## ANGELS:

# THE BIBLE'S DOCTRINE OF ANGELS

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ANGELS

- 1) Meaning of the Word Angel
  - The word "angel" Greek: angelos and Hebrew: malak, both meaning "messenger."
  - In the Bible, the word can refer to:
    - a. Heavenly beings -
    - b. **Human messengers** especially church leaders/pastors who deliver God's message to His people (Revelation 2–3, (Luke 7:24).

While angels are special invisible spiritual beings created by God, sometimes the Bible uses the same word "angel" to describe God's chosen human messengers too.

#### 2) Who created angels?

**Colossians 1:16** – "For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.."

• Angels are part of the invisible creation (spiritual beings). we cannot see them with our natural eyes unless God allows them to appear in human form (Hebrews 13:2).

"Palaging maging bukás ang inyong mga tahanan para sa mga taga-ibang bayan. May ilang tao noon na nakapagpatulóy ng mga anghel, lingid sa kanilang kaalaman."~Hebrews 13:2

Angels are not to be worshiped (Rev. 22:8–9) because they are created beings, not divine.

• 8 Akong si Juan ang nakarinig at nakakita sa lahat ng ito.

Matapos kong marinig at makita ang lahat, ako'y nagpatirapa sa paanan ng anghel na nagpakita sa akin ng mga ito upang siya'y sambahin. 9 Ngunit sinabi niya, "Huwag mong gawin iyan! Ako ma'y aliping tulad mo, at tulad din ng iyong mga kapatid na propeta at ng lahat ng sumusunod sa mga salita sa aklat na ito.

Ang Diyos ang sambahin mo!" ~ Rev. 22:8-9

#### 3) God's Ministering Angels

- Matthew 18:10 "Tiyakin ninyo na hindi n'yo hahamakin ang kahit isa sa maliliit na batang ito, dahil tandaan n'yo: ang mga anghel na nagbabantay sa kanila ay laging nasa harapan ng aking Ama sa langit."
- Hebrews 1:14 "Kung ganoon, ang mga anghel ay mga espiritung naglilingkod lang sa Dios, at sinusugo niya para tumulong sa mga taong tatanggap ng kaligtasan."
- **Psalm 91:11 –** "Sa kanyang mga anghel, ika'y itatagubilin, saan mang dako maparoon, tiyak kang iingatan..'

#### Angels do guard and protect believers.

- The Bible shows that angels are involved in protecting God's people (e.g., Psalm 91, Daniel in the lions' den, Peter released from prison in Acts 12).
- But the Bible does not teach that each believer has a single, assigned "personal guardian angel. (Matthew 18:10, Hebrews 1:14)

#### God is our ultimate protector.

- Angels act under God's command. Protection comes from Him, not from angels themselves.
- Believers should trust God, not pray to or rely on angels.

X Important clarification: People do not become angels when they die. Instead, believers will one day rule over angels (1 Corinthians 6:3).

- 4) Do angels marry or have children?
  - Matthew 22:30 "At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven."

#### 4) Do angels marry or have children?

#### Angels do not marry or produce children.

- They were created by God at the beginning, not born through generations like humans.
- Their number does not increase or decrease.
   God created them in full number already.

#### 5) Do all angels have wings?

#### Some angels are described with wings:

- Isaiah 6:2 Seraphim had six wings.
- Ezekiel 10:5 Cherubim had wings that made sound.

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### But when angels appeared to humans, they often looked like ordinary men without wings:

- Genesis 18:2 Abraham saw three men (angels in human form).
- Hebrews 13:2 Some have "entertained angels without knowing it," meaning they looked human.

Not all angels have wings. Some do (like cherubim, seraphim), but many appeared as humans.

#### 6) How many angels are there?

**Hebrews 12:22 –** "You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly."

Revelation 5:11 - "... numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand."

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## The Bible teaches there are an uncountable number of angels.

- John describes them as millions upon millions.
- This shows God has a vast heavenly host to serve Him and protect His people (Psalm 91:11).

## 7) Do angels have emotions, intelligence, and will like humans?

- Intelligence: Angels speak and deliver messages (Luke 1:26-28, Gabriel to Mary).
- **Emotion:** They rejoice when one sinner repents (Luke 15:10).
- Will: Some angels chose to rebel with Satan (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6).

7) Do angels have emotions, intelligence, and will like humans?

Angels are not robots; they have personality (mind, emotions, and will). *However, unlike humans, they don't experience salvation or family life*.

#### 8) Fallen Angels Cannot Be Forgiven

Unlike humans, angels don't have a Savior who died for them. Jesus became human (not angel) to save mankind (Hebrews 2:16–17). This means God's plan of redemption through Christ is for people, not for fallen angels.

- 2 Peter 2:4 "Hindi pinatawad ng Diyos ang mga anghel na nagkasala. Sila'y itinapon sa impiyerno[a] kung saan sila'y iginapos sa kadiliman upang doon hintayin ang Araw ng Paghuhukom.'
- Jude 6 says these angels are "kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day."

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**Angels who chose** to rebel made an eternal decision. They are already condemned, awaiting final judgment, and there is no forgiveness for them.

#### **Description**

#### Examples / Verses

#### **Notes**

Human
"messenger"
angels

The word angelos
 (Greek) means
 messenger.
 Sometimes used for people sent by God to deliver a message.

 Luke 7:24 – John's disciples called "messengers" (angeloi). -James 2:25 – Rahab received the "messengers."  These are not supernatural beings but ordinary humans acting as God's messengers.

## Invisible spirit angels

Created,
 supernatural,
 spiritual beings.
 They serve God,
 worship Him, and
 minister to His
 people.

Psalm 91:11 – Angels guard God's people. Hebrews 1:14 – Angels are ministering spirits. Matthew 18:10 – Angels behold the Father's face. Luke 2:9–14 – Angels announce Christ's birth.

These are the beings people mean when they talk about **guardian angels.** They are not humans and not the spirits of the dead.