

Christian Beliefs Week 7: Teaching

Ch 6: What are Angels, Satan, and Demons?

- **God created everything in the physical and spiritual realms.** Nehemiah 9:6
- **Angel:** Hebrews 1:14, 1 Corinthians 6:3, Psalms 103:20, Hebrews 2:7, Daniel 10:13; Revelation 12:7-8; 20:1-3, Job 1:6; 2:1, Psalms 89:5,7, Hebrews 1:14, Daniel 4:13,17,23, Colossians 1:16, Psalms 91:11, Hebrews 12:22, Revelation 5:11-12, Psalms 103:20, Hebrews 2:16, Hebrews 13:2, Zechariah 1:10-11, Luke 15:10, 1 Peter 1:12.
 - **There are three other kinds of heavenly beings.**
 1. Cherubim: Psalms 18:10; Ezekiel 10:1-22
 2. Seraphim: Isaiah 6:2-7.
 3. The Living Creatures: Ezekiel 1:5-14; Revelation 4:6-8.
 - **There is rank and order among angels.** Jude 9, Daniel 10:13, Revelation 12:7-8, 1 Thessalonians 4:16, Daniel 8:16, 9:21, Luke 1:19, 26-27, Luke 1:26, Deuteronomy 33:2, Psalms 68:17, Hebrews 12:22 Revelation 5:11.
 - **Do people have individual guardian angels?** Psalms 91:11-12, Matthew 18:10
 - **Who is the Angel of the Lord?** Genesis 16:13, Genesis 22:12, Genesis 31:11, Exodus 2:2,6).
 - **When were angels created?** Genesis 2:1, Exodus 20:11, Matthew 22:30
 - **Beware of receiving false doctrine from angels.** Galatians 1:8, 2 Corinthians 11:14).
 - **Can angels appear today?** Galatians 1:8

- **Demon:** 2 Peter 2:4, 2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6, Isaiah 14:12-15, Ezekiel 28:11-19
 - **How do demons work?** Galatians 4:8
 - **There have been differing stages of demonic activity in the history of redemption:** Deuteronomy 32:16-17, Psalms 106:35-37, 1 Corinthians 10:20, Mark 1:27, Matthew 12:28-29, Matthew 10:8, Acts 8:7; 16:18; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9, 1 John 3:8).

- **Satan:** Luke 10:18, Matthew 4:1, Genesis 3:1, Matthew 10:25, Ephesians 2:2, Matthew 13:19, 1 John 3:8, 2 Corinthians 4:4). James 1:4, Revelation 20:10
 - **We need to emphasize to believers not to sin but to live lives of righteousness.** 1 John 3:8, 1 John 3:10, 1 John 5:19, Revelation 12:9, John 14:30, 2 Corinthians 4:4, Ephesians 2:2
 - **Nowhere in the NT do they:**
 - **We still need to resist the devil (1 Peter 5:9) and give him no opportunity.** *What might that look like?* 2 Corinthians 10:4, 1 John 4:4, 2 Timothy 1:7, Ephesians 6:16
 - **Why does God want us to speak directly to demons rather than just praying and asking God to drive them away?** Matthew 12:28; Luke 11:20

- **Can a Christian be demon-possessed?** Romans 6:14, Luke 4:2; 2 Corinthians 12:7; Ephesians 6:12; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8

- **Demonic influence can be recognized:** Hebrews 2:14, Colossians 2:15

Discuss:

- How are angels like us? How are they different?
- What is the primary role of angels in the world today?
- What difference would it make in your attitude in worship if you consciously thought about being in the presence of angels when you were singing? What about realizing there could be hundreds of angels observing your good and bad choices?
- What is the primary role of demons in the world today?
- What does the Bible tell us about Satan?
- Who is responsible for the evil in the world?
- How should we handle attacks from Satan and his demons?
- What new insights have you gained about the spiritual realm today?
- Personal reflection: Are there any areas of sin in your own life now that might give a foothold to some demonic activity?