

Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? Hebrews 1: 14

QUESTION #1 WHAT ARE ANGELS AND ARE THEY REAL?

- Angels are c _____ beings made by God for His glory
“For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him.” Col 1: 16
- The Greek word *angelos* translates as “messenger”
- Angels are mentioned more than _____ times in 35 books of the Bible
- Angels are especially prominent in books like Ezekiel, Daniel, Zechariah, the four Gospels, Acts, and Revelation
- Angels are not specifically mentioned in Genesis 1-2; however, it is likely that they were created before God made the material/physical world
Job 38: 7 seems to indicate they were present and “shouted for joy” at creation.
-certainly before Genesis 3...fallen angel, Satan, was in the Garden of Eden to tempt Adam and
Eve through the serpent (Gen 3:15; Rom 16:20)

QUESTION #2 DO ANGELS HAVE BODIES?

- Hebrews 1:14 states that angels are *spirits*.
- Luke 24:39 states that spirits do not have "flesh and bones" as Jesus did in His transformed, resurrected body.
- So angels do not have *bodies* as we know them. We might describe them as "localized spirits" that can manifest themselves visibly to humans.
- If angels have some kind of immaterial body, those bodies must be able to clothe themselves with the bodies of men and women, as is the case of demon possession. While the idea of an immaterial body that could be clothed with a material body sounds strange to us, we cannot say it is impossible.

QUESTION #3 Are there different types of angels?

The answer is _____ based on the following scripture passages and terms:

C _____ These creatures are described in Ezekiel 1 and 10. One of the characteristics of the cherubim was *adoration of God*. Cherubim are constantly in the presence of God, in His throne room, as beings of *praise and worship*. This may be the highest classification of angelic beings since the term apparently applied to Satan prior to his fall (Ezekiel 28:14).

Seraphim The word "seraphim" literally means "burning ones." These angelic beings were brilliant as flaming fire, symbolic of the *purity* and *power* of the heavenly court. This term is used only in Isaiah 6. They cried out continually, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts, the whole

A_____ *Michael* alone is called an archangel (Jude 9). He is "one of the chief princes" (Daniel 10:13) who rules over the other angels (Revelation 12:7), and evidently has a particular assignment with respect to the nation of Israel (Daniel 12:1; cf 10:20). It is likely that Michael was at one time *second in command* but not the leader of the angelic hosts.

QUESTION #4 What do angels do? The answer is a _____!

I. MINISTRY OF ANGELS IN RELATION TO GOD

A. They are ministers of _____. Their primary ministry is to worship God (Isaiah 6:1-3).
1. Four angels around the throne of God continually worship Him, who "rest not day and night, saying holy, holy, holy" (Revelation 4:6-11).
2. The angels sing a new song of redemption (Exodus 15; Deuteronomy 32).
3. They sing praises to God (Job 38:7; Revelation 5:8-9).

B. They are ministers of _____.

1. Priestly *ministers*-Their service is carried on in God's presence (Hebrews 1:7).
2. Personal *messengers*-The word "angel" means "messenger" in both the Hebrew and Greek (Psalm 103:20; Luke 1:19; 26-33; 2:8-14).

C. They are _____ of God's government.

1. In controlling *nature*, angels are sometimes involved in the control of nature's elements, such as the wind (Revelation 7:1), the seas (Revelation 16:3), and the heat of the sun (Revelation 16:8-9).
2. In controlling *nations*, God's angels oppose Satan and his angels (Daniel 10:13, 21).

D. They are _____ of God's people.

1. By harassing our enemies (Psalm 35:4-5)
2. By delivering us from wicked works (Psalm 34:7; Isaiah 63:9)
3. By physical preservation of God's children (Hebrews 1:14)

E. They are executors of God's _____.

1. They were involved in the destruction of *Sodom* and *Gomorrah* (Genesis 19:1; 12-13).
2. They brought the *plagues* to Egypt (Psalm 78:43; 49).
3. They *chastised* God's people (1 Chronicles 21:15-18)
4. They will administer the wrath of God at *The Great Tribulation* (Revelation 6:1; 8:1-6).

II. MINISTRY OF ANGELS IN RELATION TO CHRIST

A. They ministered at His _____.

1. The angel Garbiel announced Jesus' birth.
2. An angel assured Joseph that the seed in Mary was from God (Matthew 1:18-23).
3. A multitude of angels announced His birth to the shepherds (Luke 2:8-15).

B. They ministered during His earthly _____.

1. An angel protected Christ by warning Joseph and Mary to flee from Herod (Matthew 2:13-15) and later to return (Matthew 2:19-21).
2. Angels ministered to Christ after the temptation (Matthew 4:11) and during Gethsemane (Luke 22:43).
3. Angels stood ready for Christ's defense when He was betrayed and taken prisoner (Matthew 26:53).

C. They ministered after His _____.

- 1 angel rolled away the stone from the tomb (Matthew 28:1-2) and announced the resurrection to those who came to the empty tomb (Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:5-8).
1. The angels worship the God-man in heaven (Revelation 5:11-12).

D. They will minister at His _____ coming.

1. At the ascension of Christ, angels said He would personally, bodily, visibly come again to earth (Acts 1:11).
2. Angels would accompany Christ's return in the glory of His Father (Matthew 25:31).
3. Angels will gather His elect from Israel (Matthew 24:31).
4. Angels will also gather the wicked prior to Christ's millennial kingdom (Matthew 13:39-43; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10).

The following resources were used for this lesson:

1. *Unseen But Certain* by Danny Akin
2. *Angels* by David Jeremiah
3. *Christian Beliefs* by Wayne A. Grudem

