

Angels

Homework Assignment:

1. Read **Luke 1:5-38**
2. Read **Revelation 12**

Lesson Outline

I. Nature of Angels

i. Created Beings

1. Colossians 1:16 – God created everything
2. Hebrews 12:22 – more angels than can be counted
3. Genesis 3:24, Ezekiel 10 & Isaiah 6 -- Cherubim, seraphim, etc.
4. Genesis 2:1 – “...and all the host of them.”
5. Job 38:1-7 – “...morning stars sang together,....sons of God....”
6. Conclude from 1, 4 & 5 above that angels were created during the six days of creation, probably before Adam.

ii. Spiritual Beings

1. Psalms 104:4 & Hebrews 1:7
2. Luke 24:39 – a spirit does not have flesh and bones
3. Luke 20:36 – immortal

iii. Possessing great knowledge and power

1. II Samuel 14:17, 20 – know all things that are in the earth
2. Matthew 26:53-54 – able to rescue Christ immediately
3. Psalms 103:20 – they excel in strength – given by God
4. II Samuel 24:15-16 – angel destroyed 70,000 Jews
5. II Kings 19:35 – an angel killed 185,000 Assyrians in one night
6. Revelations 18:1, 21 – Future strength of angels
7. II Thessalonians 1:7 – angels will accompany Jesus on the last day

iv. Sinless and obedient

1. Matthew 25:31 – angels called holy
2. Psalms 103:20 – obedient to God
3. Matthew 6:10 – it is assumed God's will is done in heaven
4. this applies to angels since the sin of Lucifer

v. No family relationships

1. Matthew 22:30 – no marriage

II. The Ministry of Angels

i. Angel – messenger

1. Luke 7:24 – messenger is angel in the original Greek

2. Revelation 2:1 & 12 etc. – angel here is probably that church’s pastor
3. Genesis 18 & 19 – angelic messengers to Abraham and Lot
4. Luke 1:26 – Gabriel a messenger to Mary
- ii. Minister to the Saints
 1. Hebrews 1:13-14 – dedicated to the saved
 2. Matthew 18:6-10 – Guardian angels?
 3. Psalms 91:11-12 – included Jesus
 4. Luke 16:22 – they will carry us to heaven
 5. Matthew 24:31 – they will gather us together at Christ’s return
 6. Psalms 34:7 – they protect us
- III. The Hierarchy of angels
 - i. Three realms
 1. spirit, mind & material
 2. all things consist of one or more of these three things
 3. tree – material
 4. cow – material & mind
 5. man – material, mind & spirit
 6. angels – mind, spirit, & material (rarely material)
 - ii. Archangels – first angels or head angels
 1. Revelation 12:7 – Michael – “Michael and his angels”
 2. I Thessalonians 4:16 – Gabriel ???
 3. Revelation 12:4 – Lucifer – “his tail drew the third part of the stars”
 - iii. Realm of Spirit – Michael, Archangel
 1. Jude 9 – Disputing with the devil
 2. Revelation 12:7 – fighting against the great dragon
 3. Daniel 12:1 – prophecy relating to the end of time
 - iv. Realm of Mind (intelligence) – Gabriel
 1. Daniel 9:21-24 – came to give understanding
 2. Luke 1:5-20 – sent to help Zacharias understand John’s birth
 3. Luke 1:26-38 – sent to help Mary understand Jesus’ birth
 - v. Realm of Material – Lucifer
 1. Ezekiel 28:11-19 – perfect in beauty
 2. Luke 4:5-7 – power over all material things
 3. John 12:31 -- prince of this world
- IV. Fallen Angels
 - i. Why?
 1. Ezekiel 28:17 – Lucifer’s beauty led to his corruption
 2. Isaiah 14:12-20 – Lucifer tried to exalt himself above God

3. Revelation 12:4, 9 – his sin reached to his angels
 4. Jude 6 – they left their own habitation not keeping their first responsibility
- ii. Their Fall from Heaven
1. Job 1:6-12 – access to heaven in Job's day
 2. See Revelation 12:1-17 for detailed description
 3. Satan associated with every evil

V. Angels and Men

- i. Examples
1. Genesis 22:11-12 – Abraham & Isaac on Mt. Moriah
 2. II Kings 6:17 – young man had his eyes opened
 3. Daniel 6:22 – Daniel in the lion's den
 4. Matthew 28:2-7 -- angels rolled back stone on Jesus' tomb
 5. Acts 12:7-11 – angel delivered Peter from prison

Question: What is referred to as angel's food?