

Angels & Demons

Lesson 2: What do angels do?

Review Lesson 1: What are the basics about who angels are? Why does it matter?

Introduction: Would you ever take a job without knowing the job description? Why or why not? Why are job descriptions helpful? Can they ever be a hinderance?

What did angels do in the past?

1. Angels have important ministry to carry out. Read Job 38:7, Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 7:12. What is the first way they serve their God?
2. The word "angel" (ἄγγελος) means _____.
3. Skim Luke 1:17-35, Matthew 1:20, Matthew 2:13, Matthew 2:19, Matthew 28:6. What was the primary God used his angels for?
4. Should we expect God to deliver messages by angel today? How does God get his message delivered today?

What do angels do today?

5. Read the following passages and write down what God continues to use angels for:
 - a. Psalm 34:7
 - b. Psalm 91:11-12
 - c. Zechariah 1:12
 - d. Matthew 18:10
6. Which of the previous verses is the most comforting or interesting?
7. Look at the following passages and describe the positive or negative roles/outcomes for which God used angels:
 - a. Daniel 6:22
 - b. 2 Kings 6:15-17
 - c. Acts 8:26
 - d. Acts 10:1-8
 - e. Luke 1:20
 - f. Acts 12:23
 - g. Acts 12
8. Comment on this statement from Prof. Schuetze, *"Sometimes we concentrate on the troubles that plague us—the sudden accident, the serious illness, the unexpected expense. If we could only see all those problems that don't afflict us—the accident we avoid, the sickness we are spared, the car that doesn't break down, the AC that doesn't need repair. God's angels are watching over us and may even spare us added expense."*

9. Agree/Disagree: God's angels primarily are concerned with protecting us from physical harm. (See 1 Corinthians 11:10, Luke 15:10)
10. When we go out with the gospel, the angels are with us as the invisible horsemen who ride alongside us and support us every step of the way. Let's read Daniel 10 and answer the following questions.
- a. What did the visitor do to comfort Daniel?
 - b. Describe the visitor's delay.
 - c. God peels back the curtain for Daniel and for us. What is he showing us here?
 - d. Spiritual warfare occurs every day. Describe four ways that this battle occurs each day.
 - e. Describe how you can avoid becoming a "casualty".
 - f. Read Ephesians 6:10-12. The Apostle Paul reveals to us the same truth that Daniel does. What implications does this passage and what we read in Daniel 10 this have for gospel ministry? For your everyday life? How does this lead you to give thanks to God for sending his angels to care for you?
 - g. Sometimes in a congregation there can be grumblings, negativity, and strife instead of unity, joy, and encouragement. Thinking about both Daniel 10 and Ephesians 6, why might be one reason those things happen?
 - i. When the crucial conversation needs to happen, how do these passages refocus God's people on what really matters?

What will God's angels do in the future?

11. Sometimes a dying person may comment that he or she can hear the angels sing (or see them). Read Luke 16:22. How does God use the angels at the end of someone's life? What comfort do you find in that?
12. Skim Matthew 24. What role will angels play at the end of time?