

## **Doctrine for Dummies**

### **Lesson 7**

#### **Angels in the Outfield**

There are over 200 references to angels in the Bible. The most common word used for angels is “messengers”. There can be no doubt that there are celestial beings that were created by God to act as His messengers. These spiritual beings are distinct from the human or animal world in which we live. Holy angels are messengers from God sent to minister to man (Hebrews 1:14).

1. Did Jesus know of and teach the existence of angels (Matt 18:10, 26:53)?
2. Are angels created beings (Colossians 1:16)? What are angels, and what is their purpose in Hebrews 1:14 (Ps 103:19-20)?
3. What differentiates angels from men (Mark 12:25, Luke 20:36, 2 Peter 2:11)?
4. How many angels are there (Heb 12:22, Rev 5:11)?
5. Are there classifications and a hierarchy of angels (Jude 9, Eph 3:10, Isaiah 6:1-3, Daniel 12:1, Rev 12:7)? Who are the only two holy angels who are named in Scripture (Daniel 10:13; 12:1, Jude 9, Luke 1:19, 26)?

6. Did angels minister to Christ, announce His birth, and announce Christ's resurrection (Matt 4:11, Luke 22:43, Luke 2:13, Matt 28:6)? Were angels instrumental in revealing information to the Old Testament writers (Hebrews 2:2, Acts 7:53)?
  
7. Do angels have an important ministry to believers (Heb 1:14; 5:19; 8:26, Acts 12:11; 27:23-24)? Will angels participate in the second coming of Christ and the judgment of the world (Matt 13:41; 25:31)?
  
8. In Isaiah 14:12-15, the prophet described the fall of the head angel in heaven. What prompted his rebellion? How many angels did he lead into the rebellion against God (Revelation 12:3-4, 7-9)?
  
9. The head of the fallen angels (demons) is called the devil (accuser) and Satan (the adversary) in the Scriptures. What are some of the images given to describe his activity (1 Peter 5:8, 2 Cor 4:4, Eph 2:2, Jn 12:31)? In what sense is our current life affected by him and his cohorts (Ephesians 6:12)?
  
10. In Genesis 28, Jacob felt alone and scared in the wilderness. What comforting dream did God give him that revealed His presence with Jacob (Gen 28:12)? Do you think that God gives "guardian" angels to help us (Psalm 91:11, Matt 18:10)?