

**ANGELOLOGY**  
**THE DOCTRINE OF ANGELS**

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# THE DOCTRINE OF ANGELS

**Do angels really exist?** Yes, they are mentioned in 34 books of the Bible as well as numerous times in the teaching of Jesus (Matthew 26:53) and the Apostles (II Thessalonians 1:5-7). **Unknowingly**, you may even have **met some** (Hebrews 13:2).

**Our purpose** in studying the Doctrine of Angels is to know what the Bible teaches about the **angelic spirit world** and how it relates to **believers** in Jesus Christ.

Today, there are “**good**” as well as “**bad**” **angels**. Later in our study we will learn about Satan and demons --- the “**bad**” angels. **For now, let’s look at angels as God created them.**

## THEIR ORIGIN

**What** does Colossians 1:16 tell us about the **origin** of angels? \_\_\_\_\_

**How** was this accomplished? Psalm 148:1-6 \_\_\_\_\_

**When** did this happen? Job 38:1-7 \_\_\_\_\_

Angels were the first “**beings**” of God’s creation, most probably created on the first day of creation.

They were the heavenly **spectators** who “*sang & shouted for joy*” as the earth was formed & inhabited.

## THEIR NATURE

**What are angels like?** Angels are **personal beings**. They possess intelligence (I Peter 1:12a), express feelings or emotion (Luke 2:13-14) and are able to make choices (Jude 6). However, they are **distinct** from human beings.

Using the following Scripture verses, **list the differences** you find between angels and human beings.

- II Peter 2:10b-11 \_\_\_\_\_  
Angels are supernatural **celestial beings**. They have bodies and though not ordinarily seen have the ability to **become visible** (Luke 1:26-28; John 20:10-12). Read also Genesis chapters 18 and 19 for a further example of this truth. Daniel 10:4-6 and Matthew 28:1-4 describe the **beauty** of angels. Angels also have the ability to **move rapidly** (Daniel 9:20-23).
- Psalm 8:3-5 \_\_\_\_\_  
In God’s order of creation, angels are of a **higher** creation than man. Angels are greater than man in **knowledge** (II Samuel 14:20) though not omniscient (Matthew 24:36). They are greater in **strength** or **power** (II Peter 2:11) though not omnipotent (I Peter 3:22). Although, when compared to man angels are **superior beings**, they are never to be worshipped (Colossians 2:18-19; Revelation 22:8-9).
- Mark 12:25 \_\_\_\_\_  
Angels are a **heavenly “host”** (Psalm 103:20-21; Luke 2:13), an “**innumerable multitude**” (Revelation 5:11), “**legions**” (Matthew 26:53). They neither **pro-create** nor **die** (Luke 20:34-36) but since their creation have remained **numerically the same**.

“Angels constitute a **created Host** in distinction from a **Race**; each angel being a direct creation of God, not brought into being by propagation (successive production) as in the human family.”

The Study of Angelology by Alfred Thompson Eade – Fleming H. Revell Company

The word “angel” is always used in the **masculine gender**. This is also the same gender used when speaking of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in whom there is **no sexual distinction**.



## THEIR ORGANIZATION (RANKS – FUNCTIONS)

Joshua 5:13-15 speaks of the Angelic Host as “*the army of the Lord*” (Jehovah) with God’s Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, as its **Commander** or **Captain**. Here in Joshua 5:13-15 we are witnessing a “Theophany” - a **visible appearance** of the Son of God as the Commander of the Lord’s Army. Revelation 19:11-21 also reveals the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, as Commander of the “*armies of heaven*.” The following examples **illustrate** how the Lord’s Army is **organized** with **various ranks & functions**.

- Name the **rank** of angels mentioned in Genesis 3:24 \_\_\_\_\_  
These are **two winged angels** (Exodus 25:17-22) whose function is “to cover, guard, protect, and defend” (Genesis 3:24). This is illustrated in the Old Testament Tabernacle where the **likeness** of the **Cherubim** was woven into the curtains of separation which guarded the entrance into the Holy of Holies (Exodus 26:31-35) and were also a part of **the cover** for the chest or Ark of The Testimony (Exodus 25:17-22).  
One of the Cherubim, who was in Eden, the garden of God, is called an “**anointed cherub**” (Ezekiel 28:13-14). The word “**anointed**” would indicate **the chief** of the Cherubim. Isaiah 14:12 refers to this Cherub as the “*morning star*” which means the same as “**Lucifer**.”  
The “**Living Creatures**” mentioned in Ezekiel’s vision of the Shekinah Glory (the abiding /dwelling presence of the Lord), chapters 1 and 10, **are identical** with the **Cherubim**.
- What other **rank** of angels is found in Isaiah 6:6? \_\_\_\_\_  
These “**burning - purifying ones**” have **six wings**. Their function is to attend to the **worship** and **adoration** of God (Isaiah 6:1-4). See also Revelation 4:6-11 concerning the “*four living creatures*.”
- **Chief Princes** are mentioned in Daniel 10:13.  
**Michael**, meaning “who is like God”, is one of the “*chief princes*” (Daniel 10:13).  
According to Jude 9, what **rank** does the angel Michael hold? \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael is also the “**patron**” or **protector of Israel** (Daniel 10:21, 12:1). He is a **messenger of law** and **judgment**.

**Name** the angel mentioned in Luke 1:19, 26. \_\_\_\_\_  
This angel functions as a **messenger of mercy and promise**. He is also mentioned by name in Daniel 8:16 and 9:21. His name means, “**mighty one**.” Although there is no absolute proof, some consider Gabriel to also be a Chief Prince.

**Chief Princes** seem to have **authority** over other ranks of angels with governmental or ruling capacities (Ephesians 3:10). In Ephesians 1:21 and Colossians 1:16 these governmental or ruling capacities are **described** as ---

**Thrones** (Greek - *Thronos*) - A seat of authority. Colossians 1:16

**Authorities or Powers** (Greek - *Exousia*) - A spiritual potentate, authority; One who possesses authority. Ephesians 1:21, 3:10; Colossians 1:16

**Principalities or Rule** (Greek - *Arche*) - Those who exercise rule. The Territory (principality) of a reigning prince. Ephesians 1:21, 3:10; Colossians 1:16

**Dominions** (Greek - *Kuriotes*) - A Lordship, Power, or Dominion. Ephesians 1:21; Colossians 1:16

**Powers** (Greek - *Dunamis*) - Might, virtues. Ephesians 1:21; II Thessalonians 1:7



## THEIR MINISTRY

**What do angels do?** We have already referred to their ministry of praise and worship of God (Revelation 5:11-13). They are also God's **messengers / servants** (Psalm 104:4; Hebrews 1:7). For instance, "they **predicted** and **announced** the Lord's birth (Luke 1:26-33, 2:13), **protected** Him as a baby (Matthew 2:13), **strengthened** Him after His temptation (Matthew 4:11) and in Gethsemane (Luke 22:43), **rolled away** the stone from the tomb and **announced** His resurrection (Matthew 28:2, 6)."

Charles C. Ryrie, A Survey of Bible Doctrine, page 91

William Evans makes an interesting observation about angels in his book, "The Great Doctrines of The Bible." On page 168 he says, "that the task of **imparting truth** concerning spiritual matters has been committed to the **Holy Spirit** whereas **physical** or **material matters** have been committed to **angels**, e. g., releasing chains from Peter and opening prison doors (Acts 12:6-10).

**Angels relate to believers** as "*ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation*" (Hebrews 1:14). From the following Scripture verses, **list** the particular **ways** that angels help believers.

- Matthew 18:10 They act as \_\_\_\_\_
- Psalm 91:11 They \_\_\_\_\_
- Acts 27:23-24 They \_\_\_\_\_
- Psalm 34:7 They \_\_\_\_\_

One story about angels which seems to be **authentic** has to do with the well-known missionary to the New Hebrides, **John G. Paton**.

Since he had aroused the **enmity** of the local native chief by his successes in the Gospel, the chief hired a man **to kill** the missionary. The man went to the missionary's house, but instead of murdering Paton he returned in terror saying he had seen **a row of men**, dressed in white, surrounding the missionary's home. The chief thought the man had drunk too much whiskey and encouraged him to try again. The next time others of the tribe accompanied him. That night they all saw **three rows of men** surrounding Paton's home.

"When the chief asked the missionary where he kept the men in the daytime who surrounded his house at night, Paton knowing nothing of what happened, disclaimed the whole idea. When the chief, in amazement, told his story, the missionary realized the natives had seen **an angelic company** which God had sent to **protect him**, and he related it to Psalm 34:7; '*The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him (God), and he delivers them.*' The savages were powerfully impressed with the missionary's explanation, as well they might be."

Paul E. Little – Know What You Believe, page 106-107

- Luke 16:22 At death, angels \_\_\_\_\_

**Angels relate to unbelievers** as instruments of **judgment**.

They **announce** God's impending judgments (Revelation 14:6-11) as well as **carry out** His judgments (Revelation 8:6-19; 16:1-21).

At the **end of the age** they **reap** or **harvest** the earth (Matthew 13:36-43; Revelation 14:14-20).

# THE ANGELIC REBELLION

Sometime between the original creation of Genesis chapter one and the temptation of Adam and Eve in chapter three, an angelic rebellion occurred under the leadership of **Lucifer** (morning star), the Anointed Cherub, now called **Satan** or the **Devil**. The multitude of angels who followed Lucifer are now called **demons** or the **Devil's angels** (Matthew 25:41). Some interpret Revelation 12:4 to mean that the "*third of he stars*" refers to the **number** of angels that sinned, i.e., **one-third of the total number of angels**.

## ITS CAUSE

According to Isaiah 14:12-14 and Ezekiel 28:17, ---

- What **caused** Lucifer to rebel? \_\_\_\_\_
- What was his **immediate** punishment? \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** The Prophet Isaiah **compares** Lucifer's rebellion to **the fall** of the Babylonian Empire (Isaiah 13:1 – 14:23) and Ezekiel to **the fall** of the King of Tyre (Ezekiel 28:1-19).

**Note:** From the creation until now, one of the many **deceptions** Satan or the Devil uses to lure people away from God is **this prideful fantasy** of becoming "*like the Most High*" (Isaiah 14:14).

\* **With Adam and Eve:** "*For God knows that when you eat of it (the tree of the knowledge of good and evil) your eyes will be opened, and you will **be like God**, knowing good and evil.*"  
Genesis 3:5

\* **In Eastern Religions**, such as Hinduism: Through a series of **reincarnations** a person is promised that he can **become a god**.

\* **In Mormonism:** "As man now is, God once was; as God now is, **man may be.**"

Stated by Lorenzo Snow, former President and Prophet (so called) of the Mormon Church of The Latter Day Saints.

II Peter 2:4 speaks about "*angels that sinned.*" According to Jude 6, ---

- What was their **sin**? \_\_\_\_\_
- What was their **punishment**? \_\_\_\_\_

## ITS EFFECT

Today, there seems to be **three categories** of fallen angels or demons.

- **Permanently Confined Demons**

Those **already held** in Tartarus in "*everlasting chains*" for the **final judgment**. II Peter 2:4; Jude 6

- **Temporarily Confined Demons**

Those **temporarily confined** in the Abyss but who will have an **active role** in the time of the **Great Tribulation**. Revelation 9:1-11, 16:13-14

**Note:** It is possible that Tartarus and the Abyss are **one and the same place** with two categories of imprisoned demons - the **permanently** confined and the **temporarily** confined.

**Note:** Satan or the Devil is "*the angel of the Abyss*" and "*king over them*" who are imprisoned in the Abyss. Revelation 9:11



- **Active Demons**

Those spiritual powers which exercise **satanic authority** over this world in its present condition of **spiritual darkness** and **alienation** from God. A spiritual force or host of evil in the “**heavenly realms**” - the “first heaven, or the earth’s atmosphere. Ephesians 6:12

## THEIR ORGANIZATION

Fallen angels or demons are also **organized** with various **ranks** and **functions**.

**SATAN** (enemy or adversary - I Peter 5:8) is the **head** of this **evil organization**.

- **What Are His Titles?**

In Matthew 12:22-24 \_\_\_\_\_  
This title (Beelzebub), refers to Satan as the **chief ruler** or **prince** of demons.

In John 12:31 \_\_\_\_\_  
This title seems to refer to Satan’s influence over **world governments** (Matthew 4:8-9).

In II Corinthians 4:4 \_\_\_\_\_  
The word “age” means, “a period of time marked off or bounded by **certain spiritual** or **moral characteristics**.” Here, “age” most probably refers to the time from the **angelic rebellion** until the **final judgment** in Revelation 20:7-15.

In Ephesians 2:2 \_\_\_\_\_  
This title refers to a ruler who exercises power or authority in the **sphere** of the **inhabited world**. Satan, the enemy or adversary, rules over that **world - age - kingdom** whose subjects **oppose God** and are **spiritually separated from Him**.

- **By What Other Names or Titles Is Satan Known?**

In Matthew 4:1 \_\_\_\_\_ (accuser, slanderer)  
In Matthew 4:3 \_\_\_\_\_ (incites to sin)  
In Matthew 13:19 \_\_\_\_\_ (cruel, tyrannical)  
In John 8:44 \_\_\_\_\_ (a manslayer)  
In II Corinthians 6:15 \_\_\_\_\_ (lawless, wicked one)  
In Revelation 9:11 The \_\_\_\_\_ (bottomless pit)  
whose name is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (destroyer)

- **How Is Satan Represented or Pictured?**

In II Corinthians 11:14 - As an \_\_\_\_\_  
In Revelation 12:3-4 ---- As a \_\_\_\_\_  
In Revelation 12:9 ----- As a \_\_\_\_\_ (crookedness, deceitfulness)

**DEMONS** are the spiritual forces **ranked** under Satan, their prince. Some translations of the Bible refer to them as “**unclean**” **spirits**. In Ephesians 6:12 their ranks / functions are **described as**:

- **Rulers** (*Arche* in Greek) - The area or territory (principality) of a **reigning prince**. Daniel 10:13, 20
- **Authorities** (*Exousia* in Greek) - A spiritual **potentate**, a **monarch**.



- **Powers** (*Kosmokrator* in Greek) - **Spirit powers** who exercise **satanic authority** over the world in its present condition of **spiritual darkness** and **alienation** from God.
- **Spiritual Forces** (*Pneumatikos* in Greek) - **Spiritual forces** or “hosts” of evil in the **heavenly realms** - the “first” heaven, the earth’s atmosphere.

## THEIR ACTIVITIES

Genesis 3:13 records the **first** activity of Satan on earth. **What was it?** \_\_\_\_\_

Revelation 20:7-10 records Satan’s **last** earthly activity. **What was it?** \_\_\_\_\_

In I Timothy 4:1, what **word** describes the **activity** of demonic spirits? \_\_\_\_\_

### In Relation To Unbelievers

*“The god of this age has **blinded** (a smokescreen) the minds of **unbelievers**, so that they **cannot see the light** of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God” (II Corinthians 4:4).*

Using II Thessalonians 2:9-10a, **write down** those things that Satan uses to cause **spiritual darkness**.

*“all kinds of counterfeit \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_;  
and every sort of \_\_\_\_\_.”*

**The following are illustrations of satanic counterfeits and deceptions.**

- **Idolatry**

Idols or images are **man made counterfeit gods**. They have **no life or functional powers** (Isaiah 44:9-20) yet, **they are attributed to have those powers which belong to God alone**.

Idols or images are a “front” for **demons**. Those who venerate or worship them are in fact **worshiping demons rather than God** (Deuteronomy 32:16-18; I Corinthians 10:19-20; Revelation 9:20).

- **Magical Arts**

**Occult practices**, such as those mentioned in Deuteronomy 18:9-14, **are satanic deceptions**.

**Note the examples of this ---**

In Acts 8:9-11 - **Through magical powers** Simon the Sorcerer, rather than God, **was accepted** as “the divine power”, “the Great Power.”

In Acts 13:6-12 - Bar-Jesus or Elymas **perverted** the ways of the Lord. The **magical arts** which he possessed were used to **turn people away from the faith** rather than **to faith** in the Lord.

In Acts 16:16-18 – The fortune-telling slave girl had an **evil spirit** by which she **predicted** the future.

- **False Teaching**

**One form** of false teaching is “**tradition**”, that tradition which **opposes** the Word of God.

In Mark 7:7b-8, Jesus said that what traditionalists teach “*are but **rules taught by men.**”* They “*let go of the **commands of God** and are **holding on to the traditions of men.**”*

This form of false teaching is a **satanic counterfeit** which **substitutes “tradition” for the Word of God**. The Roman Catholic Church is **an example** of this form of **false teaching**.

A **second form** of false teaching is **deception**. In Genesis 2:16-17, God had said to Adam and Eve

*“You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you **must not eat** from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it **you will surely die**. ”*

Now, notice in Genesis 3:1-5 **how the serpent** (Satan / Devil) **deceived Eve**.

**First**, by **questioning** God’s Word/authority - “*Did God **really say** you must not eat from the tree?*”

**Second**, by **denying** God’s Word - “*You **will not** surely die.*”

**Third**, by **inserting** his own words and thus **adding to** God’s Word - “*When you eat of it your eyes will be **opened**, and you **will be like God**, knowing good and evil.*”

### In Relation To Believers

In relation to believers, the objective of satanic or demonic activity is **two-fold**. It is to **oppose** the believer so as to make his ministry **ineffective** and to cause a ruined spiritual life which **disqualifies** him from serving God. I Corinthians 9:24-27

In the following verses, **how** is Satan or the devil **pictured in relation to believers**?

- II Corinthians 2:11 --- As one who is able to \_\_\_\_\_` (To get an advantage over us)
- II Corinthians 11:3 --- As one who is \_\_\_\_\_ and who is able to \_\_\_\_\_
- II Corinthians 11:14 – As one who \_\_\_\_\_
- Ephesians 6:11b ----- As a \_\_\_\_\_
- I Peter 5:8 ----- As our \_\_\_\_\_ (advocate) and as one who \_\_\_\_\_

The above verses show us what Satan is in **relation** to believers, but how does he **actually oppose a believer**? Let us look at **three means** of satanic opposition.

- **Hindrances**

*“But, brothers, when we were torn away from you for a short time (in person, not in thought), out of our intense longing we made every effort to see you. For we wanted to come to you - certainly I, Paul, did, again and again - but **Satan stopped** (hindered) **us**. ”* I Thessalonians 2:17-18

The word “stopped” or “hindered” (Greek - *enkopto*) means, “To cut into.” It was used of **breaking up** a road, or placing **an obstacle** sharply in the path. As applied in the above Scripture, **Satan** did something that **hindered** the Apostle Paul from returning to Thessalonica. We read about this **Satan inspired obstacle** in Acts 17:1-9.

- **Physical Sufferings**

**The event:** “*Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They **stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead**. But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city.*” Acts 14:19-20a

**The effect:** “*We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the **hardships** we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under **great pressure**, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we **despaired** even of life. Indeed, in our hearts we **felt the sentence of death**.*” II Corinthians 1:8-9a



- **Temptations**

The devil is **the tempter**. Matthew 4:1; I Thessalonians 3:5

*"When tempted, no one should say, 'God is tempting me.' For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does **he tempt anyone**."* James 1:13

In temptation, the devil **appeals** to the natural desires of the believer & **exploits** his most **vulnerable** or **weakest parts**.

*"Each one is tempted when, **by his own evil desire**, he is dragged away and **enticed**. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to **sin**; and sin, when it is full grown, gives birth to **death**."*

James 1:14-15

In temptation, the devil's desire is to **captivate the believer**.

*"And that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap (snare) of the devil, who has **taken them captive to do his will**."* II Timothy 2:26

## **The Believer's Defense**

- **Watch And Pray**

*"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."* Matthew 26:41

In this verse, "watch" means "To be **spiritually alert**." It is the **believer's responsibility** to watch and pray so as to not give the devil an **opportunity** or **foothold in his life**. Ephesians 4:27

We are told to pray - *"Lead us not into temptation (do not allow us to be led into temptation), but deliver us from the evil one."* Matthew 6:13

- **Resist**

*"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."* James 4:7b

The word "resist" means "To **withstand**; To **stand against**."

*"Resist him, standing firm in the faith."* I Peter 5:9a

Believers are to stand firm on the **Word of God**. They are to follow Christ's **example** of **resistance** through use of the **Word of God** as seen in Matthew 4:4, 7, 10.

- **Christ's Intercession**

*"Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have **prayed for you** that your faith may not fail."*

Luke 22:31-32

*"**My prayer** is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one."* John 17:15

*"Therefore, since we **have a great high priest** --- Jesus the Son of God, --- let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive **mercy** and **grace** to help us in our **time of need**."* Hebrews 4:14, 16

## **Demon Possession**

The **following outline** is from "Prepare For Battle" by the Philippine Sunday School Publications Teacher's Manual - page 59.

Demon possession **can be defined as** --- a demon (s) **residing** in a person, **exerting direct control** and **influence** over that person, with certain **derangement** on mind / or body.

Because demon possession causes a person to lose **the capacity to control his behavior**, it is often mistaken as **mental illness**. However, there are **basic differences** between **mental illness** and **demon possession**.



- **There Is A Different Cause**

A demon possessed person shows a **behavior** pattern which **distinguishes his problem** from ordinary mental illness.

**Natural mental illness** is the result of some **malfunction** of the brain or some **psychological disturbance** which can be traced to the past experience of the patient.

**Demon possession** is the result of **direct demonic control** in the life of a person. **The Scripture declares** that a demon (s), in a demon-possessed or demon-controlled person, can **rob** that person of his **speech** (Mark 9:17) as well as **speak** through that person (Matthew 8:29). **Demons** are able to cause **blindness** (Matthew 12:22), **convulsions** (Mark 9:20), **screaming** (Luke 9:39), **violent actions** (Matthew 8:29), and provide **supernatural strength** (Mark 5:2-4) in a possessed person. Demons are able to **drive --- impel** or urge on --- the possessed (Luke 8:29), to **seize** and **cast** them to the ground (Mark 9:18), to cause them to **cut** themselves (Mark 5:5) and to go about **naked** (Luke 8:26-27).

- **There Is A Difference In The Manner of Cure**

Natural mental illness **may respond** to psychiatric treatment and counseling. **Demon possession will not.** Demons must be “**exorcised**”, **commanded** to come out, **driven** or **cast out** in the Name and power of Jesus Christ. Matthew 17:14-19; Mark 9:25-26a; Acts 16:16-18

It is interesting to note how Mark **describes** the boy out of whom a demon was cast. “*The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, ‘He’s dead.’*”

A person who is **delivered** from demon possession must be ready **to refuse to allow** evil spirits back into his body. They **cannot re-enter** unless the person **allows them**. **If** the person keeps his life **open to Christ**, who has delivered him, the demons will **never have power over him again**. See Matthew 12:43-45

- **What About Believers In Jesus Christ?**

**Can believers in Jesus Christ be possessed by demons?** I believe Paul Little has the **correct scriptural view**.

“Despite the great power of Satan and his demons, a Christian **need not fear them IF** he is in **close fellowship** with the Lord. **The Holy Spirit’s presence** in the Christian is a **reality** and **insures** their safety.” “Know What You Believe”, page 110

*“The one who is in you is **greater** than the one who is in the world.”* I John 4:4

*“**Jesus Christ** - has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand - with angels, authorities and powers in **submission to him**.”* I Peter 3:22

## THE DESTINY OF ANGELS

- **Satan And His Angels / Demons**

What **eventually happens** to the “**bad**” **angels** - those who rebelled against God? Hell or the Lake of Fire is the **eternal prison** for the devil and his angels / demons. Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:10

- **The “Good” Angels**

In Revelation 5:11-14, the Apostle John gives us this heavenly view of the throne of God and the Lamb of God and the **eternal ministry** of the “**good**” **angels**.

*Then I looked and heard the voice of many **angels**, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang:*

*“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise.”*

*“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever!”*