

Lesson 30b – The Spirit World: Angels, Demons and Satan

Before God created Man, He created the angels as special messengers. Lucifer led a rebellion against God and led many of the angels away. The angels who followed him are now known as demons. These are the beings of the spirit world.

1. Angels

- a. Definition – messenger
 - i. They are messengers created before the creation of earth. – Job 38:4-7
- b. They were created by Jesus and for Jesus – Col. 1:16
- c. Their nature
 - i. Spirit beings – Heb. 1:14
 - ii. Can travel great distances in a very short time – Dan. 10:12-13; Ezek. 1:14
- d. Their function and ministry
 - i. To worship God in Heaven – Matt. 18:10
 - ii. To protect God’s children – Psalm 34:7
- e. Some of the things angels did in Scripture
 - i. One angel killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers – 2 Kings 19:35
 - ii. Ministered to Jesus after the temptation – Matt. 4:
 - iii. Rolled the stone away from the Lord’s tomb – Matt. 28:2-4
 - iv. Opened the door of the prison to let the apostles out – Acts 5:19
 - v. Opened the door of a prison to let Peter out – Acts 12:7
- f. Are angels female?
 - i. They always appear masculine, and are referred to as masculine – Gen. 18:18
 - ii. They are actually genderless – Matt. 22:30
- g. Do angels have wings?
 - i. The cherubim on the ark of the covenant have wings, leading some people to believe that all angels have wings.
 - ii. Other than that, there is nothing in Scripture to lead us to believe that angels have wings. Whenever they appeared to man, they did not appear with wings.
- h. Two angels are named in Scripture
 - i. Michael the archangel – Jude 1:9
 - ii. Gabriel – Luke 1:26
- i. Archangels
 - i. There are 7 angels who stand in the presence of God – Rev. 8:2
 - ii. Gabriel is one of those angels – Luke 1:19
 - iii. Some scholars believe that these are the archangels
 - iv. These are a higher rank of angels who have authority over other angels – Rev. 12:7

2. Satan

- a. One of the top angels rebelled against God – Ezek. 28:12-19
- b. Some names of Satan
 - i. Devil (accuser, slanderer)
 - ii. Satan (adversary, enemy)
 - iii. Tempter – Matt 4:3; 1 Thess. 3:5

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- iv. Thief – John 10:10
 - v. Liar – John 8:44
 - vi. Murderer – John 8:44
 - vii. Prince of this world – John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11
 - viii. God of this age – 2 Cor. 4:4
 - ix. Prince of the power of the air – Eph. 2:2
 - x. Adversary – 1 Pet. 5:8
 - xi. Deceiver – Rev. 12:9
 - xii. Accuser – Rev. 12:10
 - xiii. Power of darkness – Col. 1:13
 - c. How he appears – as an angel of light
 - i. He looks good when he approaches Christians
 - ii. That is his way of deceiving
 - d. His ultimate purpose
 - i. To keep people from becoming Christians – Matt. 13:19
 - ii. To tempt people into sin – Gen. 3:3-6
 - 1. Makes sin look unappealing
 - 2. Makes obedience to God look unappealing
 - 3. Denies the Word of God
 - 4. Gets people to believe their sin will have no consequences
3. Demons
- a. The demons are some of the other angels who followed Satan when he fell
 - b. Demons are also known as
 - i. Evil spirits
 - ii. Unclean spirits
 - iii. Devils (King James Version)
 - c. Demon possession – Luke 8:28-39
 - i. The Greek word is *demonized*.
 - ii. A demon possessed person is under the control of demons
 - iii. A demon possessed person can have great physical strength – Luke 8:29
 - iv. A demonized person can have one or many demons dwelling within their body – Luke 8:29
 - v. A demon possessed person can lose control over their body
 - vi. Some diseases are caused by demons
 - d. How can a person become demon possessed?
 - i. Occultism

Sometimes demons can tell the future. Just because they have a degree of accuracy from time to time does not mean these practices are acceptable to God. They are an abomination. – Deut. 18:10-12

 - 1. Horoscopes
 - 2. Fortune tellers
 - 3. Psychics
 - 4. Ouija Boards
 - ii. Drugs
 - iii. False religion/Idolatry – 1 Cor. 10:20
 - e. Can Christians be demon possessed?
 - i. No Christians are ever spoken of as being demonized in Scripture
 - ii. Christians can be influenced and hindered by demons, but we cannot be possessed.