



**Riverstone**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## Sermon Based Questions

Series: Even Angels Part 2

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

### **Angels: What are they & why were they created?**

*11 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; 12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.*

Revelation 5:11-12.

#### **1. Terminology & Definition.**

- Hebrew *Mal'ac* and *angelos*
- Members of the divine council. Psalm 89:7.
- Other terms: Watchers, Dan 4:13, 17 & 23, cherubim, seraphim, heavenly host, principalities and powers Col 1:16. Angel of the Lord etc.
- A definition: Angels are created, spiritual beings with moral judgement and high intelligence, but without physical bodies.

#### **2. Their Appearance.**

- Not ordinarily seen. Balaam Numbers 22:21-31, 2 Kings 6:17-20
- Humanlike but brilliant. (Gen 18:2, 16 & 22, Judges 13:6, Mark 6:4 & Luke 24:4 & Hebrews 13:1-2) Brilliant Matt. 28:3
- Wings?

#### **3. Activities.**

- Continually praising & glorifying God. Ps. 103:20.
- Reveal & communicate messages. Lk.1:13-20 & Acts 7:53.
- Minister to believers. Heb 1:14, Matt 4:11, Ps 34:7.
- Exercise judgement on the enemies of God. 2 Kings 19:35,
- Second coming: Matt 25:31, Matt 13:30-42 & 1 Thess 4:16-17.

### **A. Examining the texts.**

1. Read Psalm 89:6-7. Who do these verses suggest about the “divine council or the heavenly ones?” How do they compare to God himself?
2. Read Isaiah 6:1-4. What does this passage suggest about who populates the dwelling place of God?
3. Read Job 1:6, 2:1, Ps. 89:5-7, Heb 1:14 and Col. 1:16, Eph. 1:21. What names are given to the heavenly beings here? Do you think these are types of angels or something else?
4. Read Numbers 22:21-31 & 1 Kings 19:2. What do these passages reveal about the appearance of angels and their visibility or otherwise?
5. Read Genesis 16:10, Genesis 16:13, Genesis 22:12. Genesis 31:11-13. What do these verses seem to be saying about “the angel of the Lord?” Is he God himself according to these verses? Read 2 Samuel 24:16, Psalm 34:7, Zech. 1:11-13? What do these readings say about the angel of the Lord in relation to God himself?

### **B. Meditation & application**

6. Do you think it's important to know about angels? Why or why not?
7. From what you have heard and read- what practical significance is there learning about the angels?
8. How does the doctrine of angels reveal something of the love of God for us?
9. We are told in the scripture that we will “judge the angels,” and that we are made in the image of God- in a manner that is not true of angels. What does this say about the nature of humanity & our place in creation?

**A Prayer: Heavenly Father- when we think about the angels, we are reminded of how great a creator you are, and we are reminded of the importance of our place in creation. Thanks for your creative work and your glorious creation? In Jesus Name- Amen.**