

# 26 QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD BE ASKING!

## QUESTION #6: ARE THERE OTHER SPIRITUAL BEINGS?

Q. Are there other spiritual beings than God Himself?

A. God created angels – spiritual beings with moral sense, intelligence and power – to serve his purposes. A number of those angels rebelled against him and have become evil demons, led by a head demon named Satan.

### ANGELS

#### 1. WHAT ARE THEY?

Angels are spiritual beings in the service of God, created with a moral sense and intelligence, but without physical bodies.

*For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. (Col 1:16)*

*And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgement of the great day— (Jude 6)*

*See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have. (Luke 24:39)*

#### 2. WHAT DO THEY DO?

Angels carry out some of God's plans as well as minister directly to God by glorifying him.

*Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (Acts 8:26a)*

*Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? (Heb 1:14)*

*Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!" (Rev 5:11-12)*

#### 3. WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

Angels worship God with us, serve as an example to us, observe our lives, and they can be God's agents in guarding us.

*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 (Heb 10:22)*

*Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. (Matt 6:10)*

*For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. (1 Cor 4:9)*

*My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm. (Dan 6:22)*

Angels are not to be worshipped, prayed to or directly sought out.

*Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." (Rev 19:10)*

### 1. WHAT ARE THEY?

Demons are fallen angels who sinned against God and now continually work evil in the world. Their chief is Satan.

*For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgement; (2 Pet 2:4)*

*Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. (Job 1:6)*

*He [the devil] was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. (John 8:44)*

### 2. WHAT DO THEY DO?

Satan was the originator of sin, and he and the demons oppose and attempt to destroy the work of God. But the demons are limited by God's control.

*Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. (1 John 3:8a)*

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. (John 10:10a)*

*Then Satan answered the Lord and said, "Does Job fear God for no reason? Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? ... And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." (Job 1:9,10,12)*

### 3. WHY DO WE CARE?

Demons continue to be active in the world today, powerfully in the lives of unbelievers but also with limited influence on believers. God teaches us pursue righteousness, avoid sin, and stand in the truth, and Satan will flee from us.

*We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. (1 John 5:19)*

*By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. (1 John 3:10)*

*Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. (Eph 4:26-27)*

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (Eph 6:10-12)*

*Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith... (1 Pet 5:8-9a)*

*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)*