

## THE ORIGIN AND NATURE OF ANGELS

### Are Angels Real?

We have talked about the possibility that some creatures seen in visions are not literal, but represent something else.

Angels are spoken of throughout the Bible, not just in visions.

Jesus even spoke of calling down thousands of Angels.

If Angels are not real then the Bible is seriously flawed.

Yes, absolutely, Angels are real.

If someone means real in the sense of being physical like real money instead of a credit card, then we could agree.

### Are Angels Created or Eternal?

Col 1:16-17 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

### When Were Angels Created?

Gen 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Exo 20:11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Job 38:4-7 “Where were you when I laid the foundation 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 On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, 7 when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”

### Why Were Angels Created?

To Serve and Obey God - Psa 103:20 Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!

To Worship Jesus and the Rest of the Godhead - Heb 1:6 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God's angels worship him.”

To Protect His People - Exo 23:20 “Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared.

To Serve His People - Heb 1:13-14 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? 14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

To Bring Messages to His People - Zec 1:9 Then I said, ‘What are these, my lord?’ The angel who talked with me said to me, ‘I will show you what they are.’

### How Are Angels Like Us?

1. Created by God - Col. 1:16-17

2. Created to Serve and Obey God - Ps. 103:20 and Eccl. 12:13

3. Have Free Will - Jud 1:6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—

4. They are Part of God’s Family and Called Sons of God - 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.

Eph 3:15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

5. Imperfect Knowledge - Mar 13:32 “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

6. Possibly They Eat - Psa 78:25 Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance.

#### How Are Angels Different From Us?

1. Invisible to an Unaided Human Eye - Numbers 22:22ff

2. They Are Spiritual Beings - Psa 104:4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

3. They Can Change Their Appearance - Act 7:35 “This Moses, whom they rejected, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge?’—this man God sent as both ruler and redeemer by the hand of the angel who appeared to him in the bush.

4. They Are Stronger - 2Pe 2:11 whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a blasphemous judgment against them before the Lord.

5. They Can’t Die - Luk 20:35-36 but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, 36 for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

6. They Can’t Be Redeemed - Jud 1:6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—

7. They Have Been in Heaven with God since the time of their creation -

8. They Can Fly - Rev 14:6 Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.

9. They Don’t Marry - Mat 22:30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in Heaven.

10. No Record of Baby Angels - Gen 6:2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose.

11. No Record of Emotions other than Maybe Joy - Laughing, Crying, Getting Angry, etc. - Job 38:7 when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Luk 15:10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

12. No Record of Being Able to Love

13. No Record of Singing - possible reference - Job 38:7 when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Songs about angels singing

Hark the Herald angels sing

Angels we have heard on High

The First Noel

Tell Me the story of Jesus

Joyful, Joyful We adore thee

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Angels are singing Redemption’s Sweet Song