



How do angels rank in comparison to man?

- Presently, they are above man in authority

Ps 8:5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor.

Heb 2:7-8 You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, And set him over the works of Your hands. ⁸ You have put all things in subjection under his feet."

- In the kingdom, they will be beneath man in authority

1 Cor 6:2-3 Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? ³ Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?

2 Thess 1:7 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,

2 Pet 2:11 whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.

Rev 10:1 I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.

Rev 18:21 Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore.

1. They have great power

Ps 103:20 Bless the Lord, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His word.

Dan 6:22 – controlled the lions

Mt 28:2-4 – rolled away the tombstone of Jesus

Acts 12:7-10 – released Peter from prison

Rev 18:1, 21 – perform great deeds

2. They can fly swiftly

Dan 9:21 yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.

3. They easily defeat man's greatest armies

2 Kings 19:35 And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the Lord went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses – all dead.

2 Sam 24:15-16 So the Lord sent a plague upon Israel from the morning till the appointed time. From Dan to Beersheba seventy thousand men of the people died. 16 And when the angel stretched out His hand over Jerusalem to destroy it, the Lord relented from the destruction, and said to the angel who was destroying the people, "It is enough; now restrain your hand." And the angel of the Lord was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

4. They can control the elements

Rev 7:1 – hold back the winds

Rev 7:2-3 – can hurt the earth

Rev 8-9 – carry out the judgments on the earth

Rev 16:3-4, 8, 10-12 – pour out God's bowls of wrath on the earth

5. An angel locks Satan in the bottomless pit

Rev 20:1-3 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ² He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³ and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

6. The limitations of angels

- They can only do what God commands or allows them to do: Job 1:12, 2:6, Jude 6, 2 Pet 2:4
- Their powers are limited from angel to angel: Dan 10:13, Jude 9
- They cannot separate us from Christ: Rom 8:38
- They will not be in charge of the world to come: Heb 2:5, 1 Cor 6:3
- They are limited by space
- Their knowledge is limited: Mt 24:36, 1 Pet 1:11-12
- Their holiness is limited: some fell (Is 14:12, Rev 12:3-4)
- They are limited in what they can say about mankind: 2 Pet 2:11
- Their influence over man's will is limited, only the Holy Spirit can convict (Jn 16:8-11, 13)