

## A Study Of Angels Part 1

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**TEXT: HEBREWS 1:4-8,13-14**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

1. The expression of caution when studying this subject.
2. Angels do have a prominent place in the Bible. They are mentioned in 34 of the 66 books. 108 times in the Old Testament and 186 in the New.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **I. THEIR NATURE.**

- A. Created beings (**Col. 1:16-17; Psa. 148:2,5; Neh. 9:6**).
- B. Great number: innumerable (**Heb. 12:22; Psa. 68:17; Rev. 5:11**).
- C. Different kinds, classes, or types:
  1. Cherubim (**Gen. 3:24**).
  2. Seraphim (**Isa. 6:2**).
  3. Archangel (**Jude 9, 1 Thess. 4:16**).
- D. Powerful (**2 Sam. 24:15-17; Isa. 37:36; Acts 12:23**).
- E. They are in submission to God (**Job 1:6; 2:1; 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6**).
- F. The ability to be visible or invisible (**Num. 22:31; 2 Kings 6:16-17; Matt. 1:20** (dreams); **Luke 2:9**).
- G. Ability to appear in a miraculous way (**Exod. 3:2**).
- H. Appearing before others in the likeness of men (**Judg. 13:6-13; Gen.18:1ff**).
- I. Ability to cover vast distances quickly (**Dan. 9:21**).
- J. Angels do not marry (**Matt. 22:30**).

#### **II. THEIR WORK.**

- A. Angels, as divine messengers, worked openly among men prior to the cessation of miracles (**1 Cor. 13:8ff**).
- B. Their activities are well documented. In addition to the previous examples note:
  1. The announcement of John's birth (**Luke 1**).
  2. The appearance at the resurrection of Christ (**Luke 24:4ff**).
  3. The appearance at the Lord's ascension (**Acts 1:10-11**).
  4. The angel which speaks to Philip (**Acts 8:26**).
  5. The angel which helps Peter escape from prison (**Acts 12:7ff**).
- C. Reiterate the cessation of miracles; note **2 Cor. 4:7**; they cannot interfere (**Gal. 1:8-9**).
- D. Angels minister to the saved (**Heb. 1:14**). How? (**Deut. 29:29; Rom. 8:28**).
- E. The popular notion of guardian angels unfounded (**Matt. 18:10**).
- F. Their work at the death of a saint (**Luke 16:22**).
- G. Their worship of God (**Rev. 5:11-12**).
- H. Their appearance with Christ at the second coming (**2 Thess.1:7-8; Matt. 25:31**).
- I. Their role as reapers (**Matt. 13:24-30, 37-40**).

**CONCLUSION:** Angels are not to be worshiped.