

October 19th, 2025  
Pastor Josh McPherson  
"The Unseen Realm"



## "Understanding Our Unseen Teammates"

### Angels Are:

*"Intelligent, moral, powerful, created spirit-beings who can appear in bodily form, but without human limitations, as immortal (not eternal) beings, who appear to exist inside of time & across history, but are not omnipresent, and yet somehow can travel back and forth between the 3rd & 4th dimensions."*

## 10 Questions About Angels:

### 1. What Are Angels?

**Answer: Angels are Intelligent, Moral, Powerful, Created Spirit-Beings who can Appear in Bodily Form.**

*"You are the Lord of hosts, you alone, you have made heaven, the heavens of heavens, with all their hosts...and the hosts of heaven worships you..." -Nehemiah 9:16*

*"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." -Colossians 1:16*

*"Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created..." -Psalm 148:4-5*

### 2. When Were Angels Created?

**Answer: Angels Were Probably Created Before God Started Filling the Earth.**

*"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." -Genesis 1:1-2*

*"On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?" -Job 38:6-7*



### 3. Are There Other Names For Angels?

**Answer: YES.**

"Holy ones"	Ps. 89:5
"Spirits"	Heb. 1:14
"Watchers"	Dan. 4:13
"Principalities"	Col. 1:16
"Power"	Eph. 1:21
"Cherubim"	Gen. 3:24
"Seraphim"	Isaiah 6:2-7
"Living Creatures"	Ezekiel & Revelation
"Archangel"	Jude 9
"Chief Princes"	Daniel 10:13
"Heavenly Host"	Luke 2:13-14
"Sons of God"	Job 1:6

### 4. How Many Times Are Angels Mentioned in the Bible?

**Answer:**

***The OT: > 100 times***

***The NT: > 165 times***

***Only absent in Ruth, Nehemiah, Esther, Letters of John, James***

### 5. Do Angels Marry?

**Answer: NO.**

*"At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven." -Matthew 22:30*

### 6. Should We Pray to Angels?

**Answer: NO.**

*"Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you." -Colossians 2:18*

*"At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus." -Revelation 19:10*

### 7. Do We Interact With Angels?

**Answer: YES.**

*"Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." - Hebrews 13:1-2*



## 8. Do We Become Angels When We Die?

**Answer: NO.**

*"Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life!" -1 Corinthians 6:3*

## 9. Do We Each Have A Guardian Angel?

**Answer: WELL...**

*"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven." -Matthew 18:10*

*"Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer the door. 14 When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!" 15 "You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel." -Acts 12:13-15*

## 10. What Are Angels' Purpose?

**Answer:**

### **1) Angels Worship God.**

*"Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures...In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" -Revelation 5:11*

### **2) Angels Serve God.**

*"Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!" -Psalm 103:20*

*"Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?" -Matthew 26:53*

### **3) Angels Deliver God's Wrath & Judgment.**

*"That night the angel of the Lord went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning—there were all the dead bodies! -2 Kings 19:35*

*"On the appointed day Herod, wearing his royal robes, sat on his throne and delivered a public address to the people. 22 They shouted, "This is the voice of a god, not of a man." 23 Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died." Acts 12:21-23*

### **4) Angels Deliver Messages.**

*"The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news." -Luke 1:19*

### **5) Angels Sometimes Rescue God's People From Peril.**

*"Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists." Acts 12:7*

### **6) Angels Serve Saints.**

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

### **7) Angels Protect God's People.**

*"He will give his angels charge of you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against the stone." -Psalms 91:11-12*

*"The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them." -Psalm 34:7*

## **Big Idea #1:**

### **Angels Remind Us...The Unseen Realm is Real.**

*"The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, and that there are neither angels nor spirits..." -Acts 23:8*

## **Big Idea #2:**

### **Angels Remind us...The World God Made is Big.**

*"But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering..." -Hebrews 12:22*

## **Big Idea #3:**

### **Angels Remind us...God Is For Us.**

*"When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked. 16 "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha." -2 Kings 6:13-17*

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### **Discussion Questions:**

#### **Getting to Know Me**

1. What are you enjoying most about this sermon series so far?
2. What was your understanding of angels before the sermon? Have you ever encountered an angel before?

#### **Into the Bible/Sermon**

1. Pastor Josh explained there are nearly 300 references in the Bible to angels. What do you think that tells us about these unseen characters in God's story?
2. Read 2 Kings 6:13-17. What should our response be as we read this passage? How does the Author want us to feel as we imagine this scene?
3. Look at Hebrews 13:1-2. What do you think this passage means about entertaining angels? How does this relate to what we're doing in our city groups?
4. In Question number 10, Pastor Josh described 7 different purposes the angels have. Were any of these angelic purposes new to you? Why do you think God's purposes for angels are helpful for us to know and understand?

#### **Application**

1. What was your main takeaway after listening to the sermon? How were you impacted? Did you have an "ah-ha" moment or realize something for the first time? Is there anything you feel you might need to change as a result of hearing this sermon?
2. What should our relationship with angels be? Why do you think angels are helpful to us in understanding the unseen realm?
3. Out of the three big ideas at the end of the sermon, which one stood out to you the most? Why is that?
4. How do you think a biblical understanding of angels can actually point us to Jesus Christ?
5. What is one question God is asking you, or one prayer God is calling you to pray about, or one practical action step God is inviting you to take as result of this sermon on angels?