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THE ANGELIC BEINGS

Angels (aggelos in Greek and malakh in Hebrews. Both terms means messenger, an order of created beings, superior to man, belonging to heaven and engaged in service of God. Angels are spiritual (spirit), supernatural, eternal, and celestial being with no material bodies but can assume the human form when necessary [Hebrews 1:14, Luke 24:4, Acts 10:3].

Angels of God are majestic and glorious beings [Psalm 148:2-5, Colossians 1:16]. They were created before the creation of the universe and before the creation of man [Job 38:7]. They are superior in power and strength than men [2 Peter 2:11]. Although they are endowed with superior intellect and wisdom [2 Samuel 14:17, 20], they are not omnipotent [Psalm 103:20] and not omniscient [1 Peter 1:21].

Like human beings, they were created with volition –freedom and capacity for making free will decision [Jude 6, Genesis 1:31]. The men are equal to them after resurrection to eternal life [Luke 20:34-]. They are to be judged by mature believers of the Church Age [1 Corinthians 6:3]. The elect angels of God in no way will speak or act contrary to God's will, purpose and God's Word [Galatians 1:8].

Angels are not sexual beings- therefore they do not marry. Angels appeared in human form but never appeared in sub-human form or in the form of animal [Acts 10:3, 30]. They always appeared as men, never as women or as children, never as infant and they have no wings [Genesis 18:2, 19:1, Hebrews 13:2, and Joshua 5:13, Judges 6:21-22].

They appeared fully clothed and never half-naked. There is no recorded appearance of angels in the Bible to unbelievers [Matthew 24:37-39]. In some occasion, they appeared with awesome appearance in clothing or countenance [Judges 13:6, Luke 24:4, Daniel 10:5-6, 18].

OTHER TERMS FOR ANGELS: SONS OF GOD [Job 38:7] – a phrase prior to angelic rebellion was applied generally to all angels of lower rank, but became exclusively designated for demons after the angelic revolt [Genesis 6:2-4, Job 1:6]. Angels of God are also called HEAVENLY BEINGS –referring to all ranks [Psalm 29:1, 89:61] or HOLY ONES [Psalm 89:5-7] or HEAVENLY HOSTS [Luke 2:13] or HOSTS OF ARMIES [1 Samuel 1:11] and HOLY MYRIADS [Jude 14].

They are called HOLY ANGELS or ANGELS OF GOD [Luke 9:26, 12:8] or GOD'S ANGELS [Hebrews 1:6, Psalm 103:20] and others.

DISTRIBUTION OF WORK: Some angels announced beforehand the birth of some of God's select servants [Genesis 18:9-, Judges 13:2-24, Luke 1:13 and 2:8-15]. Certain angels on some occasions forewarned the righteous of imminent danger or threatening disaster, destruction or calamity [Genesis 18:16-19, Matthew 2:13, Daniel 8:1.

Certain angels guided and instructed some righteous believers when the Canon of the Scripture was completed [Acts 7:38, 8:26, Galatians 3:19]. Certain angels' interpreted dreams and visions for some select servants of God [Zechariah 1:9, Daniel 7:16, Revelation 17:7]. Angels destroyed the enemies of God's people and in some occasion defended them [Exodus 12:23, 29].

Angels are sentry guards over believers, client nation and local spiritual churches [Psalm 34:7, 91:11, Matthew 18:10]. They are watchers over the universal Church of Christ [Revelation 1:20]. They are the ministering Spirits to the Church Age believers under the undeserved sufferings.

They assist in the divine judgment of unbelievers and divine discipline of the carnal and reversionistic believers [Rev. 18; 1, Mark 13:27]. They praise God continually in the past, present, and future [Revelation 19:1-3].