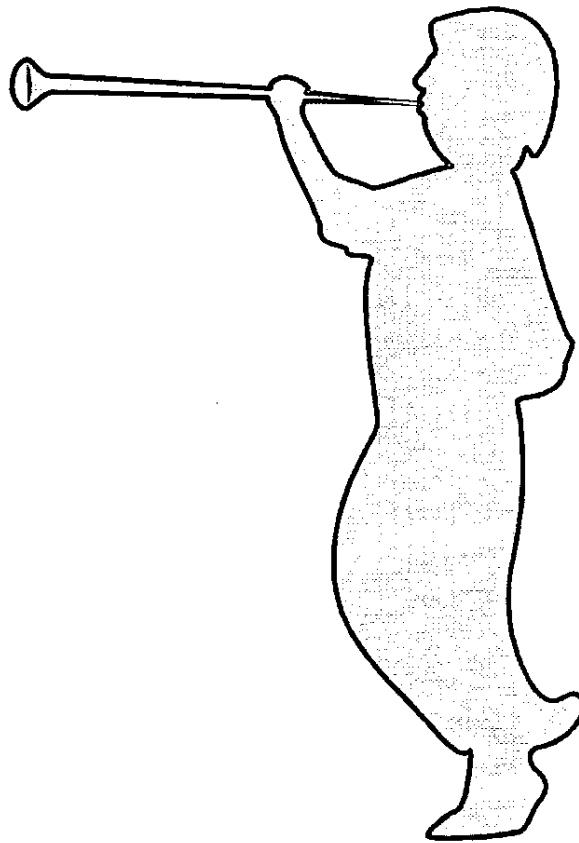


Angels

An outlined biblical study
of the non-human creatures God created.



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I. WHO ARE THE ANGELS?

A. God created several creatures besides man.

1. Angels
Daniel 10:18
2. Cherubim
I Kings 8:7
3. Living Creatures
Ezekiel 1:5-6
4. Seraphim
Isaiah 6:2
5. Beasts
Revelation 4:6-8

B. The nature of angels is different from the nature of man.

Hebrews 2:16

I Corinthians 15:39-41

C. Angels are higher creatures than man.

Hebrews 2:6-7

However:

Matthew 22:30

I Corinthians 6:3

D. Angels are lower in nature than God.

Colossians 1:16-17

Hebrews 1:4,5,7-8,13

E. Some characteristics of the nature of angels.

1. They are personal beings with names.
Jude 9
Luke 1:26
Isaiah 14:12
2. They are strong.
Revelation 18:21
3. They are beautiful.
Acts 6:15
4. They are wise.
II Samuel 14:17,20
5. They are not omniscient.
I Peter 1:12
6. They are characterized by brilliance.
Luke 2:9
Daniel 10
II Corinthians 11:4
Psalm 104:4

7. They have the ability to appear as an ordinary man.
Judges 13:16
Hebrews 13:2
8. They are immortal.
Luke 20:36
9. They neither marry, nor are given in marriage.
Matthew 22:30
Mark 12:25

F. We are not to worship angels.
Colossians 2:18

In fact, we have much to teach them.
I Peter 1:12
Ephesians 3:10

II. WHAT DO ANGELS DO?

A. Angels are the servant class of creatures.

1. God is sovereign:
Hebrews 1:3,8
2. Man was intended to have dominion:
Genesis 1:26;
Hebrews 2:7-10
3. Angels are ministering spirits:
Hebrews 1:14; 1:7-8

B. Angels' ministry to man.

1. Angels watch over the nations.
Ephesians 3:10
Daniel 10:13
Ephesians 6:12
Colossians 1:16
Colossians 2:15
Revelation 2 and 3
2. Angels communicate.
Genesis 16:7-9; 19:1
Daniel 10
Zechariah 1:9
Luke 1:11; 1:26
Matthew 2:13
Acts 7:53
3. Angels watch man
I Corinthians 4:9
Luke 12:8
Luke 15:10

4. Angels protect man.
II Kings 6:15-17
Daniel 6:22
Matthew 18:10
Acts 5:19
Acts 12:7
Psalm 34:7
5. Angels carry away the dead.
Luke 16:22

C. Angels' ministry to God.

1. Angels praise and worship God.
Psalm 148:2
Isaiah 6:1-3
Revelation 7:11
2. Angels accompany Jesus and attend to Him.
Matthew 16:27
Matthew 25:31
John 1:51
II Thessalonians 1:7
Matthew 4:11
Luke 22:43
Matthew 26:53
3. Angels administer God's judgment.
II Samuel 24:15-16
II Kings 19:35
Matthew 13:41
Acts 12:23
Revelation 8:6

D. Did it bother Satan to be confined to the servant class?

The angels who did not sin chose the role of service.
If only we could learn such humility.
Psalm 84:10

III. ANGELS ARE MINISTERING SPIRITS FOR THE SAINTS

A. Scripture teaches us that God has assigned angels to be ministering spirits especially for believers.

Hebrews 1:14

B. Biblical examples of ministering angels.

1. They took hold of their hands.
Genesis 19:1, 15-16
2. Who baked the cake?
I Kings 19:4-8

3. They shut the mouths of the lions.

Daniel 6:22

4. They delivered him from prison.

Acts 12:6-10

C. Do we have personal angels?

1. It is his angel.

Acts 12:15

2. Their angels.

Matthew 18:10

3. Ministering spirits.

Hebrews 1:14

Psalm 91:11

D. As they ministered to Christ.

1. Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Matthew 4:6, 11

2. Strengthening him.

Luke 22:43

E. Have you ever met an angel?

Hebrews 13:2

IV. A PROFILE OF THE ANGEL GABRIEL

A. Gabriel was one who stood in the presence of God.

Luke 1:19

1. He had access to God

I Kings 10:8

I Kings 12:6

2. He was privileged to understand the future.

Daniel 8:15-17

3. He knew the personal sentiments of God toward specific men.

Daniel 9:23

B. Gabriel knew Christ's plans to come to earth.

Luke 1:13-17

C. Gabriel was given the power to convince Zacharias.

Luke 1:19-20

D. Gabriel was gentle with Mary.

1. He was sent from God.

Luke 1:26

2. He delivered three pronouncements to Mary.

Luke 1:28

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

3. He sensed that Mary was uncomfortable.

Luke 1:29, 30

4. He interpreted her question with gentleness.

Luke 1:34

Luke 1:18-20

5. He declared his absolute faith in God.

Luke 1:37

6. He answered Mary gently and his unwavering faith was enough to put Mary at ease.

Luke 1:38

V. THE PROTECTING ANGELS

A. The angel of the Lord appeared in dreams.

Matthew 1:20; 2:13; 2:19; and possibly 2:12

B. They represent the watchful eye of God.

Matthew 4:11

Luke 22:43

Luke 24:23

Matthew 18:10

Acts 12:1-11

Acts 27:23

C. God could do everything Himself, but chooses to use angels.

2 Corinthians 9:8

Job 42:2

Genesis 18:14

Isaiah 43:13

Jeremiah 32:17

Hebrews 1:14

Psalms 103:20-21

VI. THE PRAISING ANGELS

A. Praise is a vital exercise, which the angels would understand even better than we.

Hebrews 13:15

Revelation 4:8

B. The example of the angels who appeared to the shepherds.

1. One angel appeared first accompanied by the glory of God.
Luke 2:9, 15
Revelation 4
2. This angel spoke about the Lord.
Luke 2:11
John 12:37-41
Isaiah 6
3. Note the lift in his voice as He spoke of Christ.
Luke 2:10-12
4. Then there was a multitude of heavenly hosts.
Luke 2:13
I Kings 22:19-22

VII. LUCIFER'S BEGINNING

A. Lucifer before his fall.

- Ezekiel 28:12
- Ezekiel 28:13
- Ezekiel 28:14
- Ezekiel 28:15
- Ezekiel 28:17

B. His fall as recorded in the New Testament.

1. Jesus' testimony
Luke 10:18
2. The record of Revelation
Revelation 12:3-4
Revelation 12:9

C. His fall as recorded in the New Testament.

1. Isaiah's reference
Isaiah 14:12-23
2. Ezekiel's reference
Ezekiel 28:11-19

D. Lucifer was given much, and so, much was required of him.

- Luke 12:48

VIII. LUCIFER'S GREAT FALL

A. The nature of Satan's fall is exactly the same as the nature of the depravity of man.

1. Lucifer did wrong.
Ezekiel 28:15

2. Lucifer was guilty.
Ezekiel 28:16

B. He was filled with violence.
Ezekiel 28:16

1. They =
2. His merchandise =
3. This capacity filled his heart with violence.
Proverbs 16:29-30
Proverbs 3:31
Proverbs 26:6

C. His heart was lifted up.
Ezekiel 28:17

1. He had been perfect in beauty.
Ezekiel 28:11
Esther 1:11
2. What goes up must come down.
Proverbs 16:18
Luke 14:11
3. Lucifer set himself up for conflict with God.
James 4:6

D. His wisdom was corrupted.
Ezekiel 28:17

1. Corrupted =
Ezekiel 26:4
2. Some like to use the phrase "it ain't braggin' if its true".

E. He defiled his sanctuaries.
Ezekiel 28:18

1. Defiled =
Leviticus 10:10
Hebrews 12:14
2. Sanctuaries =
3. He was made profane by:
 - a. The multitude of his iniquities.
 - b. The iniquity of his traffik

F. When he fell, it was a lightning bolt in heaven.

Luke 10:18

1. He lost his beauty and took on the nature of a serpent/dragon.
Revelation 12:3,9
2. Because he did not love God with all his heart, his relationship with fellow angels was greatly affected.

IX. WHAT IS A DEMON?

A. The word "demon" in the Bible.

1. The distinction between The Devil and a devil:

John 8:44

John 8:48

2. We know who The Devil is:

Revelation 12:9

3. But who are these "devils" (demons)?

Revelation 16:14

B. Satan is their prince.

Matthew 12:22-28

C. Demons are spirits.

1. The terms "devils" and "spirits" are used interchangeably.

Matthew 8:16

Luke 8:2

Luke 9:42

2. Devils are said to possess spirits.

Luke 4:33

Revelation 16:14

3. Devils and spirits are related in activities.

Revelation 18:2

I Timothy 4:1

D. Demons are negatively characterized in the Bible.

1. They are characterized by negative adjectives.

Luke 4:33, 6:18

Luke 7:21

Luke 11:26

I Timothy 4:1

2. They are contrary to God.

I Corinthians 10:20-21

James 2:19

E. Are demons the same as fallen angels?

1. There are angels that fell.

II Peter 2:4

Jude 6

2. These are referred to as Satan's angels.

Matthew 25:41

Revelation 12:7

Revelation 12:9

Just as Satan is called the Prince of devils.

Matthew 12:24-26

3. The fallen angels are reserved unto judgment.

II Peter 2:4

Jude 6

Just as the devils anticipate an appointed time for judgment.

Matthew 8:29

4. The fallen angels are reserved under darkness.

II Peter 2:4

Jude 6

Just as demons are never seen in Scripture except when they possess a human body or the body of an animal.

Matthew 8:28-32

F. We must beware both The Devil and devils.

The consolation:

II Timothy 1:7

Romans 8:35-39

X. THE WILES OF THE DEVIL

A. The Devil has plans.

1. The Greek word "methodism" is used twice in Scripture:

Ephesians 4:14 - translated as...

Ephesians 6:11 - translated as...

These two translations represent the two connotations of the word.

2. The Devil has a lot of plans (methods) he uses
 - a. to keep unsaved people unsaved and corrupt.
 - b. to ruin the lives of believers.

B. The wiles of the Devil against unbelievers.

1. To keep unsaved people from getting saved.
 - II Corinthians 4:3-4
 - Matthew 13:19
 - Mark 4:15
 - Luke 8:12

2. To motivate unbelievers to do corrupt things.
 - John 13:2
 - Acts 13:10
 - I John 3:10
 - Revelation 2:9
 - Revelation 3:9 with John 8:44

3. General oppression
 - Acts 10:38

C. The wiles of the Devil against believers.

1. Satan fills the heart to do wrong.
 - Acts 5:3
 - I Chronicles 21:1

2. Satan tempts married couples who do not fulfill each other's needs.
 - I Corinthians 7:5

3. Satan corrupts believers' minds.
 - II Corinthians 11:3

4. Satan pretends to represent the light (truth)
 - II Corinthians 11:13-15

5. Satan hinders missionary work.
 - I Thessalonians 2:18

6. Satan stirs up pride in novices.
 - I Timothy 3:6

7. Satan brings reproach on those who are not careful with their testimony among the unsaved.
 - I Timothy 3:7

8. Satan draws young widows into reproachful lifestyles.
 - I Timothy 5:13-15

9. Satan motivates believers to oppose themselves.
 - II Timothy 2:24-26

10. Satan seeks to devour believers.
 - I Peter 5:8

11. Satan immobilizes believers by their circumstances.
Revelation 2:10
12. Satan takes persecution to its ultimate end.
Revelation 2:13
13. Satan teaches false doctrine as truth.
Revelation 2:24
I Timothy 4:1
14. Satan takes things away from believers.
Job 1:10-11
15. Satan affects the health of believers' bodies.
Job 2:4-5

XI. SATAN AND JESUS FACE TO FACE

A. Consider the significance of the two persons involved in this private meeting.

1. Jesus:
Colossians 1:16
John 1:3

2. Satan, the devil:

B. This meeting was planned by God.

1. It was arranged by the Holy Spirit.
Matthew 4:1
2. It was arranged so that Jesus could resist the temptation of Satan.
 - a. The two Adams:
I Corinthians 15:45
 - b. The first Adam failed and brought death to humanity.
I Corinthians 15:22a
 - c. The second Adam succeeded and restored life to humanity.
I Corinthians 15:22b
3. It was arranged so that Jesus could restore confidence in God's Word.
Matthew 4:4 from Deuteronomy 8:3
Matthew 4:7 from Deuteronomy 6:16
Matthew 4:10 from Deuteronomy 5:1-9, 6:13

C. Things we observe about Satan

1. He questioned whether Jesus was the Son of God.
Matthew 4:3, 6
2. He showed he knew what God had written.
Matthew 4:6 from Psalm 91:11-12

3. He claimed power and glory were delivered to him.
Luke 4:6-7
4. He revealed what he really wanted more than anything else.
Luke 4:7

D. Things we observe about Jesus.

1. He was unmoved by any of Satan's temptations.
2. He expressed absolute confidence in God's Word.
3. He spoke to Satan with authority.
Luke 4:8
Matthew 4:10
4. He claimed to be God.
Luke 4:12
Matthew 4:7

E. The primary purpose of the confrontation:

XII. SATAN (And/or Demons) AND HUMAN BEINGS FACE TO FACE

A. Demon Possession

1. Demon possession is a real phenomenon, but only unsaved people can be possessed by demons.
 - a. Why Christians cannot be possessed.
 - (1). A Christian is occupied by the Holy Spirit.
Romans 8:6-11
I Corinthians 3:16-17
I Corinthians 6:19-20
 - (2). The Holy Spirit and an evil spirit cannot occupy the same space at the same time.
I Corinthians 10:21
II Corinthians 6:14-16
 - (3). Demons who are cast out can return to an unoccupied body.
Matthew 12:43-45
 - b. The only exception might have been Old Testament saints who were not indwelt by the Holy Spirit.
I Samuel 16:14
2. The effects of demon possession.
 - a. Dumbness
Matthew 9:32-33

b. Blindness

Matthew 12:22

Luke 11:14

c. Disease and Lameness?

Acts 8:6-7

d. Total control of the human body and mind.

(1). Voice and convulsions

Mark 1:23-26; Luke 4:33-35

(2). Exceeding fierce, super human strength

Matthew 8:28-32; Mark 5:1-13; Luke 8:26-33

(3). Lunatic, self destructive

Matthew 17:14-18; Mark 9:17-27; Luke 9:37-42

(4). Violent toward others

Acts 19:13-16

3. Why do demons possess human beings and do horrible things to them?

a. Satan is the prince of demons.

Mark 3:22

b. Satan wants to rule over what God has created.

Isaiah 14:13-14

c. Yet Satan does not possess the power of life, only the power of death.

Hebrews 2:14

d. Satan seeks to win control of the heart of man not by what he has to give but by what he has to take away.

Thus in possessing and terrorizing human beings, the devils seek to rival God for the worship of men through fear.

Leviticus 17:7

Deuteronomy 32:17

Psalms 106:37

Revelation 9:20

B. Casting out Demons.

1. Beyond the Gospels and Acts, there is no instruction given in the Letters about casting out devils.

I Corinthians 12:10

I Timothy 4:1

I John 4:1

II Timothy 2:26

James 4:7

But no casting out!

2. The word "exorcist" in the Bible.
Acts 19:13
Matthew 26:63
3. The doom of demons.
 - a. Demons have a weakness.
 - (1). They understand who God is.
James 2:19
Mark 3:11
Mark 1:24
 - (2). Which means they are the ones plagued with fear.
James 2:19
Matthew 8:29
 - b. Demons have a limitation.
 - (1). While they follow Beelzebub their prince.
Mark 3:22
 - (2). They have no choice but to yield to Divine authority.
Mark 3:11
Matthew 8:31
4. The Bible Record of casting out demons.
 - a. It was done by unsaved people.
Matthew 7:21-23
Matthew 12:26
Acts 19:14
 - b. Believers were not always successful.
Mark 9:18-29
 - (1). There are different kinds of demons.
Matthew 12:43-45
 - (2). A believer must be spiritually prepared to deal with demons.
Mark 9:29
 - c. How Jesus cast out demons.
 - (1). With His word.
Mark 8:16
 - (2). With rebuke.
Matthew 17:18
 - (3). Commanded them with authority.
Mark 1:27
 - (4). With the finger of God.
Luke 11:18-20

d. How the disciples cast out demons.

- (1). They were given power and authority over the devils.

Luke 9:1

Matthew 10:1

Mark 9:7

- (2). They cast out devils in the name of Jesus.

Luke 10:17

- (a). The key to dealing with demons is the name of Jesus.

Acts 19:15

Matthew 7:21-23

Luke 10:17

Acts 16:18

- (b). How wonderful it is to be able to claim association with that Name!

Luke 10:20

C. Demon activity today.

1. Are demons avoiding confrontation?

Luke 8:28

James 2:19

2. What about demon possession today?

D. Resisting the Devil.

1. We live in a physical world. We also live in a spiritual world.

Ephesians 6:12

Romans 8:16

Resisting the Devil is a spiritual activity.

2. The meaning of "resisting.

James 4:7

a. "Resist" =

b. It is directly related to the words "stand against" in Ephesians 6:11.

3. The prerequisites to "resisting."

a. There must be a solid standing.

I Corinthians 10:12

II Corinthians 1:24

I Peter 5:12

b. There must be a preparedness to experience impact.

Ephesians 6:10-20

4. The purpose of the armor
Ephesians 6:10-11

So that we will...
Ephesians 6:19-20

5. Resisting the Devil by denying him opportunity.
a. Since he cannot possess the bodies of believers, the devil's wiles against us consist largely of suggestions to do evil.

Acts 5:3

If we are to be successful in resisting the devil, we must avoid situations that make us vulnerable to his suggestions.

b. The principle of denying the Devil opportunity.
Neither give place to the devil.
Ephesians 4:21

(1). Place =

(2). Example: unresolved anger

Colossians 3:8

c. Cut off occasion from them which desire occasion.
II Corinthians 11:12

(1). Who desires occasion?
Vs. 13-15

(2). What is an occasion?
Vs. 12

(3). How do we cut off occasion?
Vs. 12
Vs. 1-4
Vs. 5-11

d. Guarding against the wiles of the devil.
I Peter 5:8

e. Remember that since Satan cannot possess the bodies of believers, his power of suggestion is one of his more powerful influences in our lives as Christians.

f. Avoiding situations which give the Devil opportunity.
(1). Defraud ye not one the other -- in marriage.
I Corinthians 7:5

If we deprive our spouse of the affection they need, our spouse becomes vulnerable to the suggestion to...

- (2). To whom ye forgive anything, I forgive also.
II Corinthians 2:10-11

If we withhold forgiveness after sorrow to repentance has been demonstrated, we come vulnerable to the suggestion of....

- (3). Not a novice.
I Timothy 3:6

If we take on too much responsibility too soon we become vulnerable to the suggestion of....

- (4). A good report of them which are without.
I Timothy 3:7

If we do not have a good reputation among unbelievers, it is evidence we have become vulnerable to the suggestion of....

- (5). Marry, bear children, guide the house.
I Timothy 5:14-15

If we have too much idle time, that is, time not filled with responsible behavior, we become vulnerable to the suggestion to do....

- (6). Believe not every spirit.
I John 4:1

If we do not endure sound doctrine, we become vulnerable to the suggestion to....

- (7). A very effective way to resist the devil is to....
I Peter 5:8

E. What to do if the Devil has us in his clutches.

1. The Bible not only tells us what to do when the devil is chasing us, but what to do when he has caught us.

I Peter 5:8

2. When Satan takes you captive by his will.

II Timothy 2:25-26

a. Recover =

b. The snare of the devil =

c. To be recovered...

3. When Satan sends a messenger to buffet you.

II Corinthians 12:7

- a. Buffet =
- b. Satan's messenger
- c. Paul's escape...

4. When Satan affects your plans.

I Thessalonians 2:17-20

- a. Paul's plans
- b. Satan's hindrance
- c. Paul's escape

5. When the Devil casts you into prison.

Revelation 2:10

- a. The devil's objective
- b. The believer's escape
cf Acts 16:22-25

6. Instead of view these situations as

We must learn to view them as....

F. Delivered unto Satan

I Corinthians 5:5

I Timothy 1:20

1. Is being delivered unto Satan a first century apostolic act, or a continuing policy for the local church?

2. The circumstances involved.

a. Immorality

I Corinthians 5:5 - commonly reported fornication

b. False Doctrine

I Timothy 1:20 - put away concerning the faith

(1). Hymenaeus

II Timothy 2:17-18

(2). Alexander

II Timothy 4:14-15

3. The elements involved in delivering unto Satan.
 - a. For the destruction of the flesh
I Corinthians 5:5
 - b. Do we know whether or not the violator is saved?
I Corinthians 5:11
 - c. A suggested meaning of "delivering unto Satan".
4. What is at stake for the local church today?
I Corinthians 5:6

XIII. SATAN'S CONSPIRACY AGAINST UNBELIEVERS

A. The one thing unbelievers need is the one thing the Devil does not want them to have.

II Corinthians 4:3-4

Matthew 13:4,19

B. The Devil hides the gospel from unbelievers.

1. The honesty of the Gospel

II Corinthians 4:2-4

2. The dishonesty of Satan and his ministers

II Corinthians 4:2-4

C. He takes the Word of God away from unbelievers.

1. The Parable of the Soils

Matthew 13:3-4

2. The Explanation

Matthew 13:19

3. How does Satan remove the Word of God from a person's heart?

Matthew 13:4

II Corinthians 11:13-15

Examples:

D. We must keep sowing the seed to new people, but we must also water the seed that has already been sown.

I Corinthians 3:5-8

I Thessalonians 5:5

XIV. DOES THE DEVIL CARE ABOUT YOU?

A. There are millions of Christians in the world today. There is only one Satan. Does he know who you are? Does he care?

I Peter 5:8 - Be sober, be vigilant; because YOUR adversary the devil,

as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

B. The Devil wants to destroy our gospel witness.

1. If we faint, the lost will not get the message.

II Corinthians 4:1-4

2. Fainting consists of any or all of the following:

II Corinthians 4:2

- a. Accepting the hidden things of dishonesty.
- b. Walking in craftiness.
- c. Handling the Word of God deceitfully.
- d. Refusing to be accountable.

3. When we faint, who loses?

II Corinthians 4:3

C. The Devil wants to destroy our ability to please Christ.

1. Our objective is to be pure.

II Corinthians 11:1-15

2. The devil's objective is make us impure.

II Corinthians 11:3-4, 13-15

D. What can we do?

1. Do not give place to the devil.

Ephesians 4:27

2. Arm yourself with the armour of God.

Ephesians 6:11-12

3. Resist the devil.

James 4:7

I Peter 5:8-9