

## THE DOCTRINE OF ANGELS AND DEMONS

...we ought to base our understanding of the spirit world on what the Bible says, and not on the old superstitions and myths that the world uses, which is mainly based on Greek and eastern mythology.

### THE REALITY OF THE UNSEEN IS TAUGHT IN SCRIPTURE

Although the Holy Spirit is a Spirit, the spirit beings we are talking of today are not at all like Him.  
He is uncreated            they are created.  
The Holy Spirit is God as we learned a few weeks ago            they were created by Him.  
Both are alike as spirits only in that they are not material beings, apart from that there is no comparison.

Jesus spoke of Angels, both good and bad. Mtt 18:10, MK 13:32, Mtt13:41.  
The Apostles spoke of angels. 2 Thess 1:7, Col 2:18, Eph 1:21, 1 Pet 3:22, Heb 12:22  
The Old Testament and the Jews believed in angels. Abraham, Elisha, Daniel, Josephus.

### THE NATURE OF ANGELS

Created individually and purposefully -- Col 1:16. Not spirits of departed nor glorified human beings.  
Spiritual beings -- Heb 1:14, Psa 104:4. Purely spirit, with no material attributes nor faculties.

### NOT A RACE OF ANGELS.

Although spirit as God is Spirit, they are not part of God nor perfect in power and understanding as God is,  
Mighty and powerful -- 2 Pet 2:11, Psa 103:20. Power derived from God.  
Created with different ranks and order -- Jude 6 - 9, 1 Thess 4:16, Dan.  
Being created individually means that God could make as many different kinds or groups of angels as He wanted. It also means that there could be groups of identical beings if that suited His purposes..  
They are curious, wanting to know more of God's attributes and purposes. 1 Tim 5:21, 1 Cor 4:9, Heb 12. Multitudes of angels -- 2 Ki 6:17, Mtt 26:53, Heb 12:22.

### THE FALL OF ANGELS

Originally all angels were good, but some sinned -- 2 Pet:2:4, Jude 6. The angels that followed Satan in his rebellion are called devils or demons.  
The fall has changed their name,  
estate (Jude),  
abode (Peter),  
destiny, and  
work.

Some fallen angels, demons, are still free to oppose God's purposes, to hinder the spiritual life of God's people, and to try to deceive God's people, but are still subject to and are used of God.

The fallen angels are doomed without hope of redemption -- Jude 6, Mtt 25:41.  
Fallen curiosity leads them to covet God's power rather than see His purposes. Gen 6.

### THE HEAVENLY AND EARTHLY MINISTRY OF ANGELS

In Heaven -- Isa 6, Rev 5:11-12, 8:3-4, -- priestly service and worship.  
On Earth -- providing material help to the chosen -- Hagar, Joshua, Peter, Jesus, 7 day war.  
-- they work through winds, fires, storms, pestilence, etc.  
-- special relationship to Israel, to the Church, and to infants.  
-- they guide the believer, cheer and strengthen him, defend protect and deliver.  
-- they are eyewitnesses of the church and the believer.  
-- they will be very present and active in future events  
-- resurrection, rapture, judgments.

### SATAN THE LEADER OF FALLEN ANGELS

A real spirit person -- a fallen (arch)angel and the greatest enemy of God and man. He is contradictory to God in every way.  
Jesus believed in Satan as an evil person, not just an influence -- Mtt 13:19, 39, Jno 8:44.  
He is mighty and powerful, but not all-powerful -- Jude 8,9, Dan 10, Jno 14:30.  
No creative powers. No procreative powers, although he can deceive.  
Prince of the power of the air -- Eph 2:2, Luk 11:14-18.  
God of this world -- 2 Cor 4:4, Jno 12:31.  
King of a kingdom hostile to the kingdom of God and Christ -- Acts 26:18.  
Rules over the realm of death -- Heb 2:14.  
The adversary, the devil, the wicked one, the tempter -- Mtt 4:3, Mtt 13:19, Gen 3:7.  
As far as the believer is concerned the power of Satan is limited -- Job 1:9-12, Jno 12:31, Mtt 8:30-32.  
Believers may (and should) resist the devil -- i Pet 5:8-9, James 4:7, Rom 6:17-23, Eph 6.  
Satan is a defeated enemy as far as the believer is concerned -- Jno 12:31, Col 2:15.  
He is perpetually cursed -- Gen 3:14, Isa 65:25.  
His doom is sure -- Mtt 25:41, Rev 20:10 -- and God will be proved just and righteous.