ANGELOLOGY

Part 2



According to the Bible, ANGELS:

- 1. Exist
- 2. Were created by God

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...before Genesis 1 (Job 38:4-7)
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...during Genesis 1 (Gen. 1:1; Exod. 20:11; Ps. 148:2-5; Gen. 2:1)
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- 3. Were created as angels
 - Not human
 - Not divine

According to the Bible, ANGELS:

- 4. Are numerically constant
 - Do not reproduce
 - Never die
 - God finished His creation work
 - Many (innumerable)
- 5. Are servants
- 6. Were created holy
- 7. Are ordered / ranked / hierarchical

According to the Bible, ANGELS:

- 8. Are subject to creaturely limitations
 - Don't posses any of the "omni" characteristics
- 9. Are subject to creaturely limitations

The NATURE of ANGELS:

1. Their personhood

- Possess intellect
- Demonstrate emotion
- Exercise will
- Express desire
- Communicate/talk
- 2. Confirmed in their holiness

Luke 20:34-36 (ESV)

"And Jesus said to them, 'The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, (35) 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."

Gen 2:3 (ESV)

"So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all His work that He had done in creation."

John 5:17 (ESV)

"But Jesus answered them, 'My Father is working until now, and I am working.'"

WHAT IS JESUS DOING NOW?

- 1. HOLDS all things together // Col. 1:16-17
- 2. HEAD of His church // Eph. 1:22-23
- 3. GROOM of His church // Eph. 5:32
- 4. BUILDING His church // Matt. 16:18
- 5. Gives SPIRITUAL GIFTS // Eph. 4:7-8; 1 Cor. 12:7
- 6. HIGH PRIEST after Melchizedek // Heb. 6:20
- 7. KEEPS His people // John 10:27-29; 1 Pet. 1:5
- 8. INTERCEDES for us // Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25
- 9. RESTORES broken fellowship // 1 John 1:9
- 10. DEFENDS His people // Heb. 9:24
- 11. PREPARES a place for us // John 14:1-3

Dan. 7:10 (ESV)

"A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened."

Rev. 5:11 (ESV)

"Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands"

Heb. 1:7 (ESV)

"Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.'"

Heb. 1:14 (ESV)

"Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?"

Acts 10:22 (ESV)

"And they said, 'Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and Godfearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say.'"

Jude 1:14 (ESV)

"It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, 'Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His holy ones'"

Col. 1:16 (ESV)

"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."

1 Pet. 3:22 (ESV)

"[Jesus] who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him."

Matt. 26:53 (ESV)

"Do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once send Me more than twelve legions of angels?"

Matthew 24:36 (ESV)

"But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only."

1 Pet. 1:12 (ESV)

"It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look."

Dan. 10:13 (ESV)

"The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twentyone days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia"

Daniel 10:20-21 (ESV)

"Then he said, 'Do you know why I have come to you? But now I will return to fight against the prince of Persia; and when I go out, behold, the prince of Greece will come. (21)But I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth: there is none who contends by my side against these except Michael, your prince.'"

Dan. 9:22-23 (ESV)

"...O Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding. (23)At the beginning of your pleas for mercy a word went out, and I have come to tell it to you, for you are greatly loved. Therefore consider the word and understand the vision."

John 1:51 (ESV)

"And he said to him, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.'"

Luke 15:10 (NLT)

"In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents."

Ps. 103:20 (ESV)

"Bless the LORD, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word!"

Matt. 8:29 (ESV)

"And behold, they cried out, 'What have You to do with us,

O Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before

the time?'"