

Spiritual Warfare

pt 2

We know that God has lived in the Spiritual Realm forever. The spiritual realm existed long before the physical world and heavens was ever created. God has always been, and in the Spiritual realm with God are Angels.

They were created to be servants for God, to do whatever needed to be done. We know that angels were with God before He created the Heavens and the Earth.

Job 38:4-7 (KJV)

**4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?
declare, if thou hast understanding.**

**5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or
who hath stretched the line upon it?**

**6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who
laid the corner stone thereof;**

**7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of
God shouted for joy?**

Sons of God in the scriptures refers to Angels, God say's to Job, "**where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth - and all the sons of God shouted for joy?**"

So angels have been around longer than the Physical realm, and I believe through scripture that Angels play a much bigger role in our lives than we know or understand.

This morning I would like to take a look at angels, their role in the Spiritual Realm and a little of how they interact with the physical realm, and our faith based life here on earth.

According to scripture there are, 4 types of Angels. We are going to look at scripture to establish all 4 types.

Seraphim
Cherubim
Arch Angel
and just Angels

Let's look first at Seraphim:

Seraphim are talked about in scripture:

Isaiah 6:1-2 (KJV)

¹ **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.**

² **Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.**

Revelation speaks again of the seraphim, having the ability to appear as animals.

Revelation 4:7-8 (KJV)

⁷ **And the first beast *was* like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast *was* like a flying eagle.**

⁸ And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Now I've said before that Angel's don't have wings, but I never really understood that the Seraphim and Cherubim were angles.

They are a higher class of Angel, with very specific duties unlike the general population of Angels which have many duties before God.

The Seraphim and shown in scripture to always have to do with the Throne of God and with His Glory and Righteousness. They are guardians of the throne, and God's Righteousness. In Revelation we see the Seraphim standing on the sides of the Throne of God.

I will talk more in a few minutes about their appearance.

The Seraphim have 6 wings, 4 are used for protection, two over their face and head, two over their legs and feet, and two are used to fly.

Revelation 4:6-8 (KJV)

⁶ And before the throne *there was* a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, *were* four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

⁷ And the first beast *was* like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast *was* like a flying eagle.

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I am trying to establish for you what God has created in the Spiritual Realm, I don't fully understand every detail about the angels, nor do I understand the imagery used to describe them.

But I know they exist, and they have a purpose. It's that purpose that is important to us, because as you will see, God uses His angels to interact with the Physical Realm more than we know.

Then there are the Cherubim:

The Cherubim are not only protectors of God's Glory and Righteousness, but they are **protectors** in General. When God needs something protected, He sends the Cherubim.

We get a glimpse of Cherubs in Ezekiel's vision where they escorted the Spirit of God to his temple. The cherubs are protector angels who appear to have something resembling a wheel.

Ezekiel 1:15-16 (KJV)

¹⁵ Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces.

¹⁶ The appearance of the wheels and their work *was* like unto the colour of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work *was* as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

This word for "wheel" in the Hebrew is: "**O-FAWN**", which not only means wheel, but also "**whirlwind**".

Do you remember when Elijah was taken up into heaven before Elisha's eyes. The scriptures described it like this.

2 Kings 2:11 (KJV)

¹¹ **And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, *there appeared* a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.**

God sent his Cherubim Angels to get Elijah.

There is another instance where we see God using His Cherubim Angel in scripture.

Ezekiel 28:13-15 (KJV)

¹³ **Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone *was* thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.**

¹⁴ **Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth (protects); 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.**

¹⁵ **Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.**

This scripture is talking about Lucifer, who was a Cherub, sent to the Garden of Eden as the Cherub that covereth. The word covereth in vs. 14 comes from the Hebrew "**SAW-KAK**" which means "**PROTECT**".

Some more information about Cherubim, they have different faces, and eyes all around. **Ezekiel 10:14 (KJV)**

¹⁴ And every one had four faces: the first face *was* the face of a cherub, and the second face *was* the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

I know it's hard to understand the symbolism of the scriptures regarding the Angels, but let me give you this exercise to help understand a little better.

I'm going to give you a description and I want you to picture in your mind what I'm talking about.

*** I see a creature that has 6 legs, it has two wings for flight, but also to protect itself, it's eyes are the color of the setting sun, it has as a tree growing from its head with 5 suns orbiting it's head with the tree growing through them. It has great ability to bound from place to place.**

Now based upon that description what do you see? Could it be another type of angel, or some other heavenly creature? Would you like to know what it is?

Show pic of Brazilian Tree Hopper.

We have to understand that the images described of these angelic creatures are from the Prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel. They are describing what they've seen in their visions, as well as John describing what he saw in his visions in Revelation.

We won't fully understand the what where and why until we get there, but the glimpse given in scripture will help us to understand that the Spiritual realm is not like the physical realm, and it's that way for a reason.

There are a lot of things that are hard to explain why God did it that way. **That's why it is so important that we establish in our heart that we are not trying to fit the things of God into our lives, but we are trying to fit our lives into the things of God.** He is what is real, we were created to find Him, and Believe in Him, not to try to get Him to fit into our lives, but so that we could fit into His life.

Looking back at the Cherubim, since we see that they have many different looks, it brings a possible understanding to mind when it says a Serpent deceived EVE, could it have been one of the different faces of a Cherub?

Then there are the ARCH Angels.

Arch Angels are commanding angels, they are like the Lieutenants in God's army, they direct God's angels when called upon to interact with the Physical Realm.

So this shows us that there is a hierarchy in heaven among the angels. God has more angels than one could count, but there not

all just fluttering around, they have duties, they have responsibilities, and they get instruction through the ranks of angels.

The Arch angel is spoken of in Daniel

Daniel 10:12-13 (KJV)

¹² Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

¹³ But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

Apparently God was trying to speak in terms through Gabriel that Daniel would understand, using the term "prince of the kingdom of Persia" to refer to Satan, and "Michael one of the chief princes" meaning an Arch Angel.

We can glean a little more information from that scripture in that Gabriels says' that Michael is "ONE" of the Chief Princes. So we know there are more than ONE Arch Angel.

There was a battle trying to keep the information from coming to Daniel, so Gabriel called for help, and Michael and his forces came to battle against Satan.

The scripture say's " **and I remained there with the kings of Persia"**(Satan's forces), so Gabriel wasn't able to get through

to Daniel until the battle was won, 21 days later. Though since there isn't any time in the Spiritual Realm, it could have just been a short time, though 21 days here on earth.

There is another instance in scripture where Michael is referred to as an Arch Angel.

Jude 1:9 (KJV)

⁹ Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

This scripture is interesting because the word "contending" also means "negotiating". So Satan wanted the body of Moses, and Michael the Arch Angel was sent to negotiate with Satan. The interesting part is the end of that verse.

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Michael apparently wanted to deal more harshly with Satan, but the scripture say's Michael restrained himself, to do exactly what God told him to do. **durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee**

Learning of the way God has established the Spiritual Realm to work is important for us to know.

First: there is an order to the Spiritual realm, it's not just random occurrences, which is the feeling we get when we only get a glimpse of heaven in the scriptures.

Second: If we are to operate within the Spiritual Realm we need to understand how it works.

The fourth type of angel are what I would call the typical Angel. So far we've seen Seraphim and Cherubim angels which are specialized angels, kind of like the Secret Service for God.

They are trained in specific duties, and are probably not used in common interaction with the Physical Realm. Then we have the Arch Angels who are commanders in the Angelic Army of God, they carry out the instructions of God to the general angels who do the actual interaction with the demonic forces that are earthbound.

So then we have the common angel, also known as God's Messengers. This is the class of angel you and I are most likely to have interaction with. The scripture only give vague references to the Common Angel, so we have to look for those references.

Gabriel is one of those angels that we see referenced in Scripture: Gabriel was the Angel that was sent to Daniel, we read a few minutes ago.

Gabriel was also spoken of in the birth of John the Baptist.

Luke 1:19-20 (KJV)

¹⁹ And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.

²⁰ And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

Gabriel was also used as a messenger in the Christmas Story.

Luke 1:26-28 (KJV)

²⁶ And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

²⁷ To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name *was* Mary.

²⁸ And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, *thou that art* highly favoured, the Lord *is* with thee: blessed *art* thou among women.

So what do Common Angels look like:

Daniel 9:21 (KJV)

²¹ Yea, whiles I *was* speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

Notice, this scripture refers to Gabriel as "**the man Gabriel**". I believe these angels when operating within the physical realm

can look like mankind. This would make operating with us easier.

Imagine if you were in need and a Seraphim showed up in your bedroom one night, or a Cherubim, with the face of an animal, and eyes all around, 4 wings blowing everything off the dresser.

Even the scriptures prepare us for the eventual visit from God's messengers.

Hebrews 13:2 (KJV)

² Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

If we are to come across angels without knowing their angels, then they must look like us otherwise we would probably recognize them as at least something different.

So we see that in the Spiritual Realm there is God who has always been, this is His domain, the place He resides as a Spirit. The He created Angels, we don't know exactly when but we know they were there during the creation of "the heavens and the earth", or the Physical Realm.

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⁷ When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

The Angels have specific duties, and are created physically for those duties, some with 6 wings, some with 4 wings, some with no wings, and others were created or rose to that level to command or bring instruction to the other angels.

So there is structure to what God has created. We are not given a lot of information about the spiritual realm but we are given enough that we can learn to operate in it when we need to.

