

Lesson 13: Angels

Introduction

We Christians realize that the most important parts of our lives are those that make an impact for eternity. The study of God and his relations to, purposes for, and work within the created universe- Matters! Welcome to our Link Group where we focus on biblical small groups grounded in the teachings of the bible. Our goal is to ground biblical believers and to develop disciples that make disciplines!

Both the Old and New Testaments speak of created beings who exist in a spiritual dimension touching our world.

We glimpse a spiritual universe where an invisible war is continually being waged.

Angels play a significant role in history and in believers' lives.

Main Content

ANGELS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Hebrew word mal'ak means messenger. Angels carry messages, fulfill missions, and represent God.

They are called sons of God, mighty ones, heavenly beings, and holy ones.

They witnessed creation and serve in God's court.

Different orders exist, including cherubim and archangels like Gabriel. Satan was created as an angel.

Angels protected God's people, including in Egypt, the fiery furnace, and the lions' den.

Elisha's servant saw angelic armies protecting him (2 Kings 6).

Angels also executed God's judgments and guided believers.

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

The angel of the Lord appeared at key moments in Israel's history.

He appeared to Abraham, Moses, Gideon, Samson, and Elijah.

Many believe this angel was a pre-incarnate appearance of Christ.

He often spoke as God and was viewed as God by those who saw Him.

ANGELS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

The word angelos means messenger and appears frequently in the New Testament.

Angels were active at Christ's birth and will be at His return.

Satan leads fallen angels who face judgment.

Faithful angels serve believers (Hebrews 1:14).

Angels helped Peter and Cornelius and minister to children.

All angels are under Christ's authority (Colossians 2:10).

Conclusion

Human beings, not angels, are the focus of God's concern.

We are called to fix our faith on Jesus, the Lord of all.

Link Questions

1. Do people when they die become angels?
2. Are angels still working in the ministry today?