
ANGELS AMONG US

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There is so much floating around about angels in culture, movies, social media, and even in churches. And much of it is simply not true and not Biblical.

The primary TRUTH I want us to take away from today is the focus...
What you focus on... you draw more of to you.

So, let's explore the TRUTH from the Word of God—the Truth about **Angels Among Us**.

Let's answer some fundamental questions about Angels:

- 1) Are angels real, and if so, what are angels?
 - a. Some common questions or beliefs from culture are:
 - i. Are angels really just people who have died? No.
 - ii. Do people become angels when they die? No.
 - iii. Are people angels before they are humans? No.
- 2) Are there good and bad angels? Yes.
 - a. So then, what are bad or fallen angels? We will answer that.
 - b. What are good angels or Heavenly Hosts or Holy Angels? We will answer that, too.
- 3) **WHY are angels among us? That is the most important question we will explore today!**

Are angels real, and if so, what are angels?

First, let's look at the word ANGELS. In the English language, the Bible records at least four or five words from Hebrew (OT) and three to five other words in Greek (NT) that were translated as "angel(s)". So, we have at least ten different words that were ALL TRANSLATED INTO OUR one English word *angel(s)*.

The KJV translates Strong's H4397 in the following

manner: [angel](#) (111x), [messenger](#) (98x), [ambassadors](#) (4x), [variant](#) (1x).

I. messenger, representative

1. Messenger
2. angel
3. the theophanic angel

מַלְאָךְ **māl'āk**, mal-awk'; from an unused root meaning to despatch as a deputy; a messenger; specifically, of God, i.e., an angel (also a prophet, priest, or teacher):—ambassador, angel, king, messenger.

Many people have in their minds the image of angels that look like people with wings or possibly little fat babies with wings. We will look at that possibility in a minute.

Interestingly, the English word ANGEL most often (if correctly translated in context) will mean HERALD or Messengers (sent ones) or Ambassadors – NOT angelic beings like the winged creatures we think of when we imagine angels!

But that is not to say that there are not created beings that do fit the concept of what we think of as being angels. The ones that ARE identified in the Bible are:

- Cherubim
- Seraphim
- Archangel (singular), in reference to Michael, is clearly stated as the prince of the heavenly hosts.
- Elect or Chosen angels
- Watchers

We will cover the roles of the different types of these living creatures, angelic beings, in a few minutes. For now, we can establish from the Bible the answer to Question #1 that there are angels and that they are GOD-created beings but are different than humans, with the created propensity to worship and serve God.

One of the names of GOD is Jehovah Tsabaoth—the Lord of Hosts—hosts are the angelic beings, the created living creatures, the angel armies—they are NOT HUMANS—they never become humans, and humans never become angels. This is

not a Disney movie where the mermaid becomes a human or vice versa. No, angels are a different God-created class of living creatures.

And these living creatures of God surround us at all times **in order to carry out their assignment**... good or bad. The Holy Angels carry out the covenants of God and are *sent ones* to respond to and perform the will and Word of God on earth.

Question #2: Are there both good and bad angelic beings? What are bad or fallen angels?

Luke 10:18 ¹⁸ And [Jesus] said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

Revelation 12:3–4 tells us that one-third of the angels fell with satan when, like lightning, he fell from heaven.

Then is also Revelation 12:7-9 KJV:

And there was war in Heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; the dragon fought and his angels and prevailed not; neither was their place found anymore in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil, and satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

We can see in Revelation 12 that the good or Holy Angels, also called Heavenly Hosts, reside in the highest Heaven with God, and they travel to and from there to carry out assignments. In that same chapter, we also learn that fallen angels no longer reside in heaven—they were cast out of the heavens and will face judgment.

They not only fell geographically from heaven to earth, but they fell from holiness, and they fell from power. They fell from their authority (Jude 6). AND... they are outnumbered two-to-one! Think about that!

Two-thirds DID NOT FALL. Those 2/3 worship GOD, serve GOD, and guard and protect His family. **Those** are the angels we are going to explore for the rest of our time together.

Hebrews Chapter 1 is a great chapter to read at home in regard to our topic today. I want to note the passage in Hebrews 1:14: “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?”

You might be curious as to how many angels there are.

One of the four Hebrew words (H8136) translated angels actually means “angels in huge numbers,” and it says in the book of Hebrews 12:22, “You have come

to Mount Zion to the city of the Living God the heavenly Jerusalem and countless [myriads] thousands and thousands of angels in a joyful gathering.”

And Revelation 5:11 KJV

“And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;”

SECTION 2

TYPES AND FUNCTIONS OF ANGELS

- the seraphim
- the cherubim
- and the Archangel
- heavenly hosts, watchers, and elect angels

SERAPHIM: very loose translation of that would be fiery ones or burning ones – these do not look like people.

What is the assignment of seraphim?

They have the assignment to praise God and keep the standard of the holiness of God always before the attention of all in their presence; we also learn in Hebrews 6 that the angels that are classified as seraphim **have six wings: two that cover their face, two that cover their feet, and two with which they can fly.**

CHERUBIM

These angelic creatures are most often described in the scriptures as having wings, feet, and hands. These also do not look like people.

Ezekiel 10:20: “These were the same living beings I had seen beneath the God of Israel when I was by the Kibar river. I knew they were **cherubim, for each had four faces and four wings and what looked like human hands under their wings...**”

What is the assignment of the cherubim?

The assignment of the cherubim is to guard sacred things:

Gen 3:23-24 Guard the entrance to the garden with flaming swords

1 Samuel 4:4 Cherubim guarded the ark of the covenant

Exodus 26:31 and 1 Kings 6:26 embellishments of cherubim were used in the woven decorations and carvings

ARCHANGEL(s) and Heavenly Hosts

Let's talk about the archangels or, more biblically accurate, Archangel. The singular form of the word *Archangel* (from 1 Thes 4:16 and other Scriptures) comes when you study it from Greek, and it means chief angel or prince of angels, of the highest rank of all of the classifications of the angels.

Church history has called Gabriel (and others) archangels, but if you study the Bible text, you will find that the Bible only calls Michael *by this title*.

!! We find that there are ONLY THREE ANGELS CALLED BY NAME in the Bible: Michael, Gabriel, and Lucifer. (Note that other mentions of names, as in Revelation, are a reference to satan if you look at the Greek and Hebrew words used in the text; the names mean chief or king of destruction, destroyer, destructor, etc., and are referring clearly to satan/lucifer, the cast out prince of fallen angels.)

What about Gabriel? Isn't he listed as an archangel? Actually, Gabriel is never mentioned in the scripture as having the title (or nature) of being an archangel – which means the highest chief or prince of hosts. He appears “in appearance as a man,” the text using the Hebrew word “ish,” which means “man” like Adam. Gabriel is definitely significant! He is a named Messenger of God on several occasions.

The Bible clearly does say that Gabriel was sent from heaven to announce the birth of Jesus; Gabriel announced the birth of John the baptizer; he was the angel that appeared to Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus, and instructed him. Gabriel is significant, but he is not explicitly titled an archangel. ARCH means CHIEF, highest above the other angels. MICHAEL carries this title in the Bible.

WATCHERS and ELECT ANGELS

Perhaps Gabriel is among those called “chosen” or “elect” angels. We don't have time to touch on the watchers and the elect, but we know that we can accurately identify them as part of the “hosts,” the heavenly beings the Lord is the Lord of Hosts over, and Michael is the Prince of Hosts over carrying out the Word and will of GOD.

SECTION 3

Bible Facts About Angels and What Angels DO: (all from scripture)

- They walk in the mountains of God, praising him
 - Hebrews 12:22
- They worship God before the throne
 - Rev 7:11-12
- Angels bring good news—the birth of Christ- to believers who are suffering, who are in dangerous situations, and who are experiencing delays in prayer, like Daniel.
- Angels attended Jesus with food after the devil left him in the wilderness
 - Matthew 4:8-11
- They care for the righteous at the time of death—to carry the souls of the righteous into the presence of Christ.
 - Luke 16:22
- They experience emotion; they have joy over the salvation of one sinner who repents
 - Luke 15:10
- Angels are immortal
 - Luke 20: 34–36
- Angels never marry
 - Matthew 22:30
- Angels are the chosen of God
 - 1 Tim 5:21
- Angels do not know when Christ is going to return Matthew 24:36
- Angels have great power and strength
 - Psalm 103:20-22
 - 2 Peter 2:11
- Angels are holy
 - Mark 8:38
- Angels are subservient to God or submissive to God
 - 1 Peter 3:22

- Angels are able to discern good and evil
 - 2 Samuel 14:17
- Angels are not to be worshipped –
 - Colossians chapter 2:18–19
 - Revelation 22:8–9 [he said **no, don't worship me, I am a servant of God** just like you, your brothers the prophets, as well as all who obey what is written in this book. Worship only God.”]
- Angels have charge over you; they surround and provide unseen protection to Believers.
 - Psalm 91
- Angels are obedient **ONLY** to God or the Word of God.
 - Psalm 103:20 Praise the Lord, you angels, you mighty ones who carry out his plans, listening for each of his commands. Yes, praise the Lord, you armies of angels who serve him and do his will
- Angels serve God and carry out divine assignments in response to **HIS WORD**
 - Hebrews 1:14

I will close with these reiterations in speaking of angels among us:

- Angels are real.
- God's angels are more numerous and powerful than any fallen angelic beings.
- God's angels are all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation.
- Angels have charge over you; they surround and provide unseen protection to Believers.
- **HOLY ANGELS ALWAYS POINT YOU TO JESUS**

AUXILLARY INFORMATION FROM LEXICON "ANGELS"

OLD TESTAMENT (HEBREW) FOR "ANGEL"

STRONGS #	HEBREW	TRANSLITERATED	KJV EQUIVALENT
H47	אַבִּיר	'ABÎR	BULLS, STRONG (ONES), MIGHTY, STOUTHEARTED, VALIANT, ANGELS, CHIEFEST
H430	אֱלֹהִים	'ĒLŌHÎM	GOD, GOD, JUDGE, GOD, GODDESS, GREAT, MIGHTY, ANGELS, EXCEEDING, GOD-WARD, GODLY
H4397	מַלְאָךְ	MAL'ĀK	ANGEL, MESSENGER, AMBASSADORS, VARIANT
H4398	מַלְאָךְ	MAL'ĀK	ANGEL
H8136	שִׁנְאָן	ŠIN'ĀN	ANGEL

NEW TESTAMENT (GREEK) FOR "ANGEL"

STRONGS #	GREEK	TRANSLITERATED	KJV EQUIVALENT
G32	ἄγγελος	ANGELOS	ANGEL, MESSENGER
G743	ἀρχάγγελος	ARCHANGELOS	ARCHANGEL
G2099	εὐαγγελιστής	EUANGELISTĒS	EVANGELIST
G2465	ἰσάγγελος	ANGELOS	EQUAL TO THE ANGELS
G5376	Φίλιππος	PHILIPPOS	PHILIP (THE APOSTLE), PHILIP (THE EVANGELIST), PHILIP (HEROD), PHILIPPI (AN ADJUNCT OF CAESAREA), PHILIP (THE TETRARCH)