

Systematic Theology: Angelology

From Dr. Kevin Bauder's notes on Systematic Theology

What does GCBC teach?

Holy Angels

We teach that angels are created beings and are therefore not to be worshiped. Although they are a higher order of creation than man, they are created to serve God and to worship Him.

Fallen Angels

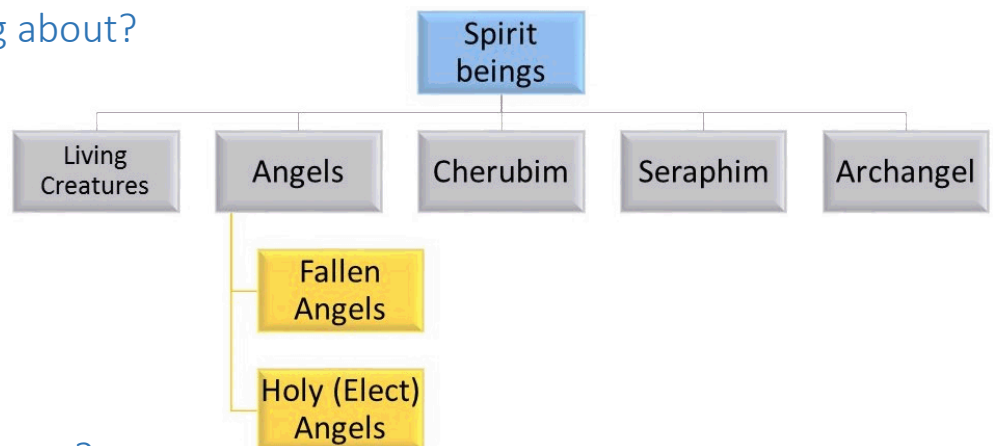
We teach that Satan is a created angel and the author of sin. He incurred the judgment of God by rebelling against his Creator, by taking numerous angels with him in his fall, and by introducing sin into the human race by his temptation of Eve.

We teach that Satan is the open and declared enemy of God and man, prince of this world who has been defeated through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and that he shall be eternally punished in the lake of fire.

What difference does it make?

- 1) There is so much false teaching and plain speculation out there about this topic.
- 2) Our lives are impacted directly by both angels and demons.

What are we talking about?



What does the Bible say?

The Origin of Spirit Beings

- 1) A Direct _____ of God. Psalm 148:1-6
- 2) When were they created? _____.

The Nature of Angels

- 1) Are _____ beings. Hebrews 1:13-14.
- 2) Do *not* have _____. Cherub, Seraph, and Archangel beings are never identified as angels. Those beings *are* referred to with wings, however.
- 3) Possess all elements of _____. They think, feel, speak, and choose in different stories in scripture.
- 4) Do not _____ from anyone since they are a direct creation of God.
- 5) They _____ more than humans. 2 Samuel 14:20.
- 6) But, their knowledge is _____.
- 7) And they are still _____! 1 Peter 1:12
- 8) Much more _____ than humans. 2 Peter 2:11; Matthew 28:2; Acts 12:7, 23; Psalm 103:20.
- 9) Not subject to many of our human _____. Daniel 9:21

The Work of Spirit Beings

- 1) With Respect to God
 - a. They praise God. Psalm 148:2.
 - b. They bless, serve, and obey God, Psalm 103:20.
 - c. They do appear before Him (periodically?), Job 1:6.
- 2) With Respect to Christ (SKIP OVER, LEAVE AS REFERENCE MATERIAL)
 - a. At His Birth
 - i. They announced the birth of the forerunner, John. Luke 1:11-16.
 - ii. They announced the coming birth of Christ both to Mary and Joseph, Matt. 1:20-23 (Joseph); Luke 1:26-38 (Mary).
 - iii. They proclaimed His birth, Luke 2:9-14.
 - iv. They warned His parents of coming danger, Matt. 2:13.
 - v. They told His parents when it was safe to return to Israel, Matt. 2:19-20.
 - b. During His Ministry
 - i. They ministered to Him following His temptation, Matt. 4:11.
 - ii. They rejoice over repentant sinners, Luke 15:10. Apparently especially true during His earthly ministry.
 - c. During His Passion
 - i. Luke 22:43, they strengthened Him during Gethsemane.
 - ii. They stood ready to defend Him if called, Matt. 26:53, 12 legions ready to come charging.
 - iii. They rolled the stone from the tomb, Matt. 28:2.
 - iv. They announced the resurrection, Matt. 28:5-6.
 - v. They are interested in the results of redemption, 1 Pet. 1:12.
 - d. At His Second Coming
 - i. They accompany Him, Matt. 25:31.
 - ii. They gather the elect in preparation for the Kingdom, Matt. 24:31.
 - iii. They remove the unrighteous, Matt. 13:40-42, wheat and tares.
 - iv. They help to judge the lost, 2 Thess. 1:7-8.
- 3) With Respect to the Nations
 - a. They watch over human rulers. Dan. 4:17; Dan. 10:13, 20
 - b. They carry out the work of God with respect to the nations. Dan. 12:1; Matt. 24:31; Rev. 16:10.
- 4) With Respect to Believers
 - a. They minister to/serve believers. Heb. 1:14.
 - b. They are NOT used to empower the believer.
 - c. They watch believers as we serve the Lord
 - i. They watch our assemblies, 1 Tim. 5:17-21
 - ii. They observe the work of the believer, I Cor. 4:9
 - d. They gather the elect of Israel at the Second Advent, Mt. 24:31.
 - e. They guard the gates of the New Jerusalem, Rev. 21:12, 27. Rev. 22:14.
- 5) With Respect to Unbelievers
 - a. They announce judgment, Gen. 19:1, 3. Rev. 19:17-18.
 - b. They also carry out judgment. Acts 12:23. Rev. 16:1.
 - c. They bind Satan at the Second Advent, Rev. 20:1-2, for 1000 years.

The Nature of Fallen Angels

- 1) They _____. Revelation 12:1-14.
- 2) They _____. 2 Peter 2:4. Jude 6
- 3) Demons
 - a. Their nature – *not* the souls of unsaved people, *not* the spirits of a pre-Adamic race, *not* the *nephilim* of Gen. 6:4.
 - b. Probably fallen angels, BUT, the Bible never tells us that.
 - c. Their moral nature is indicated by the words used to describe them. They are called:
 - i. _____, Judges 9:23; Luke 8:2
 - ii. _____, Mark 1:23
 - iii. _____, I Kings 22:22-23, I Tim. 4:1
 - iv. Scripture seems to imply that some of them are _____ than _____, Matt. 12:24
 - v. Moral nature completely _____ to God.
 - d. Their nature is indicated by their activity.
 - i. They can _____ the future, Lev. 20:27; Acts 16:16.
 - ii. They also can cause _____, Luke 13:11; Mark 9:17, 25.
 - iii. They _____ the mind. Luke 8:27; cf Mark 5:15.
 - iv. They can _____ humans, Luke 8:27.
 - v. They _____ against the _____, Eph. 6:10-16.

What does this mean (for us)?

Can a believer be demon possessed?

- 1) A Different _____ of the _____ during the Church Age.
- 2) Possession Is _____ Not _____.
- 3) There is a complete _____ of any New Testament teaching in that direction.
- 4) Scripture gives _____ for how to help demon-possessed believers.
- 5) The _____ of the _____ Holy Spirit. Romans 8:9, 1 Cor 6:19; 2 Cor 6:14-16.
- 6) Therefore, during this dispensation, demon possession of a believer is _____.

How does this doctrine relate to the Gospel?

- 1) Your salvation is not _____ by fallen angels. You are _____ in _____.
- 2) Yet, your _____ through the valleys is _____ by fallen angels.
- 3) Yet, holy angels are _____ you to help _____ you to the end that God _____.

How should we respond?

Not in _____, but in _____. 1 John 4:4.

ANSWER KEY

What does the *Bible* say?

Creation

Unknown

spirit

wings.

personality

descend

know

finite

learning

power

limitations

The Nature of Fallen Angels

fell

sinned

Evil

Unclean

Lying

Worse, others

opposed

foretell

sickness

derange

possess

fight, believer

What does this mean (for us)?

Ministry, Spirit

Indwelling, Influencing

absence

no teaching

Security, Indwelling

not possible

How does this doctrine relate to the Gospel?

threatened, secure, Christ.

Sanctification, pressed in on

Serving, guide, ordains

How should we respond?

fear, trust