

**What does the Bible Say About Angels?
Study Guide**

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Let's examine the characteristics of angels and how God differs from an angel.

What kind of being is an angel? **Hebrews 1:14**

What kind of being is God? **John 4:24**

“Angels are not spirits in the same sense in which God is spirit. The nature of the angel is different from the nature of God in the same manner as the nature of the creature is different from that of the Creator. God is infinite spirit, angels are finite. That is, they are dependent on God.” From The Abiding Word Vol.3 – The Doctrine of Angels

What are the major differences between the attributes of angels and the attributes of God?

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How long will they live? **Luke 20:34 – 36**

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When were the angels created? **Genesis 2:1**

In what state were angels originally created? **Genesis 1:31**

If angels were created as part of the creation of the earth, what does that say about the timing of Satan's rebellion relative to the fall of mankind?

How many angels are there? **Daniel 7:9 – 10, Matthew 26:53, 2 Kings 6:15 – 17**

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What do the following verses tell us about the nature of angels? See **Luke 15: 8 – 10, Luke 2: 13 – 14, and James 2:18 – 19**

Special Roles of Angels

Angels have individual identities. In fact, there are four named angels in the Bible. Let's identify them and their purpose or mission.

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Besides the roles of specifically named angels in the Bible, let's look at some more general roles.

What does **Matthew 18:5 – 6, & 10** tell us about the role of some angels?

What do these verses say about God's relationship with children?

*A girl on the street pointed up at the sky and yelled, "Look, an angel!"
Passersby laughed, "You fool! That is only a cloud."
How wonderful it would be to see angels where there are only clouds.
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Read **Psalm 91:9 – 12**. What do these verses say about us as adults as it relates to angels?

How do you interpret verse 10 if in the event that “harm” and “disaster” come your way?

How do you interpret the role of angels in **Hebrews 1:13 – 14**?

What role of angels do we see in **2 Samuel 24:15 – 16**?

As you read **Revelation 5:11 – 14** what role do you see for angels?

What role do you see for us? _____

Angels and the Origin of Sin

Imagine for a moment how the world would change if somehow all sin was abolished overnight but yet the earth in its physical form was still present and all the people of earth were still here. How would this affect your day-to-day life? How would this change the world in general? Discuss this for a few minutes and jot down some of the changes that would occur.

As we have learned, God created the angel that became Satan. How/when did Satan become evil? See **Isaiah 14:12 – 15**, **Ezekiel 28:11 – 19**, and **1 John 3:8**.

What is the origin of sin and Satan’s rebellion and what characteristics are ascribed to Satan in **John 8:44**?

How many evil angels are there? **Revelation 12:3 – 4, 9**

What persuaded sinless angels to rebel against a perfect and holy God?

Can Satan or his evil angels be saved? See **Revelation 20:7 – 10, 2 Peter 2:4, Matthew 8:28 – 2.**

“The state of the evil angels is a hopeless one...awaiting the execution of their sentence...In their confirmed state of wickedness the evil angels are no longer morally indifferent and free to choose either good or evil, but they have a choice only between this form or that form of wickedness...Devils are unredeemed simply because God in His eternal purpose made no provision for their salvation...”

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We have discussed that Satan is the chief evil angel and has the attributes, powers, and limitations of angels. What other descriptions or characteristics are noted about Satan and his evil angels in the following verses

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Think for a moment how the other two “members” of the “unholy trinity” (The Devil, The World, and the Flesh) react to Satan masquerading as an angel of light.

How does our “flesh” react to or defend a satanic “angel of light”?

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What is Satan’s ultimate goal in our lives and in the world?

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Let's discuss how people in the Bible have reacted to angels and see if that changes your opinion on how you might react. Most believe that **Hebrews 13:1 – 2** is a reference to the angels (along with "the LORD") appearing to Abraham to tell him that Sara would bear him Isaac and also to discuss the impending judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah. What is the point of **Hebrews 13:1 – 2**?

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How do these reactions to angels square with verse in Hebrews we previously read about entertaining angels unknowingly?

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"And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

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