

Biblical Answers to Angelology

So much is talked about when it comes to certain subjects in the Bible. Angels is one of those subjects that people enjoy talking about and each person has its own opinion about what the Bible says about angels.

Why does Christian have such strong faith in angels?

The Bible first mentions angels in the Book of Genesis.

Genesis 16:6-8 (NASB)

⁶ But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your maid is in your power; do to her what is good in your sight." So Sarai treated her harshly, and she fled from her presence.

⁷ Now the angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur.

⁸ He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from and where are you going?" And she said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai."

Hebrews teaches more about the "position of angels" than anywhere else in the Bible.

This is not just an Old Testament subject. Every New Testament writer mentions them.

Have you noticed that when an angel appears to a person they first say, "*fear not*"? It would make you wonder what they look like. Their appearance must be somewhat different from ours to have them to tell us not to fear them.

Angels were created before the creation of the world.

Angelology comes from the Greek word "Angelologia"¹ which is a combination of two words together "Angelos" = angel (messenger) and "logos" = word, meaning the word of Angels.

There is no notice of angelic appearances to man till after the call of Abraham.

JW's believe that Jesus Christ was a perfect man, and that He is a person distinct from God the Father. However, they also teach that before His earthly life, Jesus was a spirit creature, Michael the archangel, who was created by God and became the Messiah at His baptism. The pre-incarnate Christ but look at Mal. 3:1

Malachi 3:1 (NASB)

¹ "Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts.

Humans were not created to be angels. Angels were created to be angels. Humans are lower than the angles.

¹ Strong, James. The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of The Bible. Nashville, TN, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1990

Humans and angels are two separate beings. See Hebrews 1:6 and 2:7

Hebrews 1:6 (NASB)

⁶ And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, "AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM."

Hebrews 2:7 (NASB)

⁷ "YOU HAVE MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS; YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR, AND HAVE APPOINTED HIM OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;

God has showed us in His Word that angels do exist and we should want to study about them to get a true understanding about them and how God uses them. We should NEVER worship angels. The angels are a part of Heaven and a part of God.

Hebrews 13:2 (NASB)

² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

How would we know if they are angels or strangers? **Where are the wings?** We see this in other Scriptures that angels did not have wings.

Daniel 3:25 (NASB)

²⁵ He said, "Look! I see four men loosed *and* walking *about* in the midst of the fire without harm, and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of *the* gods!"

Daniel 3:28 (NASB)

²⁸ Nebuchadnezzar responded and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, who has sent His angel and delivered His servants who put their trust in Him, violating the king's command, and yielded up their bodies so as not to serve or worship any god except their own God.

No mentioning of wings here. But also notice that Nebuchadnezzar acknowledged that it was a angel. Look at verse 28.

People have so many misunderstandings about angels.

At death, the righteous and wicked are met by angels. Satan's angels afflict us while we were yet alive but they don't want to go where the angels of God take those that reject God or refuse to serve Him. They will be there soon enough.

So whether you are good or bad, believing or unbelieving you will meet the angels of God face to face one day. Either on the day the world will end or on the day that you die whichever comes first. Whether you rejoice in your greeting or scream in terror will be decided by how you live now!

Luke 16:22 (NASB)

²² "Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried.

“For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.” **Col 1:16 (NASB)**

The time of the creation of angels is something that the Bible does not specifically mention. Angelic existence dates back before the creation of humans. How far back no one knows. They seem to have been in existence when the earth was created. Scripture indicates the angels sang and shouted at God's creation of the earth - possibly before any material thing was made. They were definitely created before humanity. Beyond this, there is not enough information to be more specific.

As finite creatures they may fall under temptation; and accordingly we read of "fallen angels." Of the cause and manner of their "fall" we are wholly ignorant. We know only that "they left their first estate" (**Matt. 25:41; Rev. 12:7,9**), and that they are "reserved unto judgment" (**2 Pet. 2:4**). When the manna is called "angels' food," this is merely to denote its excellence (**Ps. 78:25**). Angels never die (**Luke 20:36**). They are possessed of superhuman intelligence and power (**Mark 13:32; 2 Thess. 1:7; Ps. 103:20**). They are called "holy" (**Luke 9:26**), "elect" (**1 Tim. 5:21**). The redeemed in glory are "like unto the angels" (**Luke 20:36**). They are not to be worshipped (**Col. 2:18; Rev. 19:10**).

Angels do not marry and have baby angels:

At the resurrection people will **neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. (Mat 22:30)**

Since angels are created beings **there are no baby angels**, in spite of all the pictures you might have seen that show otherwise. Angels are always spoken of in the masculine gender, the feminine form of the word does not occur.