

1 • Angels are Created Spirit Servants

What can we know about angels? Is that a good question? Notice how [Acts 23:8](#) describes certain Jewish authorities known as Sadducees and what they believed in the first century.



For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit... Were they right? Are angels just make-believe, like a fairy tale? No. Jesus himself interacted with some Sadducees in [Matthew 22](#) and told them, "You are wrong" ([22:29](#)). Angels are real. **Angels are created spirit servants of God.** Let's listen carefully to the way they are described in both Old and New Testaments:

Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!

Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!

Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul! ([Psa 103:20-22](#))

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!

([Psa 148:1-2](#))

Angels are not God. They belong to God. They were created by God as more powerful than human beings ([2 Pet 2:9-11](#)). In [Psalm 8](#), man is described as being made by God "a little lower than the heavenly beings" ([8:5](#)). In [Hebrews 1](#), angels are described as spirits.

And 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 serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? ([Heb 1:13-14](#))

Angels are created spirit servants of God and there are many, many, many of them. Just listen to [Revelation 5:11-12](#):

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

Clearly, we have a whole lot to talk about. Have your Bible open and ready? **Let's dive in...**

For Class & Family Discussion:

- In **Psalm 103:20-22** and **148:1-2** we heard angels described as God's angels, God's hosts, and God's ministers. Why is this a good place to start as we're trying to figure out what we can know about angels? How do these two passages lay a good foundation for everything else?
- In **Psalm 8:5** we heard human beings described as "a little lower than the heavenly beings." What can we learn from this? About God? About angels? About ourselves? Going back to **2 Peter 2:9-11** might be helpful here too...
- Let's go back and notice carefully how angels are described in **Hebrews 1:14**. In your own words, what is a "ministering spirit"? Who are they sent by? What are they sent to do?
- In **Luke 16:19-31**, Jesus gave us the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. What did angels do in **16:22**? What can we learn from this?
- So, are angels more powerful than God? Can they somehow defeat God or his purposes? What does Paul teach us in **Romans 8:38-39**?
- So, should we worship angels since they are higher than we are? What can we learn from **Colossians 2:18-19**, **Revelation 19:9-10** and **22:8-9**?
- Finally, what about **Hebrews 13:1-2**? What can we learn about angels from that passage?
- What are angels? **Angels are created spirit servants of God.** More to come next week...