

What the Bible Tells us about Angels

I. The Existence of Angels

A.. The Bible assumes their existence.

1. _____ books (of 66 total) refer to angels.
2. _____ taught their existence (Matt.8:10; 24:31; 26:53 etc.).

B. The Bible describes their creation.

1. Angels were created by _____ (Ps.148:2,5; Col.1:16). Only God had no beginning (1 Tim.6:16).
2. Angels were created _____ the world and man ([Job 38:6,7](#)).
3. Angels were created _____ ([Ezek.28:15](#); [Jude 6](#)).

II. The Nature of Angels

A. Angels are personal beings.

1. They have _____ ([Matt.28:5](#); 1 Pet.1:12).
2. They have _____ ([Job 38:7](#); [Luke 2:13](#); 15:10)
3. They have _____ ([Jude 6](#)).

B. Angels are spirit beings.

1. They exist as _____ – not with material bodies ([Heb. 1:14](#)).
 - a. An angel can be in only _____ place at _____ time ([Dan.9:21-23](#); 10:10-14)
 - b. Although they are spirit beings, they can appear in the form of men (in dreams – [Matt.1:20](#); in natural sight with human functions – [Gen.18: 1-8](#); [22: 19:1](#); seen by some and not others – [2 Kings 6:15-17](#)).
2. They cannot _____ ([Mark 12:25](#)).
3. They do not _____ ([Luke 20:36](#)).

C. Angels have communicable attributes in a degree greater than man but less than God.

1. They have more _____ than man ([Matt.24:31](#); [Luke 1:13-16](#)) but less than God ([Matt.24:36](#)).

2. They have more _____ than man (2 Pet.2:11; acts 5:19) but less than God.

D. Angels are _____ and _____. One “archangel,” Michael is named ([Jude 9](#)). There are also “chief princes” (Dan.10:13), “seraphim” (Is.6:1-3) and “cherubim” (Gen.3:22-24).

III. The Ministries of Angels

A. They _____ God. Angels are continually involved in praising God (Rev.4:6-11) through describing His attributes (Is.6:3) and singing praises (Rev.5:8,9).

B. They _____ to Christ. Angels announced His birth ([Luke 1:26-33](#); 2:13), protected Him (Matt.2:13), strengthened Him (Matt.4:11; [Luke 22:43](#)), and explained to men His resurrection (Matt.28:6) and ascension ([Acts 1:10,11](#)).

C. They carry out God’s _____. Angels are God’s servants (Ps.103:20; Heb.1:7) and messengers ([Luke 1:19](#); 2:8-14). They can be involved in controlling nature (Rev.7:1; 16:3,8,9), nations ([2 Kings 19:35](#)), and Satan and demons (Dan.10:13,21; 12:1). They will perform future judgment for God (Matt.13:3a; Rev.15:1; 16:1-21).

D. They _____ God’s people. Angels are sent to serve believers (Heb.1:14). They protect the godly (Ps.34:7; Dan.6:20,23), oppose our enemies (Ps.35:4,5) and are specifically assigned as guardians of individuals (Matt.18:10). They are God’s agents in answering prayer ([Acts 12:7](#)) even bringing physical provisions (Gen.21:17-20; [1 Kings 19:5-7](#)).

E. They assist believers at _____ ([Luke 16:22](#); [Jude 9](#)).

What the Bible tells us about Satan

I. The Existence of Satan

A. Seven Old Testament books and every New Testament writer refer to Satan.

B. _____ referred to Satan (Matt.13:39; [Luke 10:18](#); 11:18).

II. The Personality and Names of Satan

A. Personality – He has intellect (2 Cor.11:3), emotions (Rev.12:17) and will (2 Tim.2:26).

B. NAMES APPLIED TO SATAN/LUCIFER

_____ (Job 1:6-9; Matt. 4:10) This title occurs 53 times in 47 verses in the Bible. The primary idea is 'adversary, one who withstands.'

The _____ (Matt. 4:1, 5, 9; Eph. 4:27; Rev. 12:9; 20:2) This is the Greek word *diabollos* which means "slanderer, defamer." This accentuates his goal and work to impugn the character of God.

The _____ (Rev. 12:9) This name for Satan looks back to Genesis 3 and the temptation in the Garden.

_____ (Isa. 14:12) The Hebrew word (KJV translation) is literally "the shining one." This name draws our attention to his pre-fall condition and to the nature of the cause of his fall - pride.

The _____ _____ (John 17:15; 1 John 5:9) The Greek *poneros* means "wicked, evil, bad, base, worthless, vicious, degenerate." It points to Satan's character as active and malignant.

The _____ (Rev. 12:7) The Greek word is *drakon* (as in draconian) and refers to a "hideous monster, a dragon, or large serpent." This word stresses the cruel, vicious, and blood thirsty character and power of Satan.

The _____ or _____ (John 12:31) The Greek literally means, "the ruler of this world system." This points to Satan as the head and energy behind the arrangements of things as they are in the world today.

The _____ of this _____ (2 Cor. 4:4) The fact Satan is called, the god of this world (Greek, *aionos*, "age, course") may emphasize Satan's rulership over this final period or economy which is so marked by a growing increase in apostasy, deception, and moral decay.

The _____ of the _____ of the _____ (Eph. 2:2a) This points to Satan as the head of the demonic hosts which includes all the fallen angelic beings who operate night and day in our immediate spiritual atmosphere-an atmosphere of demonic influence controlled by Satan.

The _____ of the Brethren (Rev. 12:10) The Greek word for "accuser" is *kathgor*, which refers to one who brings condemning accusations against others. In view of Job 1 and 2, this is also an attempt to malign the character of God and His plan. 2).

The _____ (Matt. 4:3; 1 Thess. 3:5) This title reveals him in another of his primary activities as seen from the very beginning with Eve in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3).

_____ (2 Cor 6:15) This name means "worthless" or "hopeless ruin." The epitome of worthlessness, hopeless ruin and the source of all idolatry and religion which is also hopeless or futile.

_____ (Matt. 12:24; Mark 3:22) Three possible spellings of this word each have a different meaning: (1) *Beelzebul* means "lord of the dung," a name of reproach. (2) *Beelzebub* means "lord of the flies." Either one of these are names of reproach and are names of uncleanness applied to Satan, the prince of the demons and uncleanness. (3) *Beelzeboul*, means, "the lord of the dwelling." This would identify Satan as the god of demon possession.

Abaddon, Apollyon (Rev 9:11) *Abaddon* is the Greek form and **Apollyon** is the Hebrew equivalent. These words mean 'destroyer,' 'destruction.' This title stresses his work of destruction; he works to destroy the glory of God and God's purpose with man. He further works to destroy societies and mankind.

The _____ of _____ (John 8:44) Using his network of deception through demonic forces and duped people, he promotes false doctrines in the name of God.

A _____ of _____ (2 Corinthians 11:14) One of his purposes is to make men as much like God as he can, but always without God. So, he will copy as much of God and His plan as he can, but he will always either distort, pervert, substitute or leave out those key ingredients of truth that are vital to the plan of salvation and sanctification through Christ.

III. The Nature of Satan

A. He is a _____ angelic being. He was created as part of the angelic realm (Eph.6:11,12; Ezek.24:18) and was the highest in rank of them all (Ezek.28:12-14).

B. He is an _____ of righteousness. He is a _____ ([John 8:44](#)), a _____ ([John 8:44](#)), and _____ (Rev.12:10) and our _____ (1 Pet.5:8).

C. He is a _____ creature. He is limited by God (Job.1:12). He is not God's equal ([1 John 4:4](#)). He is not omniscient, omnipotent or infinite in any way. Believers with God's help can resist him ([James 4:7](#)).

IV. The Fall of Satan

Key Passages – [Ezekiel 28](#); [Isaiah 14](#)

A. [Ezekiel 28:11-19](#) is a prophetic lamentation over the “King of Tyre” who is described in language that fits Satan's fall and not a mere human king. Satan is distinguished from the human ruler of Tyre in 28:2 (“prince/ruler”) and called a “king” in 28:12 (Not even Israel's rulers were called “King”). Though Tyre had a human “ruler”, Satan was the real “King” behind that wicked kingdom.

B. His attributes – Moral perfection (v.12) Sinless at his creation until his fall (v.15)

C. His appearance – Perfect in beauty (v.12b,13)

1. His privileges – Free access to the garden of Eden (v.12) and to God's holy mountain (= God's presence – v.14)

2. His rank – “Cherub” (vs.14,16)

3. His judgment –

a. Cast out of the mountain of God (v.16, cf. Rev12:4)

b. Cast to the ground (v.17)

c. Consumed by fire (v.18, cf. Rev.20:10)

D. [Isaiah 14:12-15](#) also seems to describe Satan's fall. Satan is manifest here by the king of Babylon. As in [Ezekiel 28](#), Satan is pictured here as the real “king” behind the wicked human kingdom of Babylon.

1. The imagery of a “star” and “falling from heaven” (v.12) suggests a supernatural fulfillment. “Stars” (v.12,13) are symbolic of the angelic realm elsewhere ([Job 38:6,7](#); Rev.12:4).

2. The five “I will's” of vss. 13 & 14 are literally true of Satan and only metaphorically true of Babylon's king. This ultimate form of pride (“I will be like the Most High” – v.14) fits the New Testament description of Satan's fall 1 Tim.3:6.

V. The Activity of Satan

Satan is seeking to _____ God's plan by promoting evil in every way possible.

A. _____ Activity – He works indirectly through the world (in which he has great freedom and power – [John 12:31](#); [1 John 5:19](#)) and the flesh (Gal.5:19-21). The world, the flesh and the devil are not three separate enemies of the Christian. Rather Satan works through the evil world system ([1 John 2:13-15](#)) to exploit the fleshly nature that still wars within us (Rom.7:18; Gal.5:19-21).

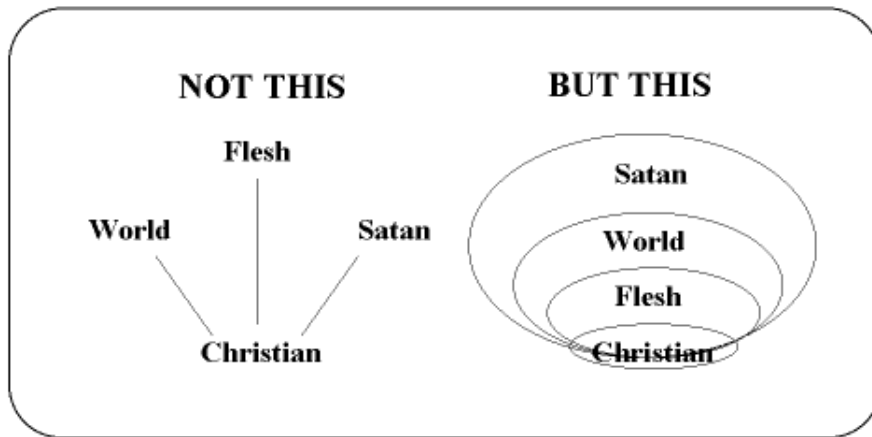


Diagram: Norm Geisler

B. _____ Activity – He works directly by deception, temptation, attack and possession.

1. In Christ's ministry

- a. He _____ Christ (Matt.4:1-11).
- b. He attempted to _____ Christ's work ([John 8:44](#); Matt.16:23; [Luke 22:31](#)).
- c. He _____ Judas to accomplish the betrayal ([John 13:27](#)).

2. In unbelievers

- a. He _____ their minds to hinder their understanding of the gospel (2 Cor.4:4).
- b. When the gospel is heard or understood, he tries to _____ its effect ([Luke 8:12](#)).
- c. He uses persecution (Rev.2:10) and false religions (Rev.2:13) to hinder the effect of the gospel.

3. In believers

- a. He _____ believers (to pride – 1 Chron.21:1-8; to materialism – [John 2:15](#); [James 5:1-7](#); to immorality – 1 Cor.7:5; to lie – [Acts 5:3](#); to discouragement – 1 Pet.5:6-10; to be unforgiving – 2 Cor.2:10,11 etc.).

- b. He _____ the ministries of believers (1 Thess.2:18; Rev.2:10).
- c. He promotes _____ teaching among believers ([1 John 4:1-4](#)).
- d. He promotes anger, bitterness and _____ (Eph.4:26,27; 2 Cor.2:5-11).

What the Bible Tells us about Demons

I. The Existence and Nature of Demons

A. Their Creation – God created demons as part of the angelic realm originally (Col.1:16).

B. Their Fall –

1. The evidence – It is clear that Satan has a following of like beings (“Prince of the demons” – Matt.12:24; the Devil and his angels – Matt.25:41). Demons are described throughout the Scriptures (Dan.10:10-20; Matt.10:1; Eph.6:12).

2. The time – At the fall of Satan, many angels followed him in that rebellion (demons are fallen angels). A _____ of the angelic host seem to have fallen with Satan (Rev.12:4 – the imagery of Satan as a “dragon” and angels/demons as “stars”).

C. Their Nature –

1. Demons are by nature the same kind of spirit beings as angels. They are personal, intelligent beings.

2. Demons are morally wicked (“unclean spirits” – Matt.10:1; “evil” – [Luke 7:21](#); “wickedness/darkness” – Eph.6:12).

a. They are deceitful (1 Tim.4:1-3; 2 Cor.11:13-15).

b. They are immoral (Gen.6:4; [Jude 6,7](#)).

3. Demons are invisible but also able to _____ (Satan – Zech.3:1; Matt.4:9,10; Demons – Rev.9:7-10; 16:13-16).

4. Demons have great _____. They knew Christ’s identity and power ([Mark 1:14,34](#); 5:6,7). They know their own future judgment (Matt.8:28,29). They can attempt to predict the future ([Acts 16:16](#)). They’re knowledge is not infinite. They learned it through thousands of years of experience and observation.

5. Demons have great strength ([Mark 5:3](#); [Acts 19:16](#); Rev.9:1-11).

II. The Activity of Demons

Demons are involved in carrying out Satan's evil plans (2 Cor.11:15). What Satan is said to be doing (see above) is their work directly.

A. Demons promote _____ (Lev.17:7; Deut.32:17; Ps.106:36-38). This activity is blatant in primitive cultures.

B. Demons are active in _____ the spiritual progress of believers every way they can (see Satan's activities). They are deliberate and organized in these attempts (Eph.6:10-12).

C. Demons promote _____ teaching (1 Tim.4:1).

D. Demons can _____ and _____ people.

1. They cause physical ailments (dumbness – Matt.9:32,33; blindness – Matt.12:22; convulsions – Matt.17:15-18; [Mark 9:20](#); self-injury – [Mark 5:5](#); 9:22).

2. They cause mental disorders (withdrawal, nudity, filth, irrational behavior – [Luke 8:27-29](#); suicidal mania – [Mark 9:22](#)).

3. They inflict problems upon believers as well, if allowed by God (Job's troubles – [Job 2:7-9](#); Paul's "thorn in the flesh": - 2 Cor.12:7).

E. Demons promote selfishness and _____ in the church ([James 3:13-16](#)).

WHAT CAN WE DO? Put on the full armor of God- Eph. 6

- We are to gird ourselves with the truth. It is a belt to guard our middle part. It is what God has spoken. This is what will strengthen us mightily.
- We must wear the breastplate of righteousness of integrity, of moral rectitude and right standing before God. This covers the area of the heart and lungs. No arrow of the enemy can penetrate this perfect protection.
- Other parts are also accounted for in that our feet should wear the good news of the Gospel; it makes us firm footed and mobile against the enemy.
- Then we should always have our shield of faith, confidence in the entire work of Christ on our behalf. This can turn away ALL enemy attacks, even though they may be flaming missiles.
- Our head is a vital spot; a shining helmet is provided, the helmet of salvation.
- We have the offensive equipment in the sword, the Word of God, the Bible, the Holy Scriptures, with these we can strike out against the enemy.
- However, with all of this, we need to consider prayer as a supporter of the whole armor of God.

GOD IS THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS. BECAUSE HE CREATED ALL THINGS HE HAS CONTROL OVER ALL THINGS. A TIME WILL COME WHEN LUCIFER/SATAN AND EVERY DEMON WILL DOWN THEIR KNEE TO GOD AND PROCLAIM HIM AS LORD, MASTER, AND ALMIGHTY GOD.

UNTIL THEN, WE ARE IN A DAILY BATTLE. WHICH SIDE WILL YOU DAILY CHOOSE?

“BUT RESIST THE DEVIL AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU.” James 4:7

“DRAW NEAR TO GOD AND HE WILL DRAW NEAR TO YOU.” James 4:8