sinai (Hebrews 2:2; Acts 7:53; Galatians 3:19)
    - b. To Zechariah (Zechariah 1:9)
  - 3. Delivered God's people (Daniel 6:22; Acts 12:5-9)
  - 4. Brought judgment on the wicked
    - a. The Egyptians (Psalm 78:43-49)
    - b. The Assyrians (Isaiah 37:36)
    - c. Jesus could have called more than 72,000 angels (Matthew 26:53).

### III. What do angels do for us?

- A. Before we answer this question, it is important we remember the words of Deuteronomy 29:29. There are some things about angels that God doesn't want us to know.
- B. But here are three things the Bible is clear about:
  - 1. Angels actively serve us (Hebrews 1:13-14).
  - 2. Angels show care for us (Matthew 18:10).
    - a. They care about our salvation (1 Peter 1:10-12).
    - b. They will be there on the judgment (Luke 12:8-9).
    - c. They rejoice when sinners repents (Luke 15:10).
  - 3. Angels will liberate us from the earth (Matthew 25:31-32).
    - a. They will come with Jesus (1 Thessalonians 4:16; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).
    - b. They will be the reapers (Matthew 13:37-43).
    - c. They will carry us to paradise (Luke 16:22).

**Conclusion:** Angels care about our salvation! Do we care about our salvation ?