

“This We Believe” #4
“ANGELS – HOLY AND UNHOLY”

FACTS ABOUT ANGELS

- They were created by God before the creation of the world
Job 38:4,7; Colossians 1:16
- They are spirit beings who can assume human form (male)
Genesis 19:1 - 2 angels at Sodom Luke 1:11 - with Zechariah
Exodus 3:2 - angel at burning bush Luke 1:26 - with Mary
Judges 2:1 - angel/Christophony John 20:12 - 2 angels in tomb
- They live forever
Luke 20:36 – they can no longer die; for they are like the angels
- They are volitional
Isaiah 14:12-15 – Lucifer → Satan + rebellious angels (demons)
Jude 6

I. THE HOLY ANGELS

- A. Created to PRAISE God
- cherubim – highest rank – to guard the holiness of God
 - seraphim – lower rank – to minister holiness and cleansing
 - multitude of chorus – Luke 2:13 ff; Revelation 5:2,11
 - affirm salvation – 1 Peter 1:12 – look in wonder at salvation
– Luke 15:10 – rejoice over repentant sinner
- B. Created to PROTECT people
- Michael (archangel) – most powerful
Jude 9 – opposed Satan (see Revelation 12:7)
 - appeared to Daniel three times – 10:13; 10:21; 12:1
Lot – Genesis 19:12,13
David – Psalm 34:7
 - “guardian angels” for children – Matthew 15:10
 - ministering to believers – Hebrews 1:4
– Hebrews 12:22,23

C. Created to PROCLAIM

- Gabriel
 - “good news” re birth of Jesus Christ
Luke 1:11,19; 1:26,27
Matthew 1:20; 2:13,19
 - Jesus in Gethsemane – Luke 22:43
 - Apostles in prison – Acts 5:19
 - Philip, Peter, Herod, Paul, John

Why HOLY angels?

- to PRAISE God, PROTECT people, PROCLAIM a message

II. THE UNHOLY ANGELS

LUCIFER AND DEMONS

- wilful rebellion described in the five “I wills” of Isaiah 14:12-15
- cast out of heaven with all the angels who joined the rebellion.

THEIR ROLE in GOD’S PLAN

A. OPPOSITION

- to Messianic/salvation plans for humanity – Genesis 3:13 ff
- to human race – Genesis 6:5
- to Israel – Esther 3:6
- to Jesus Christ – Luke 4:1-13
- to the church – Acts 5:1-11

B. IMITATION/DECEPTION

- false religious systems
- satanic bible, church of Satan
- substitute experience for the real thing

C. INFILTRATION

- he is called “angel of light” – 2 Corinthians 11:14
- Matthew 7:13 – “not everyone who says Lord...”
- confusion, complacency, compromise

D. DESTRUCTION

- the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy... – John 10:10
- temptation – James 1:13-15