

# BREAK IT DOWN

# ANGELS & DEMONS



**MESSAGE:** Angels

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**Is the idea that there are intelligent beings in the universe, other than humans and God, reasonable or crazy?**

**Who are angels?**

**Angels are superhuman messengers sent by God to help humans do his will**

**Their number is beyond our imagination**

*You have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless thousands of angels in a joyful gathering. (Hebrews 12:22, NLT)*

*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 and the elders. (Revelation 5:11, NIV)*

**They have higher intelligence than humans because they live in the presence of God**

**Angels in the Bible**

**In the Old Testament, angels were not common ... but they did 3 things:**

**Told humans what to do**

**Helped humans in crisis**

**Served and worshiped God in heaven**

*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! (Psalm 103:20-21, NLT)*

*In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." (Isaiah 6:1-3, NIV)*

**During Jesus' time on earth, angels were everywhere**

### **At his birth, angels brought crucial messages:**

*Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, “Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.” (Luke 2:13-14, NLT)*

### **During his life, angels book-ended his public ministry:**

*(Jesus) was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. (Mark 1:13, NIV)*

*“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. (Luke 22:42-43, NIV)*

*But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death. (Hebrews 2:9, NIV)*

### **He taught about angels often, mostly concerning the final judgment:**

*For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. (Matthew 16:27, NIV)*

*“As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.” (Matthew 13:40-41, NIV)*

*“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. (Matthew 24:36, NIV)*

### **At his resurrection, angels clarified what happened**

#### **After Jesus ascended, angels still helped out leaders in the early church**

#### **Why angels matter**

##### **Angels can assist you when you’re in trouble**

##### **God still uses angels to guide and protect you**

**God has many ways to guide and protect you, including his Word ... his Spirit ... his wisdom ... friends ... church ... and angels**

##### **Do we have guardian angels?**

*“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.” (Matthew 18:10, NIV)*

##### **Angels can teach you how to worship God**

##### **Angels can be our worship-mentors!**

##### **Worship is celebrating who God is and what he’s done**

*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 and the elders. 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 5:11-12, NIV)*

*Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name! (1928 Anglican Book of Common Prayer)*

##### **Don’t worship angels! Worship the One that they worship!**

*Don’t let anyone condemn you by insisting on ... the worship of angels, saying they have had visions about these things. Their sinful minds have made them proud. (Colossians 2:18, NLT)*

##### **Angels remind us that, in God’s Kingdom, there is more than meets the eye**

**Summary:** *Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? (Hebrews 1:14, NIV)*

**Bottom line:** **Don’t be afraid of angels ... don’t look for angels ... rather, be thankful that angels are our invisible friends on life’s journey**