

The Angels and Satan

Foundations for Life

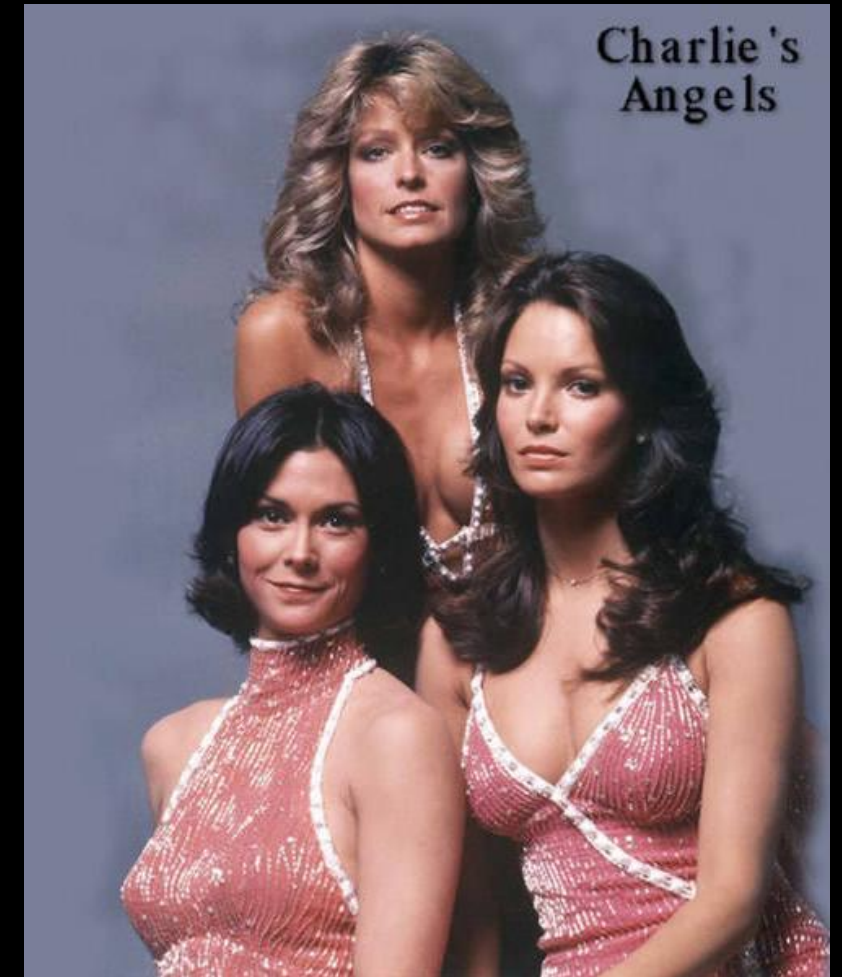
Angels

- What do they look like?
- What do they do?
- What are their powers?
- Do we become angels?
- What are the popular thoughts about Angels?



Talk About Angels

- Not what Angels look like??
- Perhaps this next slide will make you more comfortable



Talk About Angels

- Who Created Them?
 - Psalm 148:2-5
 - John 1:1-3
- How Were They Created?
 - Refer again to Psalm 148:5
 - Do they procreate as do humans? Matt 22:28-30
Gen 6:2,4 Jude 6:7
 - When were they created? Job 38:7



Origin of Angels

- Why were they created?
 - Glorify God and His Christ Col 1:16
 - Reflect the creative wisdom of God
 - Worship and serve God in the administration of His will Heb 1:6,7
 - Execute His commands



Original Condition of Angels

- Holy State
 - Considered “Holy” Mark 8:38
 - Existed among every good and holy thing Matt 18:10
 - 2 Classes of Angels now –
 - **elect** 1 Tim 5:21
 - **evil** Matt 25:41
 - Ranks of Angels
 - Seraphim Isaiah 6:2
 - Cherubim Gen 3:24
 - Archangel Jude 1:9
 - Guardian? Mat 18:10
 - Thrones, Rulers, Virtues, Powers, Principalities



Original Condition of Angels

- They are in Daily Communion with God
- Limitations
 - Space Dan 9:21
 - Power
 - Greater than man 2 Pet 2:11
 - Over nature Rev 7:1
 - Limited in Authority Job 1:12
 - Intellect - not omniscient 1 Pet 1:11-12
 - Holiness – Some did fall -





Ministry of Angels - God

- Worship Isaiah 6:3
 - Ascribe worthiness and grace to God and Christ
Rev 5:8-13
 - Sing Praise
- Service
 - Priestly Ministers – Heb 1:7
 - Not to be worshipped by man (Col 2:18)
 - Personal Messengers –
 - Angel means Messenger in Hebrew and Greek
 - Gabriel – news to Zacharias and to Mary

Ministry of Angels - Believers

- Revealing
 - Revelation of Law to Moses Acts 7
 - Interpreting visions Zech 4:1
 - Predicting birth of John the Baptist Luke 1
 - Birth of Christ to Mary and Joseph Matt 1
- Guiding
 - Instruction to Joseph about Mary Matt 1
 - Women who came to the tomb
 - Philip to a particular road to meet Ethiopian Acts 8
 - Cornelius to send for Peter



Ministry of Angels - Believers

- Providing
 - Encouraged Hagar Gen 21
 - God's provision of manna – Angel's food Psalm 78
 - Comforted Elijah 1 Kings 19
- Protecting
 - Jacob protected in travels Gen 32
 - Daniel with the Lion Dan 6
 - Elisha at Dothan – protected with an *ARMY* of angels 2 Kings 6:13-17

Ministry of Angels - Believers

- Delivering
 - Safeguarding 144,000 Israelites in Rev 7
 - Apostles removed from prison Acts 5
 - Peter's chains removed Acts 12
- Strengthening and Encouraging
 - Christ in Matt 4
 - Paul in the storm at sea Acts 27



Ministry of Angels - Believers

- Agent in answering prayer
 - Gabriel sent to Daniel regarding Israel in Dan 9
 - Delivery of Peter from Prison in Acts 12
- Attendants upon the righteous dead
 - Carried Lazarus' spirit to Abrahams bosom
Luke 16
 - Moses' body in dispute with Satan for archangel Michael in Jude 1:9

Ministry of Angels - Believers

- Ministry to men is primarily external and physical
- Holy Spirit ministry is primarily internal and spiritual
- Angels minister FOR us, Spirit ministers IN us
- Angels guard our bodies and pathway – Spirit guides us in the right way
- Agents to answer prayer, Spirit directs our prayers.

Fallen Angels

- What does Satan look like?
- What is his job?
- What are his abilities?
- What are his limitations?
- We must use scripture to determine our view, not Hollywood!







Original State and Fall of Satan

- Primary sin – Rebellion 1 Tim 3:6
- How many fell with him? Rev 12:4
- Privileges Ezekiel 28
 - Nature – Cherub - v.14, greatest v.13
 - Position - Twice called a guardian cherub
 - Habitation – Eden v. 13, mountain of God v.14
 - Perfection – seal of perfection v.12

Original State and Fall of Satan

- How did he become evil?
 - No explanation – iniquity found in thee v. 15
 - Proud and self-occupation Isaiah 14:12-17
- Punishment
 - Cast from privileged position v. 16
 - Ultimately he will be cast in the lake of fire



Present Power and Activity of Satan

- Relation to God
 - Opposes God's person – because he desires to be the most high, he is against God. He uses man to attack character and control of God.
 - Opposes God's program – promotes “the lie”
 - Evolution for creation
 - Uniformitarianism for providence
 - Human progress for divine salvation
 - Man's utopia for God's kingdom
 - Atheism, agnosticism, pragmatism and relativism for truth

Present Power and Activity of Satan

- Promotes counterfeit religions
 - False ministers 2 Cor 11:13-15
 - Controls works of God Gal 1:6
- Promotes false doctrines
 - Works righteousness 1 Tim 4:1-3
 - Self seeking 2 Pet 2:1
- False Christs - 1 John 2:18
- False Followers – Matt 13:38-39



Present Power and Activity of Satan

- Relation to Unsaved
 - Prevent acceptance of truth
 - Snatch away the gospel Luke 8:12 prevents understanding
 - Blinding minds 2 Cor 4:3-4 creates barrier and makes gospel seem irrelevant
 - Promote attraction to falsehood
 - False Religions – 1 Tim 4:1-3
 - Salvation by human works – attractive to those who desire to bypass Savior's work – no need for salvation. Many seek human progress or life in the spirit world – mysticism.
 - False Lifestyle – Pleasure, possessions and position 1 John 2:15-17

Present Power and Activity of Satan

- In relation to Christians
 - Waging warfare Eph 6:10-18
 - Accusing and slandering Rev 12:10 Satan is accusing us before God. Jesus is the Defense!
 - Planting doubt Gen 3:1-5 Emphasize God is restrictive, selfish.
 - Tempt to Sin
 - Lie, Sex, occupation with world, rely on human wisdom, spiritual pride, discouragement.

Present Power and Activity of Satan

- Preventing service 1 Thess 2:18 Paul hindered
- Promote division 2 Cor 2:10-11





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Summation

- Satan is real! Strives to attack the person and work of God. He is ultimately held in check by the power of God.
- Do not overemphasize the power of Satan.
- We are responsible for our own actions