#### ANGELOLOGY

Angelology – The study of the origin, nature, fall, classification, work, and destiny of angels.

## THE ORIGIN OF ANGELS

- 1. ANGELS, BOTH GOOD AND BAD, WERE CREATED BY GOD. NEH 9:6
- 2. THEY WERE NOT ETERNAL PSALM 148:2, 5, COL 1:16
- 3. THEY WERE CREATED BEFORE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. JOB 38:4-7
- 4. AN INNUMBERABLE AMOUNT OF ANGELS WERE CREATED BY GOD. SCRIPTURES DO NOT TELL US THE EXACT NUMBER. DAN 7:10, MATT 26:53, HEB 12:22, REV 5:11

#### THE NATURE OF ANGELS

1. THEY ARE INCORPOREAL.

They are called spirits and winds.

EPH 6:12

They are not flesh and blood.

**HEB 13:2, LUKE 1:26** They can appear as men though they have no corporeal

body of their own.

2. THEY ARE NOT HUMAN SPIRITS BUT DO HAVE PERSONALITIES.

**LUKE 15:10** They have emotions. **1 PET 1:12** They have desires.

**1 TIM 5:21** They have recollection to be "witnesses."

**REV 12:7, LUKE 1:19** They have personal names.

3. THEY ARE A COMPANY, NOT A RACE.

**PS 148:2** Referred to as a host, not a race.

**LUKE 20:34-36** They do not marry one another, they do not die.

It seems that God made these angels as spiritual machines to do certain tasks for Him.

4. THEY ARE NOT OMNICIENT BUT KNOW MORE THAN MAN.

2 SAM 14:20, 1 PET 1:11-12

5. THEY ARE NOT OMNIPOTENT BUT MORE POWERFUL THAN MAN.

2 PET 2:11

**JUDE 9, JOB 1:12** Neither Michael nor satan has omnipotence.

6. THEY ARE NOT OMNIPRESENT BUT DO MOVE THROUGH THE SPIRIT REALM.

**ZECH 1:11** Good angels walk about the earth. **1 PET 5:8** Evil angels walk about the earth.

## DIFFERENT CLASSIFICATION OF ANGELS

First of all, there are two major classes of angels:

- 1. "GOOD" ANGELS WHO HAVE STAYED LOYAL TO GOD.
- 2. "EVIL" (FALLEN) ANGELS WHO HAVE LEFT THEIR ORIGINAL STATE AND HAVE BETRAYED GOD.

#### THE GOOD ANGELS

- 1. THEY ARE MINISTERING SPIRITS ASSIGNED TO CHRISTIANS. HEB 1:14
- 2. THEY HEED THE VOICE OF GOD'S WORD. PSALM 103:20
- 3. THEY ARE GUARDIAN ANGELS. PS 91:11
- 4. THEY ARE ASSIGNED TO US PERSONALLY. MATT 18:10
- 5. THERE ARE CHERUBIM WHO SERVE AS SECURITY GUARDS. GEN 3:24, PS 99:1
- 6. THERE ARE SERAPHIM WHO SERVE AS WORSHIP LEADERS. IS 6:2-3, 6
- 7. THERE ARE ARCHANGELS. MICHAEL IS KNOWN TO BE ONE, AND MOST SCHOLARS FEEL GABRIEL IS ONE. REV 12:7, 1 THESS 4:16, JUDE 9
- 8. THEY ARE SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS SONS OF GOD. JOB 2:1

### THE EVIL ANGELS

These evil angels are referred to as evil spirits, foul spirits, demons, and fallen angels. Some feel that demons and certain spirits are the wandering spirits of evil dead men, but there is no scriptural validity to this.

When a man dies, his spirit and soul either go to Hades (awaiting the lake of fire and eternal damnation) or to be present with the Lord. They do not roam around the earth. They do not turn into foul spirits.

# **SATAN - THE DEVIL**

The chief of the fallen angels is satan. He is also known as the prince of this world or god of this world. He was a cherub but committed high treason and was booted out of Heaven by God.

LUKE 11:15-19	Ruler of demons.
1 PET 5:8	Walks about like a roaring lion.
REV 12:10	Accuser of the brethren.
2 COR 4:4	God of this world (not the earth).
EPH 2:2	The prince of the power of the air.
EZEK 28:13-19	Anointed cherub cast down for pride.
LUKE 10:18	Kicked out of Heaven like a streak of lightning.
REV 20:10	He has a special appointment with the lake of fire.
LUKE 10:18, GEN 3:14, REV 20:10	Thrice cursed: to the earth, to the ground, to the lake of fire.
EZEK 28:15	He is not equal to God. He was created and therefore not omniscient, omnipresent, nor omnipotent.
1 COR 10:13	He cannot tempt man beyond that which is common.

#### **DEMONS**

- 1. DEMONS (FOUL SPIRITS) ARE THE FALLEN ANGELS WHO WERE KICKED OUT OF HEAVEN FOR HIGH TREASON AND NOW MUST ROAM ABOUT THE EARTH. REV 12:3-4
- 2. DEMONS ARE KNOWN AS UNCLEAN SPIRITS. MARK 9:25

3. DEMONS WORK UNDER THE POWER OF SATAN BUT ARE ULTIMATELY SUBJECT TO GOD.

**MATT 8:29** 

4. THEY FUNCTION AS PRINCIPALITIES, POWER, MIGHT, DOMINION, AND NAMES. EPH 1:21

5. SOME OF THEM ARE BOUND BY CHAINS IN SPIRITUAL PRISON AWAITING THEIR PUNISHMENT.

2 PET 2:4, JUDE 6

- 6. THEIR WORK IS TO:
  - A. Corrupt sound doctrine among the believers.

1 TIM 4:1-3

B. Cause bodily defects and deformities.

**LUKE 13:11-17** 

C. Inflict bodily injury.

**MARK 9:18** 

D. Inflict dumbness and blindness.

MATT 9:32, 12:22

E. Corrupt Christian fellowship.

1 COR 10:20

F. Cause sickness and disease.

**LUKE 9:1** 

G. Disguised as angels of light.

2 COR 11:14

H. Possess human beings for mobility and torment.

MARK 9:17-18

I. Cause cults, occult activity, magic, fortune-telling, palm reading, psychic readings, astrology, etc.

LEV 20:16, 19:31

Note: We have more power over all the power of the enemy!

**LUKE 10:19**