

Last Things:

Angels:

Angels are created beings (Colossians 1:16). Holy angels are the elect angels (1 Timothy 5:21) in contrast to the evil angels who followed Satan in his rebellion against God (Matthew 25:41). Angels are creatures not creators; they are a separate order of creatures distinct from human beings (1 Corinthians 6:3; Hebrews 1:14). They are powerful (2 Peter 2:11), yet limited in power (Daniel 10:12-13). Basically and essentially holy angels are servants (Hebrews 1:14). God sends them for service or help of believers, and in so serving they serve as priestly messengers in the universe of God (Luke 16:22; Hebrews 13:2).

Satan:

Satan is a created being and as such is answerable to God (Job 1:12, Ezekiel 28:15) and belongs to the order of angels called cherubim (Ezekiel 28:14). It is also apparent from Ezekiel 28 that Satan was the highest created angel. He is known as the god of this age and the prince of the power of the air (2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2). Satan sinned (Ezekiel 28:15; Isaiah 14:12-17), affecting other angels (Revelation 12:7), affecting people (Ephesians 2:2), affecting all the nations of the world. Thus, he is the author of sin, the tempter of man, the declared enemy of God and man, and he will be eternally punished in the lake of fire (Job 1:6-7; Isaiah 14:12-17; Matthew 4:2-11; Revelation 20:10).

Demons:

Demons are the angels which rebelled with Satan. In Matthew 12:24 Satan is called the ruler of the demons. We also find demons referred to as spirits (though unclean spirits), which associates them with the spirit world of angels (Matthew 17:18; Mark 9:25; Luke 10:17-20; Matthew 8:16). Demons are not forces or concepts, they are genuine persons, and they have intelligence, emotion, will and personality (Mark 1:24; James 2:19; Luke 8:32; Luke 8:27-30). In contrast to physical beings, demons are spirit beings (Ephesians 6:12). They are in direct opposition to God's plan (Daniel 10:10-14), they promote idolatry (Leviticus 17:7); they promote false religion (1 John 4:1-4). They are able to afflict physical disease (Matthew 9:33), they pervert that which is right (it is believed that the immorality of the Canaanites is traceable to demonic activity (Leviticus 18:1-30), they also have the ability to possess unbelievers (Matthew 4:24; Mark 5:15-18). They too will face eternal punishment in the lake of fire.