

What is an “angel”?

ἄγγελος – messenger

Can refer to people

Messengers from people (John) Luke 7:24

Messengers from Jesus Luke 9:52

Messengers from God Luke 7:27



Specific spiritual beings

An angel is a ministering spirit under the command of God, created and sent by God to protect and watch over God's children.

Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? (Hebrews 1:14)

What about demons?

A DEMON is a fallen angel, who served under the command of Lucifer (meaning “Bearer of Light”). As a result of Lucifer's attempt to overthrow the Lord in heaven, Michael and his angels fought against Lucifer and his angels, resulting in Lucifer being cast out of heaven with his fallen angels to the earth.

❖ *Revelation 12:7ff*

❖ *[Jesus] replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Luke 10:18*

❖ *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:12)*

❖ *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. (1 Peter 5:8)*



The good angels are many and powerful. They serve God and help us.

The evil angels are also many and powerful. They hate God and seek to destroy everything that is good, especially faith in Christ.

*Lucifer (Satan / The Devil) is NOT equal to God.
God has no equal.*

How can you tell the difference between an angel and a demon?

Demons bring fear. Angels say “Do not fear”.

How do you deal with a demon?

PRAY

CALL on Jesus. Don't try to handle it yourself. You do not have authority, but demons must listen to Jesus.

This Advent, we are going to explore some of the roles of angels in the Christmas events, in the scriptures, and in our lives.

Angels as:

Messenger – Luke 1:26-38

Judgement – Luke 1:6-25

Protector – Matthew 2:13-23

Proclaimer – Luke 2:8-14

Messenger – Luke 1:26-38

“This is going to happen”

“What if Mary refused?” – Gabriel doesn’t ask, he tells

In the Old Testament, God often speaks to His people directly, as “the Angel of the Lord” or through prophets.

Angels as messenger in the OT and Revelation:

Zechariah 1, 2

⁸I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. ⁹But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!” Revelation 22

Satan is a “false messenger”

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44

How can we tell a false messenger from a true messenger?

And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. ¹⁵It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve. II Corinthians 11:14-15

Acts 17:11

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. I John 4:1-3

How do God’s angels serve as messengers to you today?