

## The Beauty of Angels

Angels = messengers

### The Creation of Angels

- Created by God. Colossians 1:16; Psalm 148:5
- Created before the world. Job 38:4-7
- Created with intellect. I Peter 1:12
- Created with emotions. Luke 2:13-14
- Created with a will. Jude 6
- Created to not marry or die. Luke 20:34-36
- Created distinct from people, no person becomes an angel. Hebrews 2:5-8

### The Appearance of Angels

- They are spirit beings. Hebrews 1:14
- They can appear as men. Genesis 18:1-8; 19:1-13
- They can appear as women. Zechariah 5:9, 10
- They may not be remarkable in how they look. Luke 1:26-30
- They may appear as lightning in white clothes. Matthew 28:3,4
- Some have wings. Isaiah 6:2
- Some have an unusual appearance consistent with their mission. Ezekiel 1:5-10; 10:1
- They may remain invisible unless God reveals them to us. II Kings 6:15-17

### The Organization of Angels

- Michael is the archangel. One of great power. Jude 9; Revelation 12:7-9
- Gabriel is a key messenger for God. Daniel 9:20-2; Luke 1:18-20, 26-28
- Chief Princes that may rule over certain territory. Daniel 10:13
- Ruling/Authority angels. Ephesians 3:10
- Ministering angels. Hebrews 1:13, 14
- Seraphim, those that worship God. Isaiah 6:1-3
- Cherubim, those that protect the holiness of God. Genesis 3:22-24; Ezekiel 1; Exodus 25:17
- Chosen angels. I Timothy 5:21

### Angels help accomplish God's Major Plans

- Angels worship God. Revelation 5:11-14; Psalm 103:21-23
- Angels have great power to carry out God's will. II Peter 2:10, 11; Genesis 19; Psalm 78:49; Revelation 7:1-3
- Angels can judge people causing sickness and death. Acts 12:21-24
- Angels are messengers and ministers for Jesus.

- **His birth. Luke 1:26-33;**
  - His protection as a baby. Matthew 2:13
  - His care when weak. Matthew 4:11; Luke 22:42-44
  - His resource if needed. Matthew 26:52-54
  - His resurrection. Matthew 28:1-7
  - His ascension to heaven. Acts 1:9-11
  - His second coming. Revelation 19:11-19

## Angels have a ministry to Christians

- Angels help provide direction. Exodus 14:19
- Angels surround us with a hidden protection. II Kings 6:15-17
- Angels can care for us when discouraged. I Kings 19:1-8
- Angels help spread the gospel to those seeking God. Acts 10:1-7
- Angels may help answer our prayers and perform miracles. Acts 12:6-11
- Angels can come to encourage us in dangerous situations. Acts 27:21-15
- Angels care for us when we die. Luke 16:22
- Angels can direct us to do God's will. Acts 8:26-28
- Angels may help us in many other ways. Hebrews 1:14; Psalm 91:11-13

## Christians have a ministry to angels

- We may entertain them unknowingly—be hospitable to all. Hebrews 13:2
- They love to learn about our salvation—faithfully live out your salvation, especially when suffering. I Peter 1:12
- They watch our worship, service and marriages—openly reflect quality worship and marriages. I Corinthians 4:9; 11:5-12
- Our faith reveals the “manifold wisdom of God” to the angels—live in obedience to God's truth.
- Angels rejoice when sinners repent. Therefore, share the good news of how Jesus will forgive any sin, and repent of any sins in your life so they may rejoice in heaven. Luke 15:10

## Next Steps:

1. **Place your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord today.** Use the booklet in the seat rack in front of you called, “Connect with God” to help guide you through this life changing decision.
2. **Proclaim you are a follower of Jesus through baptism.** The next opportunity to be baptized is during the Memorial Day Weekend One Service on Sunday, May 24 at 10:00 am. If you are interested in being baptized or just want to learn more about baptism join our 1-hour class on Sunday, May 17 at 8:45 am or 10:45 am in the Prayer Room (located to the right side of the stage in the Worship Center).
3. **Join us on Sunday, May 31 at 8:45 am + 10:45 am** as we examine the power and purpose of angels in heaven and the end times on earth according to the book of Revelation.

## LifeGroup Discussion:

1. Have you ever experienced, what you think, is help by an angel? What was it?
2. Which of the preceding areas regarding angels is new to you?
3. Which of the ministry by angels is most interesting to you? Why?
4. Look up the verses in that last section of “Christians have a ministry to angels.” How can you grow in your ministry to angels in the last section? Which should be a higher priority for you?