



TEEN TREE OF LIFE THE DOCTRINE OF ANGELS

Part 1

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BEFORE we begin, if you are a believer in Jesus Christ, take a moment to name your sins to God the Father. This will allow you to be filled with the power of The Holy Spirit as you read this booklet (EPH 5:18 & 1JO 1:9). IF YOU HAVE never believed in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you have that opportunity right now. Simply tell God the Father that you are believing on His Son Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. If you make that decision, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God! When you die, you will spend eternity with Him forever in heaven! (JOH 3:16 & ACT 16:31).

The word angel in both the Old Testament and the New Testament means messenger. The term angel is a generic (general) term, in that it applies to all orders of angels and it covers all of their service. There are two main categories of angels: Elect Angels – Messengers of God and Fallen Angels – Messengers of Satan. The Fallen Angles chose to follow Satan with their own free will.

We are also taught in the Bible that angels are grouped into various classes such as ***“thrones and dominions, principalities and powers, authorities and the host of heavens.”*** We learn this in **COL 1:16: *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.***

Satan's Fallen Angels are spoken of in **EPH 6:12: *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.***

All angels are subject to the Lord according to **1PET 3:22: *...who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.*** According to **REV 5:11, there are countless angels: *Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands.*** Angels are called the ***“heavenly host”*** which has a dual meaning. It means both angels and literal stars: ***Micaiah said, “Therefore, hear the word of the Lord. I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left. (1KINGS 22:19)***

LUKE 2:13-14 mentions "**heavenly host**" with respect to those angels who accompanied the angel who brought the good news of Our Savior's Birth to the shepherds: **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."**

Angels live in the heavens. The heavens consist of the first heaven which is earth's atmosphere; the second heaven which is the stellar universe; and the third heaven which is God's throne room outside of our universe. Angels existed for many ages prior to the creation of man. God's plan and purpose for the angels continues today and will continue into the future. It is not dependent upon man. So, the angels will play a part in history throughout eternity.

The Bible teaches that angels are interested in the things that happen on earth: **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. (1PET 1:12) EPH 3:10** teaches us that the angels also received God's Word from Our Lord's apostles: **...so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.** And **LUKE 15:10** teaches us that the angels celebrate our Salvation: **"In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."**

Angels are said to be present at the creation of material things according to **JOB 38:7: When the morning stars sang together And all the sons of God [angels] shouted for joy?** They were also present at the Birth of Christ as we learn in **LUKE 2:7-14: And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." 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."**

The angels were also there at the Temptation of Christ: **Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'" Then the devil *left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him. (MAT 4:8 -11)**

The angels were also at the Resurrection of Christ: **After the Sabbath, as the first light of the new week dawned, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to keep vigil at the tomb. Suddenly the earth reeled and rocked under their feet as God's angel**

came down from heaven, came right up to where they were standing. He rolled back the stone and then sat on it. Shafts of lightning blazed from him. His garments shimmered snow-white. The guards at the tomb were scared to death. They were so frightened, they couldn't move. The angel spoke to the women: "There is nothing to fear here. I know you're looking for Jesus, the One they nailed to the cross. He is not here. He was raised, just as he said. Come and look at the place where he was placed. "Now, get on your way quickly and tell his disciples, 'He is risen from the dead. He is going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' That's the message."
(MAT 28:1-7 – The Message Bible)

According to **ACTS 1:9-11**, the angels were also at the Ascension of Christ: **And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing [angels] stood beside them. They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."**

And the angels were also at the Second Coming of Christ as we learn in **MAT 24:29-31**: **"But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other."**

The angels, it turns out, are very busy beings!! But nothing is taught about the angels' lives. The Bible is not directed towards the angels, and so it does not go into depth about their society or how they live. Angels are not seen by the human eye, but this does not mean they do not exist.

Every now and then God allows man a glimpse of the angelic host as in **LUKE 1:26**: **Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth...** There was also the time (see above) when the angels appeared to the shepherds who were tending their flocks near where Jesus was born. If angels were seen on a regular basis, man would worship them. This is evident in **REV 22:8-9**: **I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. But he said to me, "Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God."** Very, very cool!

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