

Angels & Demons

INTRODUCTION

Angels and Demons—Part 7

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?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you think most people believe in a heaven and/or a hell? Why do you think people might struggle to believe in an afterlife—and especially in a place called, “hell?”
2. Where do you think people get their beliefs when it comes to the afterlife? Why is it essential that we stick to what Bible teaches?
3. Read Daniel 12:2, Matthew 24:48-51, 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 and Revelation 20:11-15. What can we conclude about hell from these verses?
4. How would you answer someone who said, “A loving God wouldn't send someone to hell?”
5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58, Revelation 21:1-5, Matthew 13:43, and Matthew 25:34. What do we learn about our eternal destiny from these verses?
6. Read John 3:16-18, Acts 10:42-43 and 1 John 5:11-13. How can we know we will go to heaven when we die? How might the doctrine of heaven and hell impact how we share our faith?

APPLICATION

Throughout the Bible, it is proven that there is indeed a heaven and a hell. Angels and demons involve the unseen world. Even though it is a reality we cannot physically see with our eyes, we can know for sure that God is good and just, and that there is a heaven and hell according to the gospel.

Our Bible tells us that “hell” was created as a final destination for the Devil and the angels that aligned themselves with him. Hell is described as a place of eternal fire with cursed beings, where there is pain and anger. However, God also created a new heaven and earth where everything will be restored to its previous glory—no more tears, grief, pain, sorrow, or death.

How can we be sure you go to heaven? We cannot fix the problem of sinfulness. Our sins have come between us and our Creator. The reason people end up in hell is because they die without their sins being forgiven. The simple answer is—place your faith in Jesus Christ.

KEY VERSES (HCSB)

Matthew 25:31-51	Revelation 20:11-15
Daniel 12:2	2 Thessalonians 1:6-10
Philippians 1:23	Matthew 19:13-14
1 Corinthians 15:50-58	Romans 1:18-20
Revelation 21:1-8	1 John 5:11-13
Matthew 13:40-43	John 3:16-18
Matthew 8:11-13	Acts 10:42-43