
Angels

Do you need to see something in order to believe it? Do you believe in the power of electricity? I imagine that you do! I suspect you use the power of electricity to do numerous things to make your life more enjoyable. Do you believe in the power of the wind? Have you actually seen either electricity or the wind? No—because they are invisible. You see the effects of the wind, but not the wind itself. You see the effects of electricity, but not the electricity itself. Both wind and electricity are invisible but very powerful and sometimes deadly. What about angels? Angels also have a power we do not understand—the power to be either visible or invisible. The Bible says they are very real and are as much individual beings as you and I are.

After the fall of man, God sent angels to guard the tree of life before anyone had died. If angels are dead people, where did those angels come from? God created man “a little lower than the angels.” Psalm 8:5; Hebrews 2:7. So angels are a higher life form than people. Not only a higher life form but a different life form. Angels are not dead people.

How Many Are There?

Daniel saw more than 100 million angels near God’s throne. Daniel 7:10. “Thousands upon thousands of angels,” says Hebrews 12:22.

How Strong Are They?

“Angels that excel in strength,” “ministers of His, that do His pleasure.” Psalm 103:19-21, KJV.

They have super strength! One angel killed 185,000 armed soldiers in one night. One angel is stronger than a whole army!

“That night the angel of the Lord went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the Assyrian camp.” 2 Kings 19:35.

“And the Lord sent an angel, who annihilated all the fighting men and the leaders and officers in the camp of the Assyrian king. So he withdrew to his own land in disgrace.” 2 Chronicles 32:21.

What Do Angels Look Like?

Angels can have the appearance of lightning. Their faces often look as bright as lightning.

Angels have “the appearance of a flash of lightning.” They are overwhelmingly, blindingly bright and can travel faster than anything we can imagine. Ezekiel 1:14, KJV.

As for the angel that appeared at the Saviour’s tomb, his face appeared “like lightning, and his” clothing “white as snow.” The appearance of this angel so petrified the mighty Roman soldiers with fear that they fell down and “became as dead men.” Matthew 28:3, 4.

Will They Protect Me?

God appoints a guardian angel to every follower of Christ. Does Job fear God for no reason? Satan asked. “Have You not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land.” Job 1:9, 10.

“The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and he delivers them.” Psalm 34:7.

“See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.” Matthew 18:10.

Are There “Evil Angels”?

Lucifer and his angels are called demons or evil spirits. The New Testa-

ment clearly states the fact that men have been possessed by demons—evil angels.

“A woman whose little daughter was possessed by an evil spirit came and fell at His feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter . . . Then He told her, . . . the demon has left your daughter. She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.” Mark 7:25-30.

“Then they brought Him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute [speechless], and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see.” Matthew 12:22.

“My name is Legion: for we are many.” Mark 5:9.

“My son . . . is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. . . . When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. . . . He rebuked the evil spirit. ‘You deaf and mute spirit,’ He said, ‘I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.’ The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out.” Mark 9:17-26.

Who Is Stronger—Christ, or the Devil?

Somebody might ask, “Is the devil a real being, or is he make-believe?” If you are a Christian, you believe in Christ. If you believe in Christ, then you should believe in a very real being called the devil, because Christ not only believed he was real, but He actually spoke with the devil.

A man in church had “a spirit of an unclean devil.” Luke 4:33-36. Christ spoke to the demon as an intelligent individual, commanding him to come out of his victim. “‘Be quiet,’ Jesus said sternly. ‘Come out of him.’ Then the demon came out without injuring the man. All the people were amazed and said to each other, ‘What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!’” Luke 4:36.

Those who possessed the spirit of witchcraft—such as Simon Magus, Elymus the sorcerer, and the woman who followed Paul and Silas at Philippi—welcomed satanic influence.

No one is in greater danger from the influence of evil spirits than those who deny the reality of the devil and his angels. Satan spreads everywhere the belief that he does not exist.

Satan can most readily control the minds of those who are unconscious of his power. Terrible is the condition of those who refuse to obey God and yield to Satan's temptations, until God gives them up to the control of evil spirits.

Those who follow Christ are always safe under His watchcare. Christ sends angels that excel in strength from heaven to protect them. Satan and his evil angels cannot break through the guard that God has put around His people.