

1 • Angels are Created Spirit Servants

What can we know about angels? Is that a good question? Notice how [Acts 23:8](#) describes certain Jewish authorities known as Sadducees and what they believed in the first century.



For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, _____, nor spirit... Were they right? Are angels just make-believe, like a fairy tale? No. Jesus himself interacted with some Sadducees in [Matthew 22](#) and told them, "You are _____" ([22:29](#)). Angels are real. **Angels are created spirit servants of God.** Let's listen carefully to the way they are described in both Old and New Testaments:

Bless the LORD, O you _____ angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!

Bless the LORD, all _____ hosts,
_____ ministers, who do his will!

Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul! ([Psa 103:20-22](#))

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his _____;
praise him, all his hosts!

([Psa 148:1-2](#))

Angels are not God. They belong to God. They were created by God as more powerful than human beings ([2 Pet 2:9-11](#)). In [Psalm 8](#), man is described as being made by God "a little _____ than the heavenly beings" ([8:5](#)). In [Hebrews 1](#), angels are described as spirits.

And to which of the angels has he ever said,
"Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

Are they not all _____ spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? ([Heb 1:13-14](#))

Angels are created spirit servants of God and there are many, many, many of them. Just listen to [Revelation 5:11-12](#):

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and _____ of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

Clearly, we have a whole lot to talk about. Have your Bible open and ready? **Let's dive in...**

For Class & Family Discussion:

- In **Psalm 103:20-22** and **148:1-2** we heard angels described as God's angels, God's hosts, and God's ministers. Why is this a good place to start as we're trying to figure out what we can know about angels? How do these two passages lay a good foundation for everything else?

- In **Psalm 8:5** we heard human beings described as "a little lower than the heavenly beings." What can we learn from this? About God? About angels? About ourselves? Going back to **2 Peter 2:9-11** might be helpful here too...

- Let's go back and notice carefully how angels are described in **Hebrews 1:14**. In your own words, what is a "ministering spirit"? Who are they sent by? What are they sent to do?

- In **Luke 16:19-31**, Jesus gave us the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. What did angels do in **16:22**? What can we learn from this?

- So, are angels more powerful than God? Can they somehow defeat God or his purposes? What does Paul teach us in **Romans 8:38-39**?

- So, should we worship angels since they are higher than we are? What can we learn from **Colossians 2:18-19**, **Revelation 19:9-10** and **22:8-9**?

- Finally, what about **Hebrews 13:1-2**? What can we learn about angels from that passage?

- What are angels? **Angels are created spirit servants of God.** More to come next week...