

Angels and Demons

I - WHO ARE ANGELS ACCORDING TO GOD'S WORD, AND WHAT IS THEIR PURPOSE?

a.) THEY ARE SPIRIT BEINGS CREATED BY GOD

Colossians 1:16 "For in Him **all things** were created, both in the heavens and on earth, VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE, whether thrones or dominions, or PRINCIPALITIES OR POWERS, ALL THINGS were created by Him, and for Him."

Hebrews 1:6b-7 "And let all the ANGELS of God worship Him. And of the ANGELS He says, 'Who makes His ANGELS SPIRITS and His ministers a flame of fire.'"

b.) THEY SERVE & PROTECT BELIEVERS IN CHRIST

Hebrews 1:14 "Are they not all ministering SPIRITS, sent forth to render service on behalf of those who will inherit salvation?"

Psalms 91:11-12 "For He will give His ANGELS charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways. They will bear you up in their hands, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

Genesis 24:7,40 ".....The Lord, before whom I have walked, will send His ANGEL with you to make your journey successful...."

Acts 12:7-11 "...an ANGEL of the Lord suddenly appeared , and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter's side and roused him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And his chains fell off his hands.....And when Peter came to himself, he said, 'Now I know for sure that the Lord has sent forth His ANGEL and rescued me from the hand of Herod.'"

Acts 5:18-20 "...but an ANGEL of the Lord during the night opened the gates of the prison, and taking them out he said, 'Go your way, stand and speak to the people in the temple the whole message of this Life.'"

Also read II Kings 6:8-17; II Chron. 32:7-8,21

c.) THEY ARE GOD'S MESSENGERS, BUT THEY DON'T PREACH THE GOSPEL

Acts 10:3-7,22,30-32 "...he clearly saw in a vision an ANGEL of God who had come in to him, and said to him, 'Cornelius!'and said to him, 'And now dispatch some men to Joppa, and SEND FOR A MAN named Simon, who is also called Peter...'

"...and they said, 'Cornelius....was divinely directed by a holy ANGEL **to send for you** to come to his house and **hear a message from you.**'"

Rev. 22:16 "I, Jesus, have sent My ANGEL to testify to you these things for the churches."

Luke 1:11-19,26-38 "But the ANGEL said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard....And the ANGEL answered and said to him, 'I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God; and I have been sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news.'"

".....the ANGEL Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee, called Nazareth, to a virgin....and the virgin's name was Mary."

Also read Numbers 22:21-35; Daniel 9:21; Dan. 10:5-21

d.) THEY ARE POWERFUL BEINGS & THEY OBEY GOD'S WORD

Psalms 103:20 "Bless the Lord, you His ANGELS, **mighty in strength**, who perform His word, obeying the voice of His word!"

e.) ANGELS SHOULD NOT BE WORSHIPED

Rev. 22:8-9 "...I fell down to worship at the feet of the ANGEL who showed me these things. And 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.**'"

Col. 2:18-19 "Let no one keep defrauding you of your reward by delighting in self-abasement and **THE WORSHIP OF ANGELS**, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind."

f.) THEY DON'T HAVE AUTHORITY OVER SATAN (only Christians do)

Jude 9 "But Michael the **ARCHANGEL**, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses **did not dare** pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, '**THE LORD REBUKE YOU.**'"

For the Christian's authority over Satan, see Luke 10:18-20, Matt. 16:19; Matt. 18:18; Acts 16:18; Mark 16:17-18; Mark 6:7, Acts 8:5-7

II - WHO IS SATAN & DOES HE HAVE HIS OWN ANGELS?

a.) SATAN IS A CREATED SPIRIT BEING WHO TRIED TO OVERTHROW GOD & WAS THROWN OUT OF HEAVEN, ALONG WITH THE ANGELS WHO REBELLED WITH HIM

Ezekiel 28:13-18 "You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering; the ruby, the topaz, and the diamond; the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper;.....was in you. On the day that **YOU WERE CREATED** they were prepared. **YOU WERE THE ANOINTED CHERUB (ANGEL)** who guards, and I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; you walked in the midst of the stones of fire. You were blameless in your ways from the day **YOU WERE CREATED**, until unrighteousness was found in you. By the abundance of your trade you were internally filled with violence, and **YOU SINNED**; therefore I have cast you as profane from the mountain of God."

Isaiah 14:12-17 "How you have fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations! But you said in your heart, '**I will** ascend to heaven; **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God, and **I will** sit on the mount of the assembly in the recesses of the north. **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I WILL MAKE MYSELF LIKE THE MOST HIGH.**'"

Revelation 12:7-11 "And there was war in heaven, Michael and his ANGELS waging war with the dragon. And the **DRAGON AND HIS ANGELS** waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old, who is called **THE DEVIL AND**

SATAN, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and HIS ANGELS WERE THROWN DOWN WITH HIM."

Jude 6 "And ANGELS WHO DID NOT KEEP THEIR OWN DOMAIN, but abandoned their proper abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day."

b.) SATAN & HIS ANGELS (CALLED DEMONS, EVIL SPIRITS, UNCLEAN SPIRITS) NOW INHABIT THE EARTH & ATMOSPHERE. THEY SEEK TO CONTROL THE MINDS AND INHABIT THE BODIES OF HUMANS

Eph. 2:2 "in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR, the SPIRIT who is now working in the sons of disobedience."

John 8:44 "You are of your father, THE DEVIL, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him....for he is a liar, and the father of lies."

Read also Ephesians 6:10-17; John 12:31; Luke 10:17-20; Mark 5:1-13; Matt. 4:24; Matt. 8:28-33; Matt. 8:16; Mark 7:25-30; Mark 6:7; Revelation 18:2; Mark 1:23-27,34; Mark 3:22-26; Acts 16:16-18; Acts 19:11-12,13-16; Mark 16:17; Acts 5:16; Luke 11:15-26; Luke 22:3; Luke 8:26-39; Luke 7:21; I Timothy 4:1; I John 4:1-4; Zechariah 3:1-4:6

III - WHAT IS IDOLATRY? HOW ARE SATAN & HIS DEMONS INVOLVED IN IDOLATRY & FALSE RELIGIONS? DO THEY ALWAYS APPEAR EVIL?

a.) IDOLATRY IS DEVOTION TO ANY OTHER THING OTHER THAN THE TRIUNE GOD, OR MIXING OTHER RELIGIOUS PRACTICES WITH THE WORSHIP OF GOD.

Exodus 20:3-5 "You shall have NO OTHER GODS BESIDES ME. You shall NOT MAKE FOR YOURSELVES AN IDOL, or any likeness of what is in the heaven above, or on the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. You shall not BOW DOWN yourselves to them, or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God..."

See also Isaiah 46:6-9

1.) DEMONS ARE BEHIND ALL IDOLATRY

I John 5:19-21 "We know that we are of God, and the whole world LIES IN THE POWER OF THE EVIL ONE. And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, in order that we might know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. THIS IS THE TRUE GOD AND ETERNAL LIFE. Little children, guard yourselves from IDOLS."

I Corinthians 10:14-21 "Therefore, my beloved, FLEE FROM IDOLATRY.....What do I mean then? That a thing **sacrificed to idols** is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles (non-believers) sacrifice, they SACRIFICE TO DEMONS, and NOT TO GOD; and I do not want you to become sharers in DEMONS."

Psalms 106:37-38 "They served their idols, which became a snare to them. They even sacrificed their son and their daughters **to DEMONS**, and shed

innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed **to the IDOLS** of Canaan..."

Deut. 32:15b-17 "Then he forsook the God who made him, and scorned the Rock of his salvation. They made him jealous with strange gods; with abominations they provoked Him to anger. They SACRIFICED TO DEMONS not to God, to gods whom they have not known...."

Rev. 9:20-21 "And the rest of mankind.....did not repent of the works of their hands, so as NOT TO WORSHIP DEMONS and the IDOLS OF GOLD AND OF SILVER and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. And they did not repent of their murders nor of their SORCERIES nor of their immorality nor of their thefts."

2.) SATAN COUNTERFEITS TRUE WORSHIP OF GOD

II Cor. 11:13-15 "For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, DISGUIISING THEMSELVES AS APOSTLES OF CHRIST. And no wonder, for even SATAN DISGUIISES HIMSELF AS AN **ANGEL OF LIGHT**. Therefore it is not surprising if his SERVANTS ALSO DISGUIISE THEMSELVES as servants of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their deeds."

I John 4:1-3 "Beloved, do not believe EVERY SPIRIT, but TEST THE SPIRITS TO SEE WHETHER THEY ARE FROM GOD; because **many false prophets** have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: EVERY SPIRIT THAT CONFESSES THAT JESUS CHRIST HAS COME IN THE FLESH is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; and this is the SPIRIT OF THE ANTICHRIST, of which you have heard is coming, and now it is already in the world." (**see Phil. 2:5-11** for definition of "Jesus Christ coming in the flesh")

Galatians 1:6-9 "I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a DIFFERENT GOSPEL; which is REALLY **NOT** ANOTHER, only there are some who are disturbing you, and WANT TO DISTORT THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST. But even though we, or an ANGEL FROM HEAVEN, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached, let him be accursed....if any man is preaching to you A GOSPEL CONTRARY TO THAT WHICH YOU HAVE RECEIVED, let him be accursed."

II Cor. 11:1-4 "....But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of Christ. For if one comes and preaches ANOTHER JESUS whom we have not preached, or you receive a DIFFERENT SPIRIT which you have not received, or a DIFFERENT GOSPEL which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully.

I Timothy 4:1 "Now the Spirit expressly says that in the last days some will depart from the faith, giving heed to SEDUCING SPIRITS and DOCTRINES OF DEMONS; speaking LIES in hypocrisy..."

3.) GOD DOES NOT ALLOW HIS PEOPLE TO MIX OTHER RELIGIOUS PRACTICES, IDOLATRY, OR WITCHCRAFT WITH WORSHIP OF HIM

Deut. 12:2-8, 13-14 "You shall UTTERLY DESTROY ALL THE PLACES where the nations whom you shall dispossess SERVE THEIR GODS, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. And you shall TEAR

DOWN THEIR ALTARS and SMASH THEIR SACRED PILLARS, and BURN THEIR ASHERIM (idols) with fire, and you shall cut down the engraved images of their gods, and you shall OBLITERATE THEIR NAME from that place. You SHALL **NOT** ACT LIKE THIS **toward the Lord your God**. But you shall seek the Lord AT THE PLACE WHICH THE LORD YOUR GOD SHALL CHOSE.....And there you shall bring your burnt offerings,.....you shall not do at all what we are doing here today, every man DOING WHATEVER IS RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES. Be careful that you do not offer your burnt offerings in every cultic place you see, but in the PLACE WHICH THE LORD CHOOSES....there shall you do all that I command you."

Deut. 7:25-26 "The graven images of their gods you are to BURN WITH FIRE, you shall not covet (desire to keep) the gold or the silver that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, lest you be SNARED BY IT (contaminated by it), for it is an abomination to the Lord your God. And you SHALL NOT BRING AN ABOMINATION INTO YOUR HOUSE and become a CURSED THING like it; you shall utterly abhor it, for IT IS A CURSED (CONTAMINATED) THING."

Deut. 18:9-22 "When you enter the land which the Lord your God gives you, you SHALL NOT LEARN TO IMITATE the **detestable** things of those nations. There SHALL NOT be found among you anyone who makes his son or daughter pass through the fire (HUMAN SACRIFICE), or one who uses divination (FORTUNE TELLING), or one who practices WITCHCRAFT, or one who interprets omens (PSYCHICS), or a sorcerer, or one who casts a spell, or one who CONSULTS WITH FAMILIAR SPIRITS, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead (SEANCES). For whoever **does these things is DETESTABLE to the Lord**.....but as for you, the Lord your God HAS NOT ALLOWED YOU TO DO SO."

Deut. 14:1-2 "You are the sons of the Lord your God; you shall not cut (tattoo) yourselves nor shave your forehead for the sake of the dead. For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; and the Lord has chosen you to be a people for His own possession..."

II Corinthians 6:14-18 "Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with DARKNESS? Or what harmony has Christ with BELIAL (SATAN), or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? Or what agreement has the temple of God with IDOLS? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, '**I will dwell in them** and walk among them; and I will be their God and they shall be My people. Therefore, COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM AND BE SEPARATE,' says the Lord. 'And DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; and I will welcome you. And I will be a Father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me,' says the Lord Almighty."

Acts 19:13-20 (vs. 18 & 19) "Many also of those who had believed (in Jesus) kept coming, confessing and disclosing THEIR PRACTICES. And many of those WHO PRACTICED black MAGIC brought their BOOKS together and began BURNING THEM in the sight of all, and they counted up the price of them and found it to be 50,000 pieces of silver."

Jeremiah 10:1-16 (vs. 2 & 3) "Thus says the Lord, 'DO NOT LEARN THE WAY OF THE NATIONS, and do not be terrified by the SIGNS OF THE HEAVENS (astrology), although the nations are terrified by them (give meaning to them); for the customs of the people are vain (of no value)....'"

Deut. 17:2-7 "If there be found among you.....a man or woman who has done wickedness in the sight of the Lord your God in transgressing His covenant, and has gone and served other gods, and worshiped them, either THE SUN OR MOON, OR ANY OF THE HOST OF HEAVEN (stars, signs of the zodiac), which I have not commanded;...then you shall bring forth that man or woman....and shall stone them with stones 'til they die."

Isaiah 47:12-14 "Stand now with your **enchantments**, and with the multitude of your **sorceries**, wherein you have labored from your youth; if you think you will be able to profit, or if you think you may prevail. You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels. See if your ASTROLOGERS, your STARGAZERS, and your MONTHLY PROGNOSTICATORS (FORTUNE TELLERS, PSYCHICS) can stand up and save you from these things that shall come upon you. Behold, they shall be as stubble; the FIRE SHALL BURN THEM..."

II Chronicles 33:1-10 "Manasseh....did that which was EVIL IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD, like the abominations of the heathen, whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel. For he built again the high places (of worship)....and he built altars for Baal, and made SACRED groves, and worshiped all the HOST OF HEAVEN, and served them. Also, he built altars in the house of the Lord....and he built altars for all the HOST OF HEAVEN in the two courts of the house of the Lord. And he caused his children to pass through the fire (human sacrifice)....also, he interpreted omens, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and **DEALT WITH A FAMILIAR SPIRIT**, and with wizards; he DID MUCH EVIL in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger. And he set a carved image, the IDOL WHICH HE HAD MADE, in the house of God....So Manasseh caused Israel to sin and to do worse than the heathen (pagan nations)..."

Deut. 12:29-13:18 (selected verses) "When the Lord your God shall cut off the nations from before you....be careful that you are **NOT** snared (trapped) by following them.... **so that you inquire after their gods**, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? Maybe I will do the same.' YOU SHALL NOT DO SO TO THE LORD YOUR GOD, for they have committed every abomination, which the Lord hates, for they have even SACRIFICED THEIR SONS AND DAUGHTERS **IN THE FIRE** TO THEIR GODS.....If there should arise among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams (one who claims to see visions), who gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or wonder comes to pass....if he says, 'Let us go after other gods and serve them,' you SHALL NOT LISTEN or PAY ATTENTION to that prophet....for the Lord your God is testing you, to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul."

Deut. 16:21-22 "You shall not plant a sacred grove of trees near the altar of the Lord your God....neither shall you SET UP ANY IMAGE, which the Lord your God hates."

Ezekiel 8:3-18 (selected verses) "...and the Spirit lifted me up...and brought me to Jerusalem, to the door of [the temple] where an IMAGE WAS SET UP, provoking God's jealousy.....this IMAGE of jealousy was in the entrance...and [the Spirit] said to me, 'Son of man, do you see what they do? What **great abomination** the house of Israel is committing here...but look over here, and you shall see greater abominations'...so I went in and saw, and behold, every form of CREEPING THINGS, AND ABOMINABLE BEASTS, AND ALL THE IDOLS of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about....and He said to me, 'Look over here and you shall see greater abominations that they do.' Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the Lord's house....and behold,

there sat women weeping for Tammuz (a pagan "god", husband of the "goddess" Ishtar). Then he said to me, 'Have you seen this, O Son of man? Look over here again and you shall see greater abominations than these.' And He brought me into the inner court of the Lord's house, and behold,.....there were about 25 men with their backs toward the temple of the Lord, and their faces toward the east, and they WORSHIPED THE SUN toward the east."

Romans 1:18-32 (selected verses) "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold back the truth in unrighteousness; because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God has shown it to them..... [but] professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of God into an IMAGE MADE LIKE CORRUPTIBLE MAN, and of BIRDS, and FOUR-FOOTED BEASTS, and CREEPING THINGS....[they] changed the truth of God into a LIE, and WORSHIPED AND SERVED THE CREATED THINGS rather than the Creator...."

II Chronicles 34:1-5 "Josiah.....did what was RIGHT IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD, and walked in the ways of David, his father.....he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places and the groves and the carved IMAGES and the molten IMAGES. And they BROKE DOWN THE ALTARS OF BAAL in his presence, and the IMAGES that were on high above them he cut down, and the groves, and the carved IMAGES and the molten IMAGES he BROKE IN PIECES and GROUND THEM INTO DUST, and scattered it upon the **graves of those who had sacrificed to them**. And he burned the bones of the priests (of Baal, etc.) upon their altars..."

Isaiah 29:4 "And you shall be brought down, and shall speak out of the ground, and your speech shall be low out of the dust, and your voice shall be as of ONE THAT HAS **A FAMILIAR SPIRIT, out of the ground**, and your speech shall whisper out of the dust."

I Samuel 28:3-19 (partial) "....now Saul had put away those that HAD FAMILIAR SPIRITS, and the wizards, out of the land.....And when Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord answered him not.....then said Saul unto his servants, 'Seek for me a woman who HAS A FAMILIAR SPIRIT, that I may go to her, and inquire of her'.... And the woman said unto Saul, 'I saw SPIRITS ASCENDING OUT OF THE EARTH'..."

I Chronicles 10:13 "So Saul **died** for his **transgression which he committed AGAINST THE LORD**, even AGAINST THE WORD OF THE LORD, which he did not keep, and also for ASKING COUNSEL of a **FAMILIAR SPIRIT**, to inquire of it."

Isaiah 19:3 "And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof, and **I will destroy the counsel thereof**; and they shall seek to the IDOLS, and to the CHARMERS, and to THEM THAT HAVE FAMILIAR SPIRITS, and to the wizards."

If you have been involved in any of these things, follow these steps to deliverance:

1. **RENOUNCE (confess it as being wrong) any participation in Satan's activities.** Also, ASK God to CANCEL out all demonic working passed down from ANCESTORS.
2. **CONFESS it as SIN, and confess and REPENT of ALL SIN.** I John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to FORGIVE us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

3. **FORGIVE those who have offended you or HURT YOU.**

COMMAND all demons to leave you in the NAME OF JESUS! John 8:32 "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you FREE." Tell Satan and his demons that you belong to Jesus, and he has no right to attack you or oppress you. Tell Satan he cannot deceive you any longer, because **you know the truth**, and the truth has made you free. He is no longer your master - Jesus is your Lord!

4. **CLOSE ALL DOORS** that may have been opened to allow demons into your life, and **CLAIM** the PROTECTION of the **BLOOD OF JESUS**. Just say, "**In the name of Jesus**, I close the door that may have been opened to allow Satan into my life through my participation in _____ (Name the sin) _____. I ask You, Lord, to keep the door closed with the precious blood of Jesus."