

## BACK TO BASICS CLASS

### 11 - ANGELS, SATAN, & DEMONS

#### I. General Characteristics of Angels (whether good or evil)

- A. They are a special order of Created Being - they are not departed spirits of men.
- B. They are superior to mankind in might, power, intelligence - Heb. 2:7; 2 Pe. 2:11).
- C. They do not age or die (c.f. Gabriel in Dan. 8:16; 9:1; and Lk.1:16).
- D. They are Spirit beings without the limitations of a Physical Body, although they may take on human form or physical appearance.
- E. They have limitations: THEY'RE NOT: Omnipresent, O Omniscient, or Omnipotent
- F. They have personality: i.e., intelligence (1 Pe. 1:12); and will (Jude 6)

#### II. Organization / Hierarchy of Angels (whether good or evil)

##### A. Holy Angels

1. “ Archangel ” - Michael is only one so designated in scripture (Jude 9)
2. “ Chief Princes ” or “ Princes ” - of which Michael is one (Dan. 10:13) - likely a territorial factor (Dan. 12:1)
3. “ Rulers ” and “ Authorities ” - Eph. 3:10

##### B. Evil Angels (Demons)

1. “ Princes ” - likely territorial (Dan. 10:12-13)
2. “ Rulers & Powers ” & “World Forces of Darkness ” (Eph. 6:12)

*Note the practical outworking of the hierarchy: Dan. 10,10-14. An angel is sent to Daniel to give him a vision of the last days. He was restrained by the “Prince of Persia “for 21 days”, until Michael came to his aid against another (evil) “Prince ‘: subduing him and allowing the messenger to then come to Daniel.*

### III. Primary Tasks

#### A. Holy Angels

1. Lk. 1:19 (and throughout Bible) – Serve as Heralds of God's message
2. Heb. 1:14 – Render Service to Christians
3. Dan. 10:12-13 – Engage in Battle with Demonic Spirits
4. Isa. 6 – Cherubim & Seraphim are Worshippers & Guardians of God's Holiness
5. Lk. 16:22 – Care for believers at Death
6. Acts 12:23 - Smite an unbeliever for a godly purpose

#### B. Evil Angels (Demons) — They attempt to thwart the plan of God in any way imaginable

1. Dan. 10 - Battle against Holy Angels
2. “Demonize” believers & unbelievers : Through attacks of discouragement, fear, pride, self-pity, illness (some are caused by spirits - some not); through temptation (pride, gossip, immorality, drugs, porn, etc.).
3. Incite Anti-Biblical Doctrine, Philosophy, World View, Theology - 1 Tim. 4:1 (i.e., “You can become a god!?”); Using also signs & wonders to deceive - Mt. 24:24; Rev. 13:11-14