

## The Ministry Of Angels

The ministry of angels is no mystery; the bible sets forth their existence and function. There are some things we do not know about angels.

**Deuteronomy 29:29 (KJV)** The secret *things belong* unto the LORD our God: but those *things which are revealed belong* unto us and to our children for ever, that *we* may do all the words of this law.

### What is the service of angels?

1. Angels communicate the will of God.

**Daniel 8:16 (KJV)** And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of* Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this *man* to understand the vision.

2. Angels obey the command of God.

**Psalms 103:20-21 (KJV)** <sup>20</sup> Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. <sup>21</sup> Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

3. They administer the Judgment of God.

**Psalms 35:5-6 (KJV)** <sup>5</sup> Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase *them*. <sup>6</sup> Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD persecute them.

4. They minister the Law of God.

**Hebrews 2:2 (KJV)** For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward;

### What is the origin of angels?

1. Were they created or eternal?

**Nehemiah 9:6 (KJV)** Thou, *even* thou, *art* LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all *things* that *are* therein, the seas, and all that *is* therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

They were created.

2. When were they created?

**Job 38:4-7 (KJV)** <sup>4</sup> Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. <sup>5</sup> Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? Or who hath stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup> Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? Or who laid the corner stone thereof; <sup>7</sup> When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

### What is the appearance and form of angels?

1. **Hebrews 1:7 (KJV)** And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

They can be invisible; they can speak out of the wind as they did to Elijah or out of fire as with Moses.

Their appearance varies as it pleases God. Jacob wrestled with an angel all night.

### *What are the attributes of angels?*

1. They are limited in knowledge.

**Matthew 24:36 (KJV)** But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

**1 Peter 1:12 (KJV)** Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

2. They can be in many places at the same time; they passed over Egypt in one night. They can be in a certain place, like when Gabriel went to Mary.

### *How many are there?*

**Hebrews 12:22 (KJV)** But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

### *Angels and the Patriarchs*

They guarded Eden, announced the birth of Isaac and the doom of Sodom; angels took Lot's hand, found Hagar wandering, and they were ascending and descending on Jacob's ladder.

### *Angels and the Jewish Nation*

The Law was ordained of angels, angels led the Nation in the wilderness and Elijah was fed by angels.

### *Christ and angels*

**Matthew 28:2-3 (KJV)** <sup>2</sup> And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. <sup>3</sup> His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

### *Angels watch the affairs of the Church*

**1 Corinthians 4:9 (KJV)** For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

### *Angels and the judgment*

**Matthew 25:31 (KJV)** When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

### *Angels can be lost*

**2 Peter 2:4 (KJV)** For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

There is a great day coming when all the saints will be gathered together, and join the great family of God and the very Angels who have been interested and working for our salvation.