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The Relation to the Angels to God, Christ, Church and the World

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Colossians 2:9 "For in Christ all the fullness of the Godhead dwells in bodily form"

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The Angels, Angelic Hosts

Ever Since the Beginning of time,

Angels have always been a mysterious entity of the heavenly realm.

In The Bible, 34 of the 66 Books of the Bible Speak about Angels -The word Angel appears some 275 times

...And They Are **Awesome** Creatures of Eternity

We Know That There Are Some That Never Leave God's Presence

Revelation 4:6-8

Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. 7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. 8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

There Are Some That appear before His throne to report

Job 1:6

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

Jesus Himself

Was Aware of, and Taught on the Existence of Angels

Billy Graham's Book

"Angels"

Merril Unger

"Angels and Biblical Demonology"

Donald Gray Barnhouse God's Secret Agents

... They Are Very, Very, Real and Equally Powerful...

1.) Jesus Christ and the **Created** Angels

They Have Been Created

Colossians 1:14-16

in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or **principalities** or **powers**. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Created For What Reason?

a.) Their **Passion** is to **Worship** God

For Meaningful Worship !

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I Am Absolutely Certain That The Angels Are Grieved at our lack of zeal and frequency of worship

Isaiah 6:3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"

In Their Creation; Angels Existed Before the Physical Creation

Job 38:7

At Creation... the morning stars **sang** together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

We Know That Angels were Created with a free-moral capacity Meaning they have ability of choice

Hebrews 1:6 But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him."

> Revelation 22:9 an angel announces..."Worship God!"

They Possess a Will & Emotions

Luke 2:9-15

9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before shepherds, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 "And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" 15 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

So Great is This Passion

Hebrews 13:1-2

Continue to love each other with true brotherly love. 2 Don't forget to be kind to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!

They Have Appeared Looking Like Humans

Hebrews 1:6-7

But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him." 7 And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire."

Created For What Reason?

b.) Their **Mission** is to **Serve** God

Serving Him at His Temptation

Mark 1:13

And Jesus was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts of the mountains; **and the angels ministered to Him.**

Matthew 4:11 and when Satan had left Him, the angels came and ministered to Him.

Jesus Announced Their Service

John 1:51

And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Ready to Serve Him at His Arrest

Matthew 26:53 "Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?

12 = meaning more than enough for me and you 11

2 Kings 19:34-35

I will defend this city and save it, for my sake and for the sake of David my servant." That night the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning-- there were all the dead bodies!

Created For What Reason?

c.) Their Purpose is to Reveal God

Luke 1:30-33

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

What An Announcement It Was!

Luke 2:8-14

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 "And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

A Graphic Moment in History

1 Timothy 3:16

Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, **was seen by angels**, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.

They Revealed God

Luke 22:40-44

When He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." 41 And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. 44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

They Revealed God

Matthew 28:1-6

Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. 2 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. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. 4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. 5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

They Revealed God

Matthew 25:31

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit upon the throne of His glory. – read the fine print – it's in Jerusalem !

Matthew 24:30-31

30 "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 "**And He will send His angels** with a great sound of a trumpet,

2.) Jesus Christ and the **Eternal** Angels

Eternal in the Sense That Once They Were Created, They Live Forever...

Angels Have Not Always Existed

The Eternal Angels

a.) Angels Have a **Personality**

They Are Curious

1 Peter 1:12

To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven-- things which angels **desire to look into**.

They Rejoice, They Get Angry, They Care, They Fight

They Are Not To Reproduce

Matthew 22:29-30

Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. 30 "For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.

They're Not All Male Angels

Zechariah 5:9

Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were two women, coming with the wind in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven.

The Eternal Angels

b.) Angels Have a Ranking Order

1 Peter 3:22

For it is Jesus who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, **angels** and **authorities** and **powers** having been made subject to Him.

Ephesians 6:12

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against **principalities**, against **powers**, against the **rulers** of the darkness of this age, against **spiritual hosts of wickedness** in the heavenly places.

And there is a lot of them

Hebrews 12:22 an innumerable company of angels,

Revelation 12:7-9

And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. 8 But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. 9 The great dragon was hurled down-- that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

There is Only One Archangel Named in Scripture

Michael

He Himself, is a Serious Warrior

(Who is Like God ?)

Daniel 10:13

An Angel of Lesser Rank says - "The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, **Michael**, <u>one of the chief princes</u>, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings (evil angelic & demonic powers) of Persia.

1Thessalonians 4:16

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an (another) archangel,

There are Ruling Angels Named in Scripture

Ephesians 3:10 for the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the **principalities** and **powers** in the heavenly places,

There are Guardian Angels <u>Named</u> in Scripture

Hebrews 1:14

Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Matthew 18:10 "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.

There are Seraphim Angels <u>Named</u> in Scripture

Isaiah 6:1-3

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. 2 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. 3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"

There are Cherubim Angels <u>Named</u> in Scripture

Genesis 3:22-24

Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"-- therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Satan - Ezekiel 28:14 - Satan

"You were the anointed **cherub** who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.

There are Elect Angels <u>Named</u> in Scripture

1 Timothy 5:21

I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the **elect** (chosen for a specific task) angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.

There are Fallen Angels <u>Named</u> in Scripture

2 Peter 2:4

For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

Jude 1:6

And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

Isaiah 14:9-12

"Hell from beneath is excited about you, to meet you at your coming; it stirs up the dead for you, all the chief ones of the earth; it has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. 10 They all shall speak and say to you: 'Have you also become as weak as we? Have you become like us? 11 Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, and the sound of your stringed instruments; the maggot is spread under you, and worms cover you.' 12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!

The Eternal Angels

c.) Angels Have an **Eternal Existence**

Luke 20:36

"nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

In The Negative

Matthew 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

3.) Jesus Christ and the **Ministering** Angels

Psalm 103:21 Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, you ministers of His, who do His pleasure.

Ministering Angels

a.) They Minister Before The Throne

Revelation 7:11

And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

Revelation 5:11-12

And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around **the throne** and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

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. 9 "But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

Ministering Angels

b.) They Minister Throughout Eternity

c.) They Minister to All Believers

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

Acts 12:5-7

Peter was therefore kept in prison, **but constant prayer was offered to God** for him by the church. 6 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. 7 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.

1 Corinthians 4:9

For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.

Acts 27:23-24

"For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve, 24 "saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.'

Luke 15:10

"And Jesus said, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

A WARNING TO MORMONS AND THE LIKE

Galatians 1:8-9

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

"AND THIS GOSPEL..."

Matthew 24:14

"And **this gospel of the kingdom** will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Revelation 14:6 Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth--

Acts 12:21-24

So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!" 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. But the word of God grew and multiplied.

Luke 16:22 "So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels in to the place of Abraham's bosom.

Ministering Angels

d.) They Minister unto the World

By Judgement Mostly

Revelation 15:1

Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.

"The Two Angel's at the Golf Course..." The Attorney, The Doctor and The Preacher

Revelation 8:5-6

Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

Hell was Created For Fallen angels

Matthew 25:41

"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

Regarding the Judgement of Nebuchadnezzar

Daniel 4:17

'This decision is by the decree of the **watchers**, and the sentence by the word of the holy ones, in order that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever He will, and sets over it the lowest of men.'

watchers ARM.5894 `iyr (Aramaic) (eer);

an angel observer, a spirit being who reports to God, one that never closes it's eyes

A Watcher at Work

Acts 12:21-24

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A Plea to the Lost

Mark 8:38

"For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

Matthew 13:41-42

"The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, "and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

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.

The End