

ANGELS OF THE LORD

Colossians 1:16 ... "For by Him [Christ] all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible..."

People have fanciful ideas about angels that are far removed from Biblical truth. When Lucifer and a third of the angels in heaven rebelled against God, they were kicked out of heaven. I wish God had destroyed them, but instead he let them reside on earth where they test our faith by tempting and deceiving us. Do not be misled by the countless paintings and myths regarding angels, especially those portraying them as cupids, or babies (cherubs) with wings. It is also untrue that your uncle died and became an angel, and is now hovering over you to protect you. Sorry. There is no Biblical basis for these ideas.

Today's verse reminds us that everything in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, was created by Christ. Genesis 1:1 states: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." God likely created Angels when he created the heavens (universe). On day six of creation God declared that all he had made was "very good." So, we may speculate that Lucifer's rebellion happened sometime after that because everything was no longer "very good" after the rebellious angels were sent to roam over the earth.

The Bible mentions angels nearly 300 times. They appear to have all been created at the same time. They do not marry or reproduce, nor do they die. Hebrews 1:14 states they are "ministering spirits," and spirits do not have bodies. Yet, in Hebrews 13:2, we are told that people we encounter may be angels, which means that angels can take the form of men supernaturally when necessary, as they did many times in the Bible. In references to angels in the Bible, they appear as men.

Although the Bible says nothing about "guardian angels," it does suggest in Psalm 34:7 that the Body of Christ is protected by an army of angels. They are also described as messengers of God, as we find in the story of Mary being told by an angel – who appeared before her as a man – that she would give birth to the Savior. Plus, the Bible suggests that children are protected by angels until they reach the age of accountability (when they are mature enough to make an informed decision to accept Christ as their Savior).

Why is the subject of angels important? Primarily because satan and his angels (demons) are deceivers. Many people are led astray by deceiving angels into sin, false religions, or no religion at all. They convince many to worship them, and others to curse God. You need not be concerned about God's good angels because they are under his command and they obey his assignments. However, you should be concerned about satan and his demons because it is their mission to take you to hell with them. Pray for discernment and wisdom, and make sure you only worship God the Father, Jesus his Son, and His Holy Spirit. If you remain in the embrace of Jesus, you have no reason to fear demons.

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