

Everything You Need To Know About Wicked Angels

Introduction :

1. The subject of angels intrigues many people.
2. There is also a great interest in demons and Satan.
3. Remember that angels are messengers or ministers with attributes often compared to human Haggai 1:13 and Luke 7:24 but very different.
4. Lets take a look at some definitions for demons:
 - ANGEL (NNIBD) – another name for fallen angels who joined the kingdom of Satan in rebellion against God.
 - ANGELS (SBD) – spirits believed to be between God and menthe devil and his demon agency are discovered in the strong delusions and grievous oppressions which men have suffered.
5. Let's study together about the wicked angels

Discussion :

I. *What Do We Know About The Number and Origin of Wicked Angels?*

- A. Numbers - There are multitudes of them.
 1. We know that angels are plentiful (Matthew 24:53, Luke 2:13, Hebrews 12:22).
 2. We know that whatever number was created by God 1/3 of them are now considered to be wicked (I Peter 3:19-20, II Peter 2:4, Jude 6, Revelation 12).
- B. Names - There are several names given to wicked angels:
 1. Satan goes by many different names and titles:
 - The serpent - Genesis 3:4, II Corinthians 11:3
 - Lucifer (the Morning Star) - Isaiah 14:12, Ezekiel 28:11-19
 - Beelzebub - Matthew 12:22-27, Mark 3:20-30, Luke 11:14-26
 - The father of lies - John 8:44
 - The prince (ruler) of this world - John 12:31, Ephesians 6:12
 - The perverter - II Corinthians 2:11, Luke 8:12
 - The god of this world - II Corinthians 4:4
 - Belial - II Corinthians 6:15
 - An angel of light - II Corinthians 11:14
 - The devil - Ephesians 4:27, 6:11, II Thessalonians 2:9, I Peter 5:8-10
 - Our adversary (like a "roaring "lion) - I Peter 5:8
 - The dragon - Revelation 12:3-4, 12:9, 20:2
 2. Abaddon (Apollyon - Revelation 9:11) - "*the angel of the bottomless pit*" (abyss, NASB, NIV; bottomless pit, NRSV)
 3. Legion - many demons joined together to possess a man (Mark 5:9)
- C. Origin - They are created beings.
 1. God created the angels (Nehemiah 9:6, Psalms 148:2-5).
 2. They were created just before the foundation of the world and are seen in early human history (Genesis 3:4,14, Job 38:4-7).
 3. They fell just after the creation of the world and were cast to earth were they now seek to contaminate the human race with wickedness (Genesis 3, Mathew 25:41, Revelation 12:9).
 4. They sinned and were forced to leave their habitation (Isaiah 14:1-23, Ezekiel 28:11-19, Luke 10:18, II Peter 2:4, Jude 6).
 5. In their original state they were holy and in an exalted position.
 6. They have a spirit similar to that of humans (Psalm 148:1-5).
 7. They have free will to be wicked or good (II Peter 2:4, Jude 6, Revelation 12:7).

II. *What Is The Mission & Work of Wicked Angels?*

- A. The devil has his own army of angels (Matthew 25:41, Revelation 12:7), just like God's (Isaiah 14:12-15).
 - 1. It is obvious that as an "*anointed cherub*" of God (Isaiah 14:14) in heaven he would have had authority and influence.
 - 2. This would explain how he managed to gather 1/3 of the angels to follow him in the heavenly rebellion described by Jesus in Luke 10:18-20 and by the apostle John in Revelation 12:4.
- B. The wicked angels in heaven went to war with the good angels (Revelation 12:7) but were defeated and cast to the earth.
- C. There is some debate about these wicked angels being the sons of God mentioned in Noah's day (Genesis 6:1-8, Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7).
- D. As for the nature of these wicked "*fallen angels*" and the circumstances and nature of the temptation by which they fell, we know absolutely nothing.
 - 1. All that is certain is that they "*left their first estate,*" and that they are now "*angels of the devil*" (Matthew 25:41, Revelation 12:7-9).
 - 2. On the other hand, the title specially assigned to the angels of God, that of the "*holy ones*" (Daniel 4:13,23, 8:13, Matthew 25:31), is precisely the one which is given to those men who are renewed in Christ's image (Hebrews 2:10, 5:9, 12:23).
 - 3. Therefore, the work of these wicked angels is far different from good angels and Christians that do the work of the Lord.
- E. Satan's work is unique from that of the other wicked angels.
 - 1. Satan is the most powerful force outside of God.
 - 2. He is called the prince of this world (John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11).
 - 3. He is the prince of power of the air (John 5:11, Ephesians 2:2).
 - 4. He is a prince over other angels (Revelation 12:7).
 - 5. He was able to walk with the sons of God in heaven (Job 1:9).
 - 6. He has power over the kingdoms of the world (Matthew 4:8-9).
- F. Satan has the power to appear as an angel of light (II Corinthians 11:14).
 - 1. This means that he and his angels can minister as a minister of righteousness.
 - 2. This is why Paul warns to judge their words and not accept them if they are different from his (II Corinthians 11:4, Galatians 1:6-9).
 - 3. This is also why John tells us to test the spirits (I John 4:1).
- G. Satan accuses the people of God.
 - 1. Satan accuses the people of God continually (Job 1:9, 2:4).
 - 2. Satan accuses the people of God day and night (Revelation 12:10).
 - 3. In this way Satan can use church members in his work because they often gossip and accuse other Christians of things they have not done.
- H. Satan resists the work of good angels.
 - 1. When Joshua preached God's word the evil angels opposed (Zechariah 3:1).
 - 2. When the angels were striving for Cyrus's will Satan withstood them (Ezra 1:1).
 - 3. Satan resisted Michael in Daniel 10:13 and later they struggled again over Moses' body (Jude 9).
- I. The wicked angels believe in God and tremble (James 2:19) but are condemned for their sin in heaven (Matthew 25:41, I Timothy 3:6).
- J. Satan, and his angels, took the opportunity to possess many people in the days of Christ (including Judas – John 6:70, 13:2 and Peter – Luke 22:31).
- H. Demon possession is described in Matthew 8:28-32, 9:32-33, 12:22, 15:28, 17:15, Mark 1:24, 5:2-13, 9:25, 16:9, Luke 4:35, 8:2, 8:33, 9:42, 11:14, 13:10-13, 22:3, John 6:70, 13:27, Acts 19:15, I Timothy 4:1-2, Revelation 16:13.

III. *What Is The Destiny of the Wicked Angels?*

- A. They were cast down (Isaiah 14:12, Luke 10:18, II Peter 2:4, Revelation 12:10).
- B. They were defeated by the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 12:11).
 - 1. Satan and his angels are not as powerful as they were before Jesus died because Satan's head has been crushed (Genesis 3:15).
 - 2. Satan especially is bound from the power he once had (Revelation 20:1-3).
 - 3. God's word is the only chain that can bind him (Job 1-2).
 - 4. He is bound in tempting us with limitations (I Corinthians 10:13).
 - 5. The Bible teaches that God can loosen his chains and will even allow him to win a war or two to ultimately fulfill His will (Revelation 20:7-8).
- C. Satan knows that his time is short (Revelation 12:12).
 - 1. He realizes that he must use all of his time wisely.
 - 2. The book of Revelation shows us that he will use his entire arsenal on us.
 - 3. He attacked the seven churches of Asia relentlessly.
- D. Satan and his angels are now condemned.
 - 1. Hell is prepared for Satan and his angels (Matthew 25:41).
 - 2. The wicked angels are reserved for judgment (II Peter 2:4).
 - 3. In some way we will judge the angels in judgment (I Corinthians 6:3).
 - 4. They will be cast into the lack of fire (Revelation 20:10, Matthew 25:41).

Conclusion :

- 1. The frequency with which angels participate in human affairs has diminished since Pentecost, probably because of two reasons:
 - a. The Holy Scriptures are given to us by God.
 - b. There is a larger role played by the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians.
- 2. The wicked angels, on the other hand, are probably more active today in order to compete with the work of the church and the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - a. We can take comfort knowing that Satan has used the same tactics for over 6,000 years (Genesis 3:6, Luke 4:1-13, I John 2:16).
 - b. We know that God is on our side (Matthew 28:20, Romans 8:31, Philippians 4:13, Revelation 2:10).
- 3. Jesus spoke frequently of angels, both good and bad (Matthew 13:41, 26:53, Mark 8:38, Luke 12:8-9).
 - a. Angels are quite real, and they have played and will always play a vital part in God's plan for the world.
 - b. Demons also have a place and a role in temptation.
- 4. Above all, we must know God is greater than Satan.
- 5. Mankind is blessed above all the angels, especially the fallen angels, because they have no plan of salvation (John 3:16, 14:1-3, II Peter 3:2).
- 6. We should be thankful for the invitation from Jesus to come unto Him (Matthew 11:28, Revelation 22:17)!!!