Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church

Wednesday “Brown-Bag” Bible Study

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Session # 1 Angels in the Bible

1. Angels appear in the Bible from the beginning to the end, from the Book of Genesis to the Book of Revelation.
2. The Bible is our best source of knowledge about angels - for example, Psalm 91:11, Matthew 18:10 (see #4.
3. Angels announce the birth of Jesus to the shepherds (Luke 2:14), minister to Christ after his temptation in the desert ([Matthew](http://biblescripture.net/Matthew.html) 4:11), comfort Jesus in his agony in the garden ([Luke](http://biblescripture.net/Luke.html) 22:43), and proclaim his resurrection from the dead ([John](http://biblescripture.net/John.html) 20:12).
4. Jesus Christ stated the angels of little ones continually behold the face of the Father (Matthew 18:10): this passage has been traditionally cited as biblical evidence of Guardian Angels.
5. Angels will come with Christ on the Day of Judgement (Matthew 24:31), and the angels will separate the wicked from the just on the Last Day (Matthew 13:49), although they do not know the day of Judgement ([Mark](http://biblescripture.net/Mark.html) 13:32).
6. God sent an angel to free the Apostle Peter after he was jailed by King Herod ([Acts](http://biblescripture.net/Acts.html) 12:7-11)
7. The Greek word ἄγγελος or "angelos" (AN-JELL-LOSS) means messenger.
8. Angels are purely spiritual beings that do God's will ([Psalm](http://biblescripture.net/Psalms.html) 103:20, Matthew 26:53).
	1. God stationed cherubim to protect the Garden of Eden after the fall of Adam and Eve in [Genesis](http://biblescripture.net/Genesis.html) 3:24.
	2. An angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in [Exodus](http://biblescripture.net/Exodus.html) 3:2 to lead the Israelites from captivity in Egypt to the Promised Land.
	3. God sent an angel to punish King David and the Israelites, but stopped the angel from destroying Jerusalem after King David repented and offered sacrifice to the Lord in [2 Samuel](http://biblescripture.net/2Samuel.html) 24.
	4. When Elijah fled Jezebel after his triumph on Mount Carmel, an angel brought him food, giving him strength to meet the Lord on Mount Horeb in [1 Kings](http://biblescripture.net/1Kings.html) 19.
	5. An angel restored the high priest Joshua in [Zechariah](http://biblescripture.net/Zechariah.html) 3:1-7.
	6. Sometimes angels take human form, as seen in the men who appeared to Abraham and Lot in Genesis 18-19.
9. Michael as one of the leading angels is considered "Prince" of the heavenly hosts, and appears three times in the Book of [Daniel](http://biblescripture.net/Daniel.html) (10:13, 10:21, and 12:1).
	1. He is the only one in the Bible referred to as an Archangel ([Jude](http://biblescripture.net/Jude.html) 1:9), and serves a major role in Chapter 12 of the Book of [Revelation](http://biblescripture.net/Revelation.html).
10. The angel Gabriel first appears twice to Daniel (Daniel 8:16 and 9:21), but is best known for the Annunciation to Mary that she would be the Mother of Jesus, the Son of God (Luke 1:26-38).

**The Fall of Adam and Eve**

"The Lord God therefore banished him from the garden of Eden,
to till the ground from which he had been taken.
When he expelled the man, he settled him east of the garden of Eden;
and he stationed the cherubim and the fiery revolving sword,
to guard the way to the tree of life."

***Genesis 3:23-24***

**The Three Angels Appear to Abraham**

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day.
He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men stood in front of him.
When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the earth, and said,
"My lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant."

Genesis 18:1-3

**Jacob's Ladder Vision**

"And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.
And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set.
And he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.
And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven;
and behold the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!"

Genesis 28:10-12

**God Sends an Angel to Lead Moses**

"Behold, I send an angel before you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place which I have prepared.
Give heed to him and hearken to his voice, do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgression; for my name is in him.
But if you hearken attentively to his voice and do all that I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.

Exodus 23:20-22

**The Book of Psalms**

"The angel of the Lord, who encamps with them, delivers all who fear God."

Psalm 34:8

"For God commands the angels to guard you in all your ways.
With their hands they shall support you,
lest you strike your foot against a stone."

Psalm 91:11-12; Matthew 4:6

**Daniel in the Lion's Den**

"Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions.
When he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish and said to Daniel,
"O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"
Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not hurt me,
because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong."

Daniel 6:19-22

**An Angel Appears to Joseph**

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way.
When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit;
and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to send her away.
But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying,
"Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit;
she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:18-21

**The Angel Gabriel appears to Mary**

"In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth,
to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David,
and the virgin's name was Mary." And coming to her, he said,
"Hail, Full of Grace! The Lord is with you."

Luke 1:26-28

**An Angel Appears to the Shepherds**

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field,
keeping watch over their flock by night.
And an angel of the Lord appeared to them,
and the glory of the Lord shone around them,
and they were filled with fear.
And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid;
for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people;
for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
And this will be a sign for you:
you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."
And suddenly there was with the angel
a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

Luke 2:8-14

**The Resurrection of Jesus**

"But Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping.
And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there,
one at the head and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had been.
And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"
She said to them, "They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they laid him."
When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus.
Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

John 20:11-15

**The Angel Rescues Peter from Jail**

"The very night when Herod was about to bring him out, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers,
bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison;
and behold, an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell;
and he struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly."
And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals."
And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your mantle around you and follow me."
And he went out and followed him; he did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision.
When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city.
It opened to them of its own accord, and they went out and passed on through one street; and immediately the angel left him.

Acts of the Apostles 12:6-10

**Letter to the Hebrews**

"Let brotherly love continue.
Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,
for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

Hebrews 13:1-2

**The Book of Revelation**

"When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.
Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

Revelation 8:1-2

"Then war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled against the dragon.
The dragon and its angels fought back,
but they did not prevail and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.
The huge dragon, the ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan,
who deceived the whole world, was thrown down to earth,
and its angels were thrown down with it."

Revelation 12:7-9