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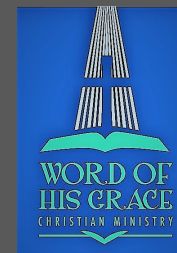
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The word “*angel*” comes from the Greek word *aggelos*, which means “*messenger*.” According to the Bible, angels are spiritual beings that were created to serve and execute God’s will. Heavenly angels are said to be innumerable, powerful beings, who are invisible but can take physical form. They are sent to inform, protect, guide, and strengthen those who will inherit salvation. Categories of angels are also known as cherubim, seraphim, and archangels.

### What does the Bible say about the creation of angels?

“Praise ye him, all his *angels*: praise ye him, all his hosts. Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were *created*” (Psalm 148:2, 5).

“For by him were *all things* created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were *created* by him, and for him” (Colossians 1:16).

### How long ago were the angels created?

“Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. When the *morning stars* sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?” (Job 38:4, 7).

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## What are some of the things angels do?

### Worship & Praise God:

“In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the *seraphims*: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the *LORD* of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory” (Isaiah 6:1-3).

### Protect & Deliver:

“The angel of the LORD encampeth round about *them* that fear him, and delivereth them” (Psalm 34:7).

### Instruct & Guide:

“But while he thought on these things, behold, the *angel of the Lord* appeared unto him in a dream, *saying*, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost” (Matthew 1:20).

## What do angels look like?

“And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels *spirits*, and his ministers a flame of fire” (Hebrews 1:7).

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“And the *men* turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD. And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?” ([Genesis 18:22-23](#)). See [verses 1-2](#).

**NOTE:** The *LORD* appeared to Abraham with two men who are described in the next chapter ([Gen. 19:1](#)) as *angels*. As mentioned, angels can and do take on physical forms according to the will of God.

Are any of the angels mentioned by name?

Yes, *Gabriel* = *God is my strength* ([Luke 1:19](#)), *Michael* = *Who is like God?* ([Jude 1:9](#)), & *Lucifer* = *Day star* ([Isaiah 14:12](#)).

Are angels to be worshipped?

“And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to *worship* before the feet of the *angel* which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: *worship* God” ([Revelation 22:8-9](#)).

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## How many angels are there?

“And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many *angels* round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the *number* of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands” (*Revelation 5:11*).

## Are there different types of angels?

Yes, *Cherubims* - two winged angels that guard (*Genesis 3:24*), *Seraphims* - six winged angels (*Isaiah 6:1-3*), & *Archangels* are high ranking warrior angels (*Jude 1:9*).

## Are there any major differences between groups of angels?

Yes. There are *heavenly/unfallen angels* who are holy (separate for God's purposes) (*Matthew 25:31*), elect (chosen) (*1 Timothy 5:21*) and who continuously serve Almighty God.

There are also *fallen angels* who rebelled against God under Lucifer's leadership (*Isaiah 14:12*). These fallen angels are now referred to as *devils* (*slanderers*) and *demons* (*evil spirits*) (*Luke 8:2*), and their leader is *Satan* (*adversary*).

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**"Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Revelation 12:12).**



## How could there be fallen angels?

“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his *angels* fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his *angels*, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old *serpent*, called the *Devil*, and *Satan*, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his *angels* were cast out with him” (Revelation 12:7-9).

“And he said unto them, I beheld *Satan* as lightning *fall* from heaven” (Luke 10:18).


**NOTE:** The logical explanation for this rebellion is *free will*. God created angels and mankind with free will; that is, we have been given the ability to choose, which makes us all accountable for our choices. Beings created by God are responsible for our motives, desires, words, and actions.

## What happened to Lucifer that led to his expulsion from Heaven?

“Thou art the *anointed cherub* that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast *perfect* in thy ways from the day that thou wast *created*, till *iniquity* was found in thee. Thine *heart* was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee

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to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee” (Ezekiel 28:14-15, 17).

“How art thou *fallen from heaven*, O *Lucifer*, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine *heart*, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the *most High*” (Isaiah 14:12-14).

### God's warnings about Satan and his angels?

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your *adversary* the *devil*, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may *devour*” (1 Peter 5:8).

“Ye are of your father the *devil*, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a *murderer* from the beginning, and abode not in *the truth*, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a *liar*, and the father of it” (John 8:44).

“And no marvel; for *Satan* himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if *his ministers* also be transformed as *the ministers of righteousness*; whose end shall be according to their works” (2 Corinthians 11:14-15).

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“For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the *kings* of the earth and of the *whole world*, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty” (Revelation 16:14).

Does God encourage his people in this conflict between good and evil?

“For whatsoever is born of God *overcometh* the world: and this is the victory that *overcometh* the world, even our *faith*” (1 John 5:4).

“And they overcame him by the *blood of the lamb*, and by the *word of their testimony*; and they loved not their *lives* unto the death” (Revelation 12:11).

“And to you who are troubled *rest* with *us*, when the *Lord Jesus* shall be revealed *from heaven* with his mighty *angels*” (2 Thessalonians 1:7).

How can we distinguish between God's angels and Satan's demons?

“Bless the LORD, ye his *angels*, that excel in strength, that do his *commandments*, hearkening unto the voice of *his word*. Bless ye the LORD, all ye *his hosts*; ye ministers of his, that do *his pleasure*” (Psalm 103:20-21).