

# THE DOCTRINE OF ANGELS

## Part 9: What Does the Bible Tell Us about Angels?

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**A**ngels are created, spiritual beings with moral judgment and high intelligence, but without physical bodies. There are accounts in the Bible where angels have appeared in the form of human beings with physical bodies (angelophanies). The primary Hebrew term for angel (*malak*), and the corresponding Greek word (*angelos*) means “messenger.” They carry the message of God’s redemption through Jesus Christ, and the warnings of judgment to those who reject him (2 Thess. 1:7; Rev. 8:13). That angels are created beings is clear in the Bible but when they were created is not (Ps.

148:1-5; Col. 1:16). Angels are powerful beings who serve God but are not to be worshipped (Rev. 22:8-9). The name “angel” does not derive from their nature but from their office (“messenger” or “envoy”).<sup>1</sup>

### 1. They are spirit beings but not \_\_\_\_\_

“But to which of the angels has he ever said, “sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?” (Heb. 1:13-14).

### 2. They are \_\_\_\_\_

“For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created through Him and for Him” (Col. 1:16).

### 3. They do not \_\_\_\_\_

“For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven” (Matt. 22:30).

“For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry<sup>2</sup> nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven” (Mark 12:25).

### 4. They never \_\_\_\_\_

“For they cannot even die anymore, because they are like angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection” (Luke 20:36).

### 5. They are higher than \_\_\_\_\_

“But one has testified somewhere, saying, “what is man, that you remember him? Or the son of man, that you are concerned about him? “you have made him for a little while lower than the angels” (Heb. 2:6-7a).

**6. They have wings with which \_\_\_\_\_**

"Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew" (Isa. 6:2).

**7. They are \_\_\_\_\_**

"It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven-- things into which angels long to look" (1 Peter 1:12).

**8. They have \_\_\_\_\_**

"And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased" (Luke 2:13-14).

"In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10).

**9. They have \_\_\_\_\_**

"Bless the LORD, you His angels, mighty in strength, who perform His word, obeying the voice of His word!" (Ps. 103:20).

"Then the angel of the LORD went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when men arose early in the morning, behold, all of these were dead" (Isa. 37:36).

**10. They were susceptible to temptation and sin but God decided to redeem \_\_\_\_\_**

"And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home-- these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day" (Jude 6).

"For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment..." (2 Pet. 2:4).

**11. They are \_\_\_\_\_**

"But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly..." (Heb. 12:22).

**12. They are \_\_\_\_\_**

"His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms" (Eph. 3:10).

[Note: For additional facts about angels go to: [www.TaylorNotes.Info/abt](http://www.TaylorNotes.Info/abt)]



<sup>1</sup> Herman Bavinck, Reformed Dogmatics, p. 277.

<sup>2</sup> It is interesting to note that angels are always designated in the masculine gender (Gen. 18:1-2 but see Zech. 5:9 for a possible exception).