Holy Angels

Note: The Scripture references in this hand-out are taken from the New King James Version.

What are Angels?

How are biblical angels different from the way portrayed by the culture in programs like touched by an angel?

Who are the "sons of God" in Job 38:4-7 and why are they called this?

Job 38:4-7 - Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

How do we know that angels were not present with God before the creation?

What does Hebrews 1:7 tell us about angels? Hebrews 1:7 - And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire."

Why are angels described as a flame of fire?

What does Hebrews 1:14 tell us about the purpose of angels?

Hebrews 1:14 - Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

Is the concept of guardian angels a biblical doctrine?

What does John 20:12 tell us about angels? John 20:12 - And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

What does Genesis 19:1-3 tell us about angels? Genesis 19:1-3 - Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground. And he said, "Here now, my lords, please turn in to your servant's house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." And they said, "No, but we will spend the night in the open square." But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his



house. Then he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

What does Matthew 28:2-6 tell us about angels? Matthew 28:2-6 - And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Why are angels always referred to in the masculine sense?

What does Luke 20:35-36 tell us about angels? Luke 20:35-36 - But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

Does Luke 20:35-36 say that people become angels when they are resurrected?

What does Hebrews 12:22 tell us about angels? Hebrews 12:22 - But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,

What does Revelation 5:11 tell us about how many holy angels there are?

Revelation 5:11 - Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand

What does Revelation 5:11 tell us about where the holy angels dwell?

What does Acts 12:5-7 & 12:23 tell us about angels? Acts 12:5-7 - Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands.

Acts 12:23 - Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.

What does Exodus 25:18-22 tell us about a special class of angelic beings?

Exodus 25:18-22 - And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat. Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it of one piece with the mercy seat. And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat. You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you. And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

What does Isaiah 6:1-7 tell us about another special class of angelic beings?

Isaiah 6:1-7 - In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts." Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged."

What can we learn about angels from Daniel 10:13? Daniel 10:13 - But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

What does Revelation 12:7 tell us about angels? Revelation 12:7 - And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, What do the angels fight over?

What does Jude 9 tell us about Michael?

Jude 9 - Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

What does Luke 1:18-19 tell us about another angel who foretold the father of John the Baptist about the miraculous birth of his son?

Luke 1:18-19 - And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years." And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings.

Why did people usually react in fear when they encountered an angel sent to reveal something to them?

Example - Luke 1:11-12 - Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

What does Hebrews 1:6 tell us about the holy angels? Hebrews 1:6 - But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him."

What does Acts 27:23-24 tell us about the holy angels? Acts 27:23-24 - For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve, saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.'

What does Luke 12:8-9 tell us about the holy angels? Luke 12:8-9 - Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God. But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

Do angels are look forward to the Lord returning to earth to reign?

What does Luke 12:8-9 tell us about the holy angels? Luke 15:10 - Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

What does Hebrews 13:2 tell us about the holy angels? Hebrews 13:2 - Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.