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Angels, Demons, and Deliverance

Purpose: To understand who the angels of the Lord are, and how they minister to God and to man. To understand who demons are, and how they influence people today. To understand the difference between the Spirit of God and Satan, and how to have the victory in Christ.

Key Verse: For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) (2 Corinthians 10:3-4).

Angels

Angels were created to worship God, Nehemiah 9:6. Angels were created to serve God, Psalm 103:20

Angels are sent to:

Heal, John 5:3-4. Aid, Hebrews 1:14.

Protect, Psalm 34:7; 91:11.

Proclaim God's messages, Matthew 1:20-24.

Demons (fallen angels)

Lucifer, rebelled against God, Isaiah 14:12-15. Satan is the god of this world, 2 Corinthians 4:4. Demons are inferior to angels, Revelation 12:7-9.

Satan influences people through:

Deception, 2 Corinthians 4:4

Depression, Matthew 27:5

Oppression (this is often done by inflicting sickness and pain) Matthew 4:24

Obsession (evil imaginations, or thoughts contrary to an overcoming life in Christ)

2 Corinthians 10:3-6

Possession, Matthew 4:24

Testing the spirits

Testing the spirits by prayer. (1 John 4: 1-6) Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. 6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

Testing the spirits by the Word of God. (Galatians 1:6-9) I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any

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man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Deliverance Through Christ

Christ in the gospels delivered from demon oppression and possession. (Matthew 4:24) And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

Christ Gave His Power to the Church. (Mark 16:17) And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues

Spiritual Weapons Against Satan

The Blood of Jesus. "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb..." (Revelation 12:11).

The Name of Jesus. Jesus said, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils..." (Mark 16:17).

The Armour of God, Ephesians 6:10-18

Truth. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). Righteousness. "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

Gospel of Peace. Jesus is the Prince of Peace, Isaiah 9:6. The gospel of Christ is the gospel of peace and "...the power of God unto salvation..." (Romans 1:16). When your sins are washed away, there is peace between you and God.

Faith. "And Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour" (Matthew 15:28).

Salvation. "In humility correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil..." (2 Timothy 2:25-26, NKJV).

Word of God. "For the word of God is living, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword..." (Hebrews 4:12,NKJ). Matthew 4:1-11 describes Jesus being tempted by the devil. In each temptation Jesus said to Satan, "It is written."

Praying in the Spirit. "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (2 Corinthians 3:17).

Angels of the Lord. "The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them" (Psalm 34:7).

The Holy Ghost. "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world" (I John 4:4).