

## ANGELS

Angels are mentioned 108 times in the Old Test. and 165 times in the New. Sadducees denied their existence Acts 23:8

ANGEL~~X~~ Heb. 1:14 -- "SENT ONE", "Minister", Messenger.

The angels were created by command of God Psa. 148:2-5; they were present at the creation of the physical world. JOB 38:4,7

JOB 4:18,19 indicates that the angels do not have bodies made out of dust. THEY ARE SPIRITS, INVISIBLE.

### CHARACTERISTICS OF ANGELS

#### 1. POWER

They are superior in power and strength. ~~Ø~~ II Peter 2:11; Psa 103:30; II Thess. 1:7, "the angels of his might.

2. WISDOM II Sam. 14:20; tho they are not omniscient, don't know when Christ is returning. Mark 13:32

They are learning, by the Church, to understand better the wisdom of God, Eph. 3:~~12~~ 10. They desire to look into the marvels of salvation, I Peter 1:12.

3. HOLINESS Acts 10:22

4. GLORY Daniel 10:6; Luke 9:26

5. ELECTION They are designated as the elect. I Tim. 5:21; Col. 1:25.

After the cross, Jesus is given a special sovereignty over the angels. Eph. 1:20,21; Phil. 2:9-11; Heb. 1:3,4,6; I Peter 3:22

6. HUMILITY Isa. 6:2; They refuse the worship of men; Rev. 19:10; 22:8,9

### THE MINISTRY OF THE ANGELS

I. To God the Father, in the services of..

1. They assisted with cries of joy at the creation of the world. Job. 38:4-7

2. They transmitted the law to Moses on Sinai. Gal. 3:19; Acts 7:53

3. They carry out the deliverances and judgments that the Lord commands. Gen. 19:15-22; II Sam. 24:16; Rev. 7:2; 8:6-12

4. They carry out God's orders. Psa. 103:20

5. They participate in the government of nations. The angels sustain some peoples, such as Israel (Dan. 12:1), the Persians, the Medes and the Greeks (Dan. 10:13,20; 21; 11:1). They fight against the wicked spiritual powers which seek to harm those nations.

6. The angels are fighting against Satan AND HIS ARMIES UNTIL complete victory Rev. 12:7-9. It is an angel which is to bind the devil in the abyss Rev. 20:1,2

## II. IN THE SERVICE OF JESUS CHRIST.

1. Gabriel announced the birth of Jesus to Mary and John Baptist. Luke 1:26, 19

2. Joseph was warned by an angel Matt. 1:20-24

3. An angel appeared to the Shepherds... Luke 2:9-15

4. As soon as Jesus temptation was over angels came and ministered to him. Matt. 4:11

5. During agony of Gethsemane, an angel appeared; rolled away the stone.

6. At Ascension announce He would return, coming with voice of arch angel.

7. We confess us before the angels in heaven.

## III. IN THE SERVICE OF BELIEVERS

1. Provide for physical need, Hagar, Gen. 21:15-19;  
ELIJAH I Kings 19:5-7

2. Preserve from danger--Lot out of Sodom Gen. 19:15,16, Three Hebrew children and Daniel in Lion's den. Dan. 3:24,25; 6:22

3. Deliver Peter from prison Acts 12:7-10; Acts 5:19

4. Direct the servants of God, Acts 8:26

5. Reveal the Lord's plans... Dan. 9:21-23; Acts 10:3-6, Rev. 1:1

6. Encourage Paul in midst of storm. Acts 27:23,24.

7. Reassemble the elect at the return of Christ. Matt. 24:31

Psa. 91:11; 34:8; Matt. 18:10