

A Study Of Angels Part 2
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INTRODUCTION: Review Angels part one.

DISCUSSION:

I. THEIR INTEREST IN MAN.

- A. Evident with the creation (**Job 38:4,7**).
- B. Evident in the giving of the old law.
 - 1. The need for the law (**Rom. 3:20; 7:7**).
 - 2. The intercession of Moses (**Deut. 5:5; John 1:17**).
 - 3. The role of angels (**Acts 7:52-53; Gal. 3:19**).
- C. Evident with man's repentance (**Luke 15:7,10**).
- D. Evident in the preaching of the gospel (**Acts 8:26**).
- E. Evident in their ministering to us (**Heb. 1:14; Rom. 8:28**).

II. THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO CHRIST.

- A. Reminder: Angel worship is forbidden (**Col. 2:18; Rev. 22:8-9**).
- B. Christ is superior to the angels. The book of Hebrews establishes His superiority.
 - 1. Superior to the Old Testament prophets (**Heb. 1:1-3**).
 - 2. Superior to the angels (**Heb. 1:4-2:18**).
 - 3. Superior to Moses (**chapt. 3 & 4**).
 - 4. Superior to the Levitical priesthood (**chapt. 5-8**).
 - 5. His covenant is superior to the old covenant (**chapt. 8-9**).
 - 6. His sacrifice is superior to animal sacrifices (**chapt. 9-10**).
- C. Special note: God does not praise the angels, only His Son (**Heb. 1:8-13**).
- D. For a time He was lower than the angels (**Heb. 2:9-10; cf. Phil. 2:6,9-11; John 17:5; Rev. 5:12**).
- E. The angels did serve Him while on the earth (**Matt. 4:6,11**).
- F. They recognize His authority (**Matt. 28:18**); evident in that they will serve Him in His return (**Matt. 25:31; 2 Thess. 1:7-9**).

III. THE ANGEL OF THE LORD.

- A. Source of debate: some scholars, including myself, believe Him to be the preincarnate Christ.
- B. Example with the incident of the burning bush (**Exod. 3:2, 4-6, 14; cf. John 8:56-58**).
- C. Other mentioning of the angel of the Lord.
 - 1. With Hagar (**Gen. 16**).
 - 2. Stopped Abraham from killing Isaac (**Gen. 22**).
 - 3. The encounter with Balaam (**Num. 22**).
 - 4. Ready to destroy Jerusalem (**2 Sam. 24:16**).
 - 5. Interaction with Elijah (**1 Kings 19:7**).
 - 6. The destruction of 185,000 Assyrians (**2 Kings 19:35**).
- D. Other reasons for this view:

1. Abraham's encounter with the 2 men & "the Lord" (**Gen. 18:1-2; 19:1**).
2. Christ's role in the Old Testament (**1 Cor. 10:1-4; Heb. 11:24-26**).

CONCLUSION: Although we are thankful for angels, and what they have done to help our lives; all glory and honor belongs unto the Son.