

1. Definition

1. Angels

- a. **Do angels exist?** (Mt 18:10; 26:53)
- b. **What are they like?**
 - i. Personal – 1 Pet 1:12 (intelligence), Lk 2:13 (feelings), Jude 6 (will).
 - ii. Spiritual – Heb 1:14
 - iii. Limited – Mk 12:25 (not born), Lk 20:36 (do not die), Gen 18:1-2 (masculine)
 - iv. Fly – Is 6:2
 - v. Innumerable – Heb 12:22
 - vi. Organized – Jude 9 (archangel), Eph 3:10 (possibly other rulers of Heaven), Heb 1:14 (guardians for believers), Mt 18:10 (guardians for children), Is 6:1-3 (worship God), Gen 3:22-24 (guard holiness of God)
- c. **What do angels do?**
 - i. **Ministry to Christ** - Lk 1:26-33 (predicted birth), Lk 2:13 (announced birth), Mt 2:13 (protected Him as a baby), Mt 4:11 (strengthened Him after temptation), Mt 26:53 (prepared to defend Him), Lk 22:43 (strengthened Him in Gethsemane), Mt 28:2 (rolled away stone from tomb and announced His resurrection).
 - ii. **Ministry to believers** – Heb 1:14 (help), Ac 12:7 (involved in answering prayer), Ac 27:23-24 (giving encouragement), Lk 16:22, Jude 9 (caring for believers at death), 1 Co 4:9, Luke 15:10 (believers minister to angels)
 - iii. **Ministry to the nations of the world** – Dan 12:1 (Michael guards Israel), Dan 10:21 (other angels guard the nations), Rev 8, 9, & 10 (execute judgment in tribulation)
 - iv. **Ministry to unbelievers** – Ac 12:23 (smote Herod), Mt 13:39 (separate the righteous from the wicked)

2. Satan

- a. **Does Satan exist?** – References found in at least 7 OT books and every NT book (Mt 13:39; Lk 10:18, 11:18)
- b. **What is Satan like?**
 - i. **Real personality** – 2 Co 11:3 (intelligence), Rev 12:17 (emotions), 2 Tim 2:26 (will), Mt 25:41 (morally responsible)
 - ii. **Creature** – Eze 28:14 (created not Creator), Job 1:12 (sometimes limits added)
 - iii. **Spirit** – Eph 6:11-12; Eze 28:14 (belonged to cherubim), Eze 28:12 (highest created angel), 2 Co 4:4; Eph 2:2 (powerful)
- c. **What was Satan's sin?** – Eze 28:11-15 (wisdom, beauty, dazzling appearance, special place among cherubim), 1 Tim 3:6; Isa 14:13-14 (sin of pride)
- d. **His judgment** – Eze 28:16 (barred from heaven), Gen 3:14-15 (crushed by Eve's seed), Jn 12:31 (central judgment), Rev 12:13 (barred from heaven during Tribulation), Rev 20:2 (confined in the abyss at the beginning of the Millennium), Rev 20:10 (cast into the lake of fire for eternity).
- e. **What does he do?** – His purpose is to stop God's plan in every way possible.
 - i. **In relation to Christ** – Mt 4:1-11 (temptation), Jn 13:27 (Judas' betrayal).
 - ii. **In relation to the nations** – Rev 20:3 (deception), Rev 16:13-14 (gather nations together at the battle of Armageddon).

- iii. **In relation to unbelievers** – 2 Cor 4:4 (blinds their minds), Luke 8:12 (snatches word from their hearts)
- iv. **In relation to the believer** – Ac 5:2; 1 Cor 7:5 (tempts), Rev 12:10 (accuse and slander), 1 Thess 2:18 (hinders his work), Eph 6:11-12 (employs demons against them), Mt 13:38-39 (sows tares to deceive them), Rev 2:10 (incites persecution), 2 Cor 12:7-10 (teaches lessons for God).
- f. **What is the believer's defense against Satan?** Jn 17:15; Ro 8:34; Heb 7:25 (Lord's intercession), Jude 8-9 (learning to not speak against Satan's power but depending on the Lord for victory), 1 Pet 5:8 (be informed and alert), Jas 4:7 (decisive stand), Eph 6:11-18 (armor of God).

3. Demons

- a. **Who are the demons** – Mt 12:24 (fell with Satan), 2 Pet 2:4; Jude 6 (2 group = free & confined [possibly because of Gen 6:2-4]), Rev 9:14, 16:14 (restricted to certain periods of time).
- b. **What are demons like?** Mt 17:18 (unclean spirits), Mk 1:24; Mt 8:29; Jas 2:19 (intelligence - knew Jesus, their eventual doom, and God), 1 Tim 4:1-3 (teach false doctrine).
- c. **What do demons do?** Dan 10:10-14; Rev 16:13-16 (thwart God's purposes), Mt 9:33; Lk 13:11, 16 (inflict disease), Mk 5:13 (possess animals), 1 Tim 4:1 (promote false doctrine), 1 Sam 16:14; 2 Cor 12:7 (God uses them at times), Rev 16:13-14 (deceive the nations).
- d. **Is there such a thing as demon possession?** Mt 10:8; Mk 6:13 (difference between illness and demon possession), Mt 9:32-33 (sometimes symptom is an ordinary disease), Mt 17:15 (sometimes mental derangement is a symptom), Lk 11:24-26 (demon may return with worse spirits).
- e. **The destiny of demons** – Lk 8:31 (some already in abyss), Rev 9:1-11, 16:13-14 (some will be loosed during Tribulation), Mt 25:41 (eventually lake of fire forever).

2. Discernment

- Major Issues – Angels, demons, and Satan exist.
- Minor Issues – Whether there is demon possession now and how Satan fell.

3. Summary

Angels are personal, created beings that minister to Christ, believers, the nations, and unbelievers. Satan is a real being that was once an angel. He retains power, beauty, and intelligence. The prophecy of Gen 3:15, the crushing of the serpent by the Son, will lead to Him being cast into the lake of fire for all of eternity with his demons. Demons are unclean spirits that, like Satan, do their best to thwart the purposes of God. They have at times possessed unbelievers; however, they cannot possess believers. Nonetheless, they can deceive and influence believers. We must be alert to their influence and be cautious of the false doctrines that they teach.

4. Application

How should this affect:

- Individual Christians
- The Church
- Evangelism/Discipleship