

Angels & Demons

INTRODUCTION

Angels and Demons—Part 1

Many misunderstandings come with the unseen world of angels and demons. While some have trouble believing the devil and his helpers exist, others give Satan too much credit for the difficulties in life. Misconceptions about God's angelic helpers also abound. We wonder whether we have a guardian angel, or if people receive angel wings when they pass away. There are so many questions—how can we know the right answers?

Beginning this week, we'll take a look at some of the most common misunderstandings of this hidden world. Join us as we explore Angels & Demons—and let's see what God has to say about it.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you think most people believe that angels exist? Do you think they believe in the existence of Satan and demons? Why do you think some people might believe in angels but not in demons?
2. Read Ezekiel 28:11-17. Although these verses are related to the King of Tyre, they are also a reference to the "fall" of Satan. Based on these verses, what would you say caused Satan's downfall?
3. Read Genesis 3:1-4, Matthew 4:1-11, John 8:44, Ephesians 2:1-2, and Ephesians 6:10-12. What do we learn from these verses about the devil and his minions?
4. What are some ways that the devil works in the world and in our lives? Why do you think God allows the devil to continue working in the world?
5. Do you think we should be afraid of the devil? Explain your answer. Read Hebrews 2:14-15; James 4:7; 1 John 3:8 and 1 Corinthians 6:3. What authority do you think we have against the devil?

APPLICATION

There are unseen, powerful, spiritual forces that influence our world and our lives. The existence of angelic beings is confirmed throughout the pages of the bible, from the first book of Genesis to the very last book of Revelation. Even with the proof and details the Bible offers, there are still misunderstandings related to the world of angels and demons. Some have trouble believing this invisible world exists, whereas others give this world too much credit for life's difficulties. We'll explore this world in the upcoming weeks.

Today's talk focuses on the fact that spiritual beings do exist. There are good angels and bad angels, or demons. They all affect our world. Throughout this series we'll explore more about how they make an impact on us. Although they do exist, Satan and his host have no authority over us. They have power, and they work in a variety of ways, but we can deny Satan. When we become believers in Christ, we are transferred from Satan's kingdom of darkness, into Christ's kingdom—the kingdom of light.

KEY VERSES (HCSB)

Ephesians 6:11-12	Hebrews 2:14-15
Genesis 3:1-4	James 4:7
Revelation 12:9-10	1 Corinthians 6:3
Ezekiel 28:11-17	Matthew 4:1-11
John 14:30	John 8:44
Ephesians 2:1-2	Ephesians 6:10-12
Jude 1:8-9	1 John 3:8