

The Facts of Life

The Answers to the Questions!

“Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us...” The Message

“Heaven is a Place for Eternity” Part 1

“Angels All Around Us”

“Therefore, angels are only servants – spirits sent to care for people who will inherit salvation?”

Hebrews 1:14

A. Angels were created as God’s servants...

“for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can’t see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him.” Colossians 1:16 NLT

1. Angels have names...

Michael – Commander-in-Chief; Gabriel – “mighty one” Heaven’s telegram-bearer.

“For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves.” 1 Thessalonians 4:16

“But even Michael, one of the mightiest of the angels, did not dare accuse the devil of blasphemy, but simply said, ‘The Lord rebuke you!’ (This took place when Michael was arguing with the devil about Moses’ body.)” Jude 1:9

2. Angels have levels of power and authority. The Cherubims protect and defend Gen. 3:24; Ps 99:1 and Seraphims (6 wings- 2 covering their face for submission, 2 for their feet for service to the Creator, and 2 for flying).

“For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.” Ephesians 6:12

3. Angels are beyond number.

“Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders.” Revelation 5:11

4. Angels are superhuman in knowledge and power, possessing intelligence and will.

“However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows.” Matthew 24:36

“But the angels, who are far greater in power and strength, do not dare to bring from the Lord a charge of blasphemy against those supernatural beings.” 2 Peter 2:11

5. Angels will not reproduce or die.

“For when the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage. In this respect they will be like the angels in heaven.” Matthew 22:30

“And they will never die again. In this respect they will be like angels. They are children of God and children of the resurrection.” Luke 20:36

B. Angels’ activities...

1. Angels continually praise and glorify God.

“And they sang in a mighty chorus: ‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered—to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.’” Revelation 5:12

2. Angels reveal and communicate God’s message to man.

“For the message God delivered through angels has always stood firm, and every violation of the law and every act of disobedience was punished.” Hebrews 2:2

3. Angels minister to believers in protection of both spiritual and physical needs.

“For the angel of the Lord is a guard; he surrounds and defends all who fear him.” Psalm 34:7

4. Angels execute judgment on the enemies of God.

“Then the seven angels with the seven trumpets prepared to blow their mighty blasts.” Revelation 8:6

5. Angels will accompany the Lord at His Second Coming.

“The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses.” Revelation 19:14

C. Angels were active in Cornelius’ life...

“Cornelius replied, ‘Four days ago I was praying in my house about this same time, three o’clock in the afternoon.

Suddenly, a man in dazzling clothes was standing in front of me. He told me, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your gifts to the poor have been noticed by God! Now send messengers to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter. He is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner who lives near the seashore.’” Acts 10:30-32

1. Angels assured him of his relationship with God.
2. Angels heard his prayers as they came before God.
3. Angels informed him to receive the baptism of the Spirit.
4. Angels gave direction to Peter’s house.
5. But...it is not likely that we have just one guardian angel in our lives.

“Beware that you don’t look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father.” Matthew 18:10

D. Angels share in our salvation...

1. Angels witness our salvation.

“In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels when even one sinner repents.” Luke 15:10

2. Angels witness Christ reports of our confession or denial of Him.

“I tell you the truth, everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, the Son of Man will also acknowledge in the presence of God’s angels. But anyone who denies me here on earth will be denied before God’s angels.” Luke 12:8-9

3. Angels witness our lives in Christ and without Christ.

“Instead, I sometimes think God has put us apostles on display, like prisoners of war at the end of a victor’s parade, condemned to die. We have become a spectacle to the entire world—to people and angels alike.” 1 Corinthians 4:9

4. Angels witness our name being written in the Book of Life.

“All who are victorious will be clothed in white. I will never erase their names from the Book of Life, but I will announce before my Father and his angels that they are mine.” Revelation 3:5

5. Angels remain hidden except on occasion when our eyes are opened to see them.

“Don’t forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!” Hebrews 13:2

Angel Quiz

How much do you know about angels?

1. *What does the word angel mean?*
2. *When were angels created?*
3. *Is God making any more angels?*
4. *Could you meet an angel and not know it?*
5. *Do angels marry?*
6. *Are demons and angels the same?*
7. *Who was freed from prison by an angel?*
8. *Can angels be trusted?*
9. *Are all angels the same?*
10. *Are there good angels and evil angels?*
11. *Do angels have wings? All angels?*
12. *Do angels fly with these wings?*
13. *Are angels omniscient?*
14. *How many angels are there?*
15. *Do angels have names?*
16. *Do angels have specific jobs?*
17. *Do angels have a language?*
18. *Are angels male or female?*
19. *Are angels limited in whom they can help?*
20. *Do we really have guardian angels?*

Angels are not...

1. Angels are not feminine creatures.
2. Angels are not saints who have died.
3. Angels are not all good.
4. Angels are not all alike.
5. Angels do not have halos.
6. Angels do not reproduce.
7. Angels do not possess human bodies but become visible as necessary.
8. Angels are not funny-looking, little, chubby, red-faced babies with wings.
9. Angels are not going to die, so they are ageless.
10. Angels are not emotionless robots without freedom of choice.
11. Angels do not obey man and cannot intercede in prayer.
12. Angels are not to be worshipped.

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Fact #6 – Heaven is a Place for Eternity – Part 2

Answer to the Question – What Will Heaven Be Like?

November 13: Heaven is a Place for Eternity – Part 3

November 20: Heaven is a Place for Eternity – Part 4