

ANGELS

I. THEIR ORIGIN & THE DURATION OF THEIR EXISTENCE

A. **Acts 23:8**

Some have been known to doubt the very existence of angels. We affirm with certainty that such heavenly beings are real.

B. **Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16**

The origin of angels is simple; the Lord created them. Everything that exists was created by Him to do His will.

C. **Luke 20:35-36**

Angels do not die. They don't have an end, but they did have a beginning, as previously affirmed, so they are not eternal, just immortal.

II. THEIR STATUS RELATIVE TO GOD, MAN, & ONE ANOTHER

A. **Psalms 148:1-6**

Because Jehovah created them, angels must worship Him.

B. **Hebrews 1:1-6, 13; 1st Peter 3:21-22**

Angels are subservient to Christ. He is better than them, having a more excellent name. They worship Him. He rules over them in heaven.

C. **2nd Peter 2:11; Hebrews 2:6-9**

Their power and might is greater than man's, so they outrank humanity, but only by a little.

D. **Colossians 2:18; Revelation 22:8-9**

Although man is lower than them, worshiping them is prohibited. Angels refuse to be worshiped, identify themselves as fellow servants, and insist that God alone is to be worshiped.

E. **Hebrews 2:16; Genesis 1:27**

God does not use men to assist angels. He uses angels to assist men. Mankind was created in God's image, but the creation of angels is not so described.

F. Jude 9

There is rank among angels, including an archangel, that is chief angel, whose name is Michael

1. Revelation 12:7

Michael commands the other angels.

2. Luke 1:19

Tradition notwithstanding, no Scripture indicates the existence of other archangels than Michael. Gabriel is a real angel and the only other one whose name is revealed, but he is not identified as an archangel.

G. Romans 8:38-39

Angels are sometimes mentioned along with principalities and powers both present and yet-to-come. Evidently, there are other heavenly creatures besides the angels.

1. Isaiah 6:1-6

The seraphim, who are not called angels, most likely belong in this general category.

2. Psalm 99:1; Ezekiel 11:22

God dwells between the cherubim which were depicted as great winged creatures. They also likely fit in the category of principalities or powers or heavenly hosts, but, like the seraphim are never identified as angels.

H. Hebrews 2:5

They will not be in a position to rule heaven.

I. Job 4:17-19

Angels are fallible creatures.

1. 2nd Peter 2:4, 9; Jude 6

Because they can sin, they can be punished with everlasting fire.

2. Matthew 25:41

Indeed, God created hell for the punishment of angels.

3. **1st Corinthians 6:3**

Angels will never judge men, but men will judge angels.

J. **1st Peter 1:10-12**

The gospel intrigues the angels. They are curious about our salvation.

1. **1st Corinthians 4:9; 1st Timothy 5:21**

Angels were paying attention when the apostles were doing their work.

2. **Matthew 18:1-6, 14, 10**

In the context of converting and believing in the Lord with the faith of children, Jesus said that such “*little ones*” have angels in heaven who are constantly beholding God’s face.

3. **Luke 15:10**

They delight when one repents!