

ANGELS

WHAT ARE THEY LIKE?

Are These
Biblical Angels?



Angels like Scary “Men” Lk.24:4 & Dan. 10

- Dazzling clothing
- Body like a precious stone
- Face like lightning
- Eyes like torches
- Voice like the roar of a crowd
- “Fear not”—logical first words!

Angels like Normal “Men” Gen. 18-19

- Ate with Abraham & Lot
- Looked like handsome men
- Powerful (able to rescue Lot from the mob)
- Able to blind the men in the mob
- Obedient to God’s will to both evacuate Lot & destroy the cities

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- Experience of my friend Barb

Hebrews 1:14

- Ministering Spirits
- Serving those who are saved
- As spirits, they are not bound by physical bodies.
- We can't usually see them—unless God wants us to.
- They can disappear (Acts 12:10).

Other Ways They Differ from Us

- Not former humans—people who die do not become angels.
- “But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, . . . and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect” (Heb. 12:22-23).

Ways Angels Differ from Humans

- They do not reproduce.
- They do not die.
- Luke 20:35-36
- God created them before He created our physical world
- Job 38:7—They rejoiced at creation.

Other Personal Traits

- They have emotions (such as joy and compassion).
- They worship and praise God.
- They are quick to obey.
- They are able to encourage and strengthen believers.

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- They are intelligent and have been observing humanity as long as we've existed. Daniel calls them "watchers" (4:13, 17).
- Unfortunately, at one time about 1/3 of them had a will to rebel against God (Rev. 12).

Angels do have limits.

- They minister externally, while the Holy Spirit is internal.
- Each angel can be in only one place at a time (Dan. 10).
- They are not all-knowing (1 Pet.1:12).
- They can be hindered by evil spirits and need to help one another (Dan. 10).

Holy Angels can teach us much:

- Obey God instantly.
- Be watching His face to know His will.
- Be always praising and worshipping Him.
- Use power to serve others, not for selfish gain.