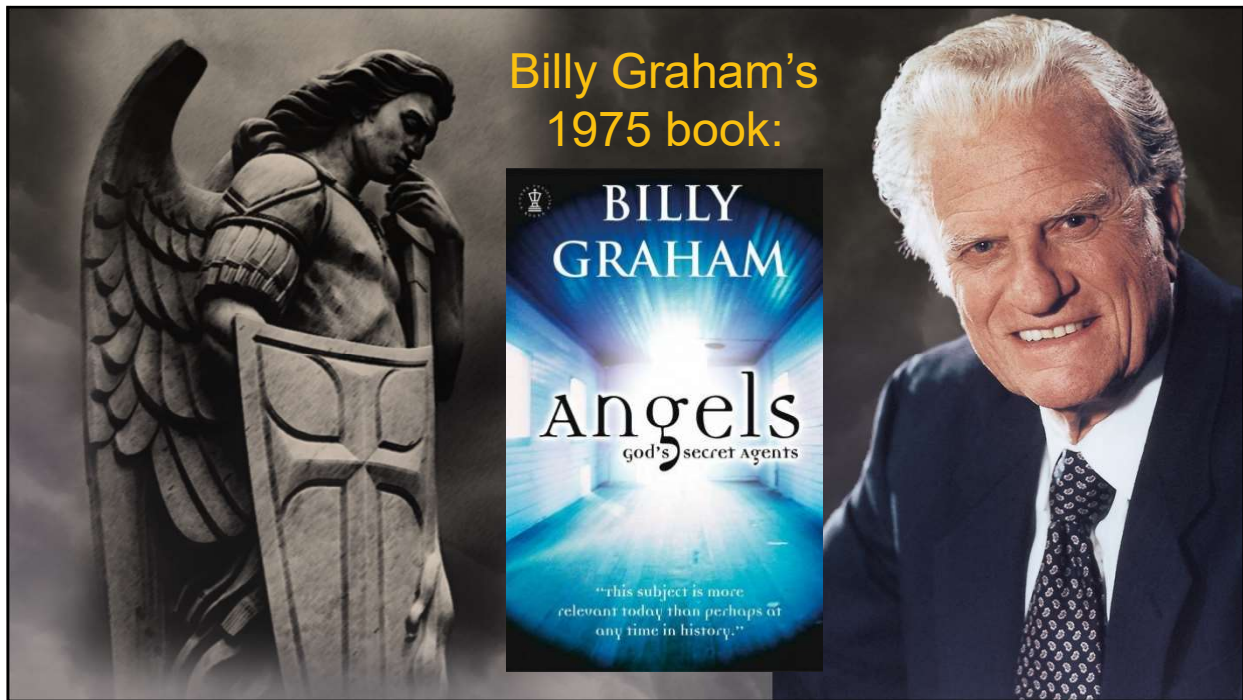




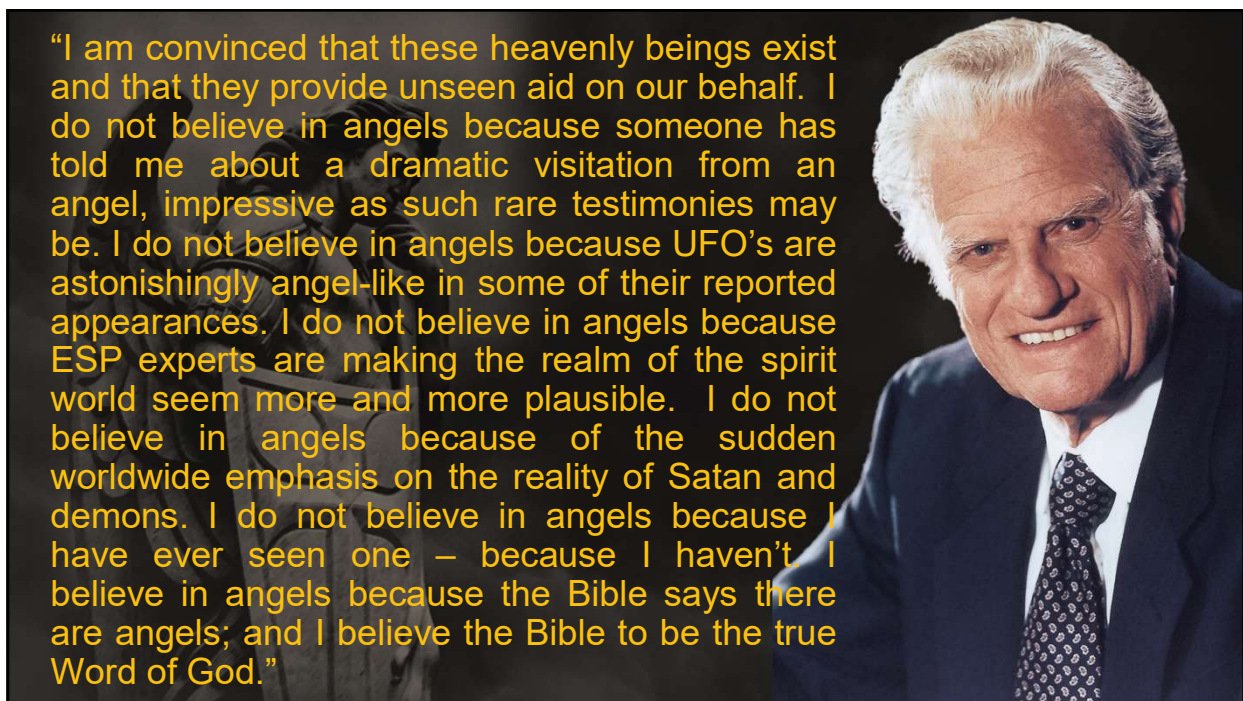
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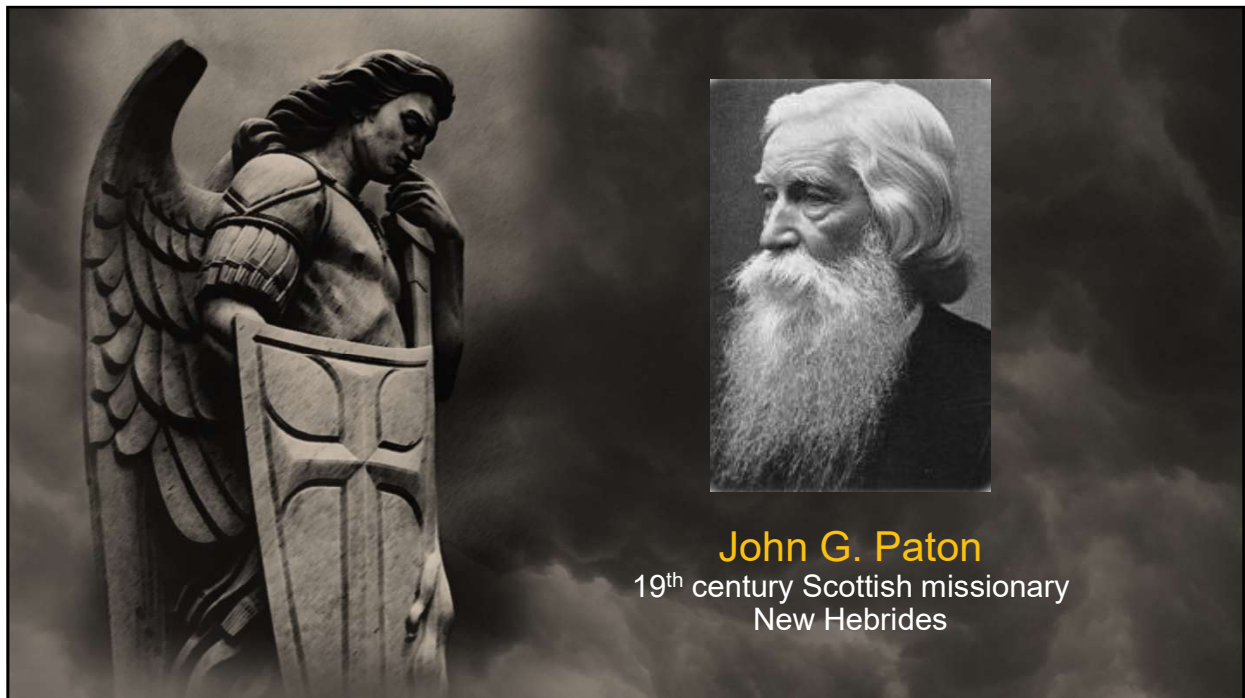


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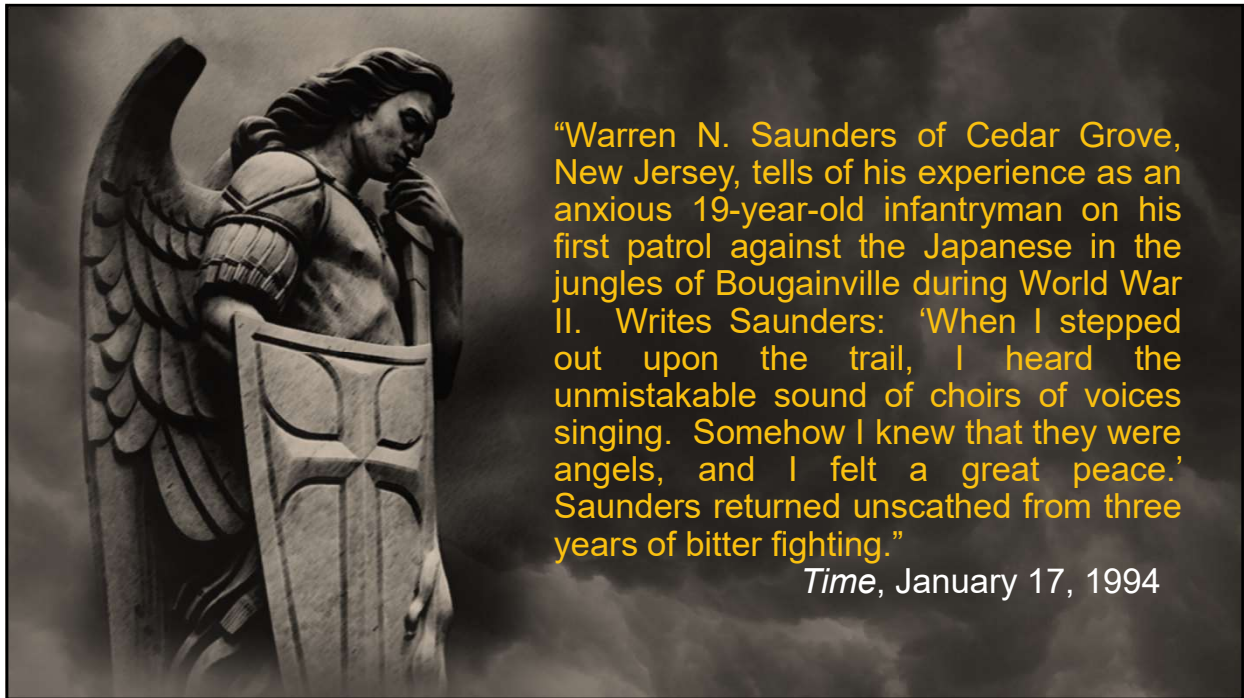




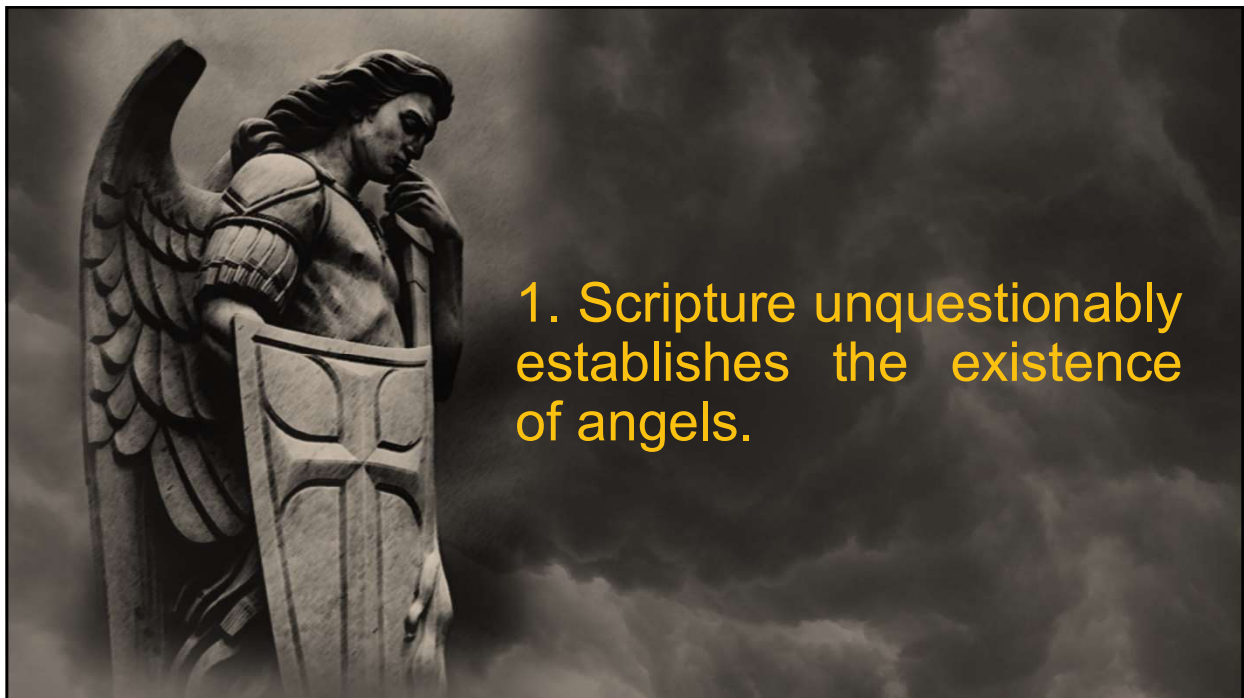
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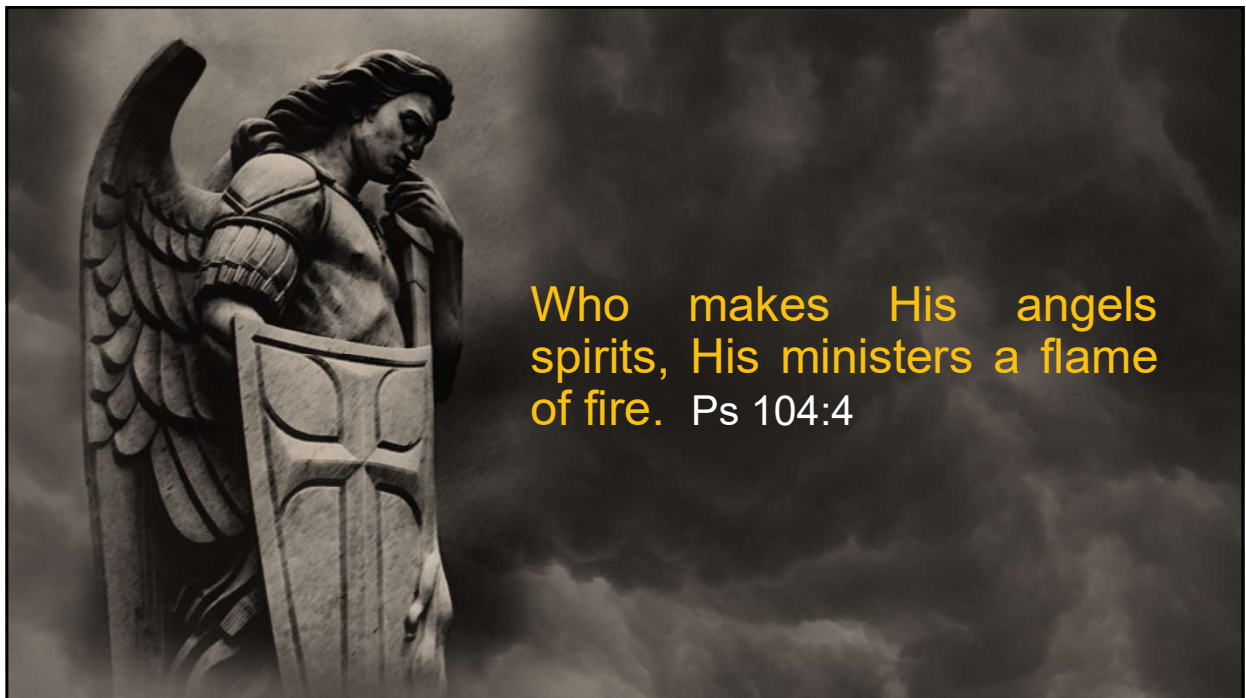


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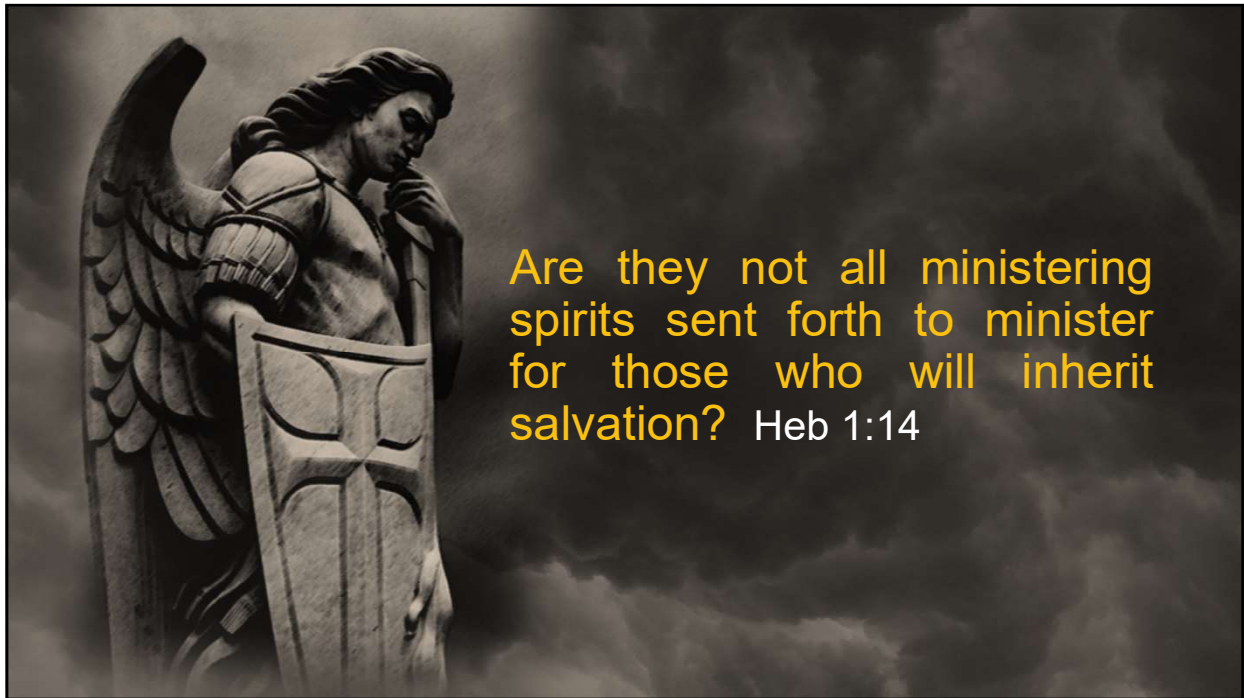
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Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire. Ps 104:4

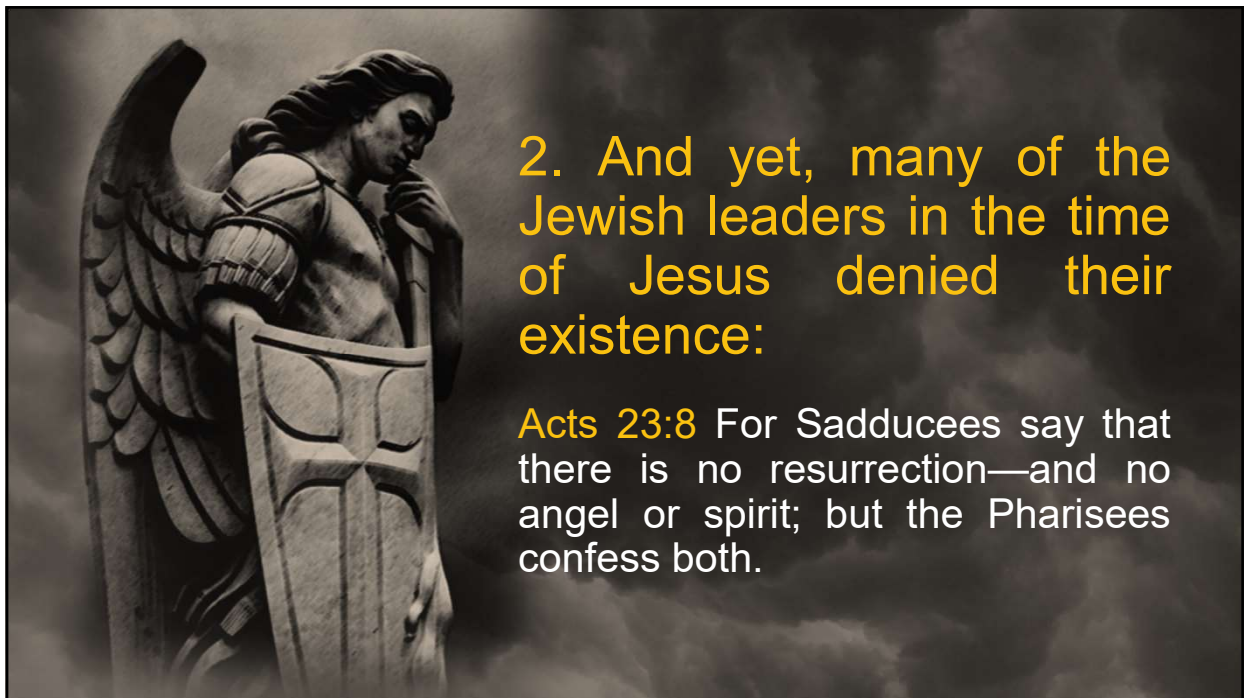
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Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Heb 1:14

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2. And yet, many of the Jewish leaders in the time of Jesus denied their existence:

**Acts 23:8** For Sadducees say that there is no resurrection—and no angel or spirit; but the Pharisees confess both.

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# Angels:

## God's secret agents

Lesson 1: Angels are real

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**If all of the references in Scripture to angels were removed, a large part of the Bible would disappear:**

- Angels communicated to Abraham – Gen 22:11
- Angels traveled to Sodom to rescue Lot – Gen 19:1
- Angels helped to deliver God's law to Moses – Gal 3:19
- Angels fed Elijah – 1 Kings 19:3-8
- Angels encouraged Elisha – 2 Kings 6:17
- Angels delivered Daniel and delivered answers to his prayers – Dan 6:22, 9:21
- Angels announced the birth of Jesus – Lk 2:8-14
- Angels ministered to Jesus – Matt 4:11
- Angels attended the resurrection of Jesus – Matt 28:2-7
- Angels carried Lazarus to heaven – Lk 16:22
- Angels rescued Peter from prison – Acts 12:7-10
- Angels delivered Paul in a shipwreck – Acts 27:23
- Angels will gather the believers at Jesus' return – Matt 24:31

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## Jesus believes angels exist:

**Mt 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.

**22:30** For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.

**24:31** And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

**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?

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## The angels ministered to Jesus:

**Mt 4:11** Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

**Lk 22:43** Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.

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## Why is there such ignorance about the existence and ministry of angels?

- Lack of teaching/preaching
- Scholasticism (Arguing over the trivial and whimsical aspects of theology)
- Roman Catholicism
- Paganism
- Rationalism
- Occultism

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## Two mistakes often made concerning angels:

- Denying them:

**Acts 23:8** For Sadducees say that there is no resurrection—and no angel or spirit;

- Worshipping them:

**Col 2:18** Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen,

**Rev 19:10, 22:8-9** And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! ... Worship God! ... Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that.

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### 3. How did angels come to be?

- They were created:

**Neh 9:6** You alone are the Lord; You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and everything on it, the seas and all that is in them, and You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You.

**Ps 148:2,5** Praise Him, all His angels; ... <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created.

**Ezk 28:15** You [Lucifer] were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.

**Mt 22:30** For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven [do not procreate]

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- They were created by Jesus:

**Eph 3:9** ... God who created all things through Jesus Christ;

**Col 1:15-17** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

**Rev 4:11** "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."

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## 4. When did angels come to be?

- Prior to the earth:

**Job 38:4-7** “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup> To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, <sup>7</sup> When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

- Prior to Adam: Satan was there in the garden of Eden

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## 5. How many angels are there?

- A multitude: Lk 2:13
- At least 12 legions (72,000-144,000): Mt 26:53
- More than the number of people: Mt 18:10
- Millions: Rev 5:11
- An innumerable number: Heb 12:22

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## Even though their numbers are great, their numbers are finite

**Rev 12:4** His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.

**Is 14:12-15** “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! <sup>13</sup> For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ <sup>15</sup> Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit.

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**Mt 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:

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