

Bad Angels

Angels are the only other moral, spiritual, eternal creatures besides us (that we know of) in the universe. All the angels, “an innumerable company” (Heb. 12:22), were created by God before He created humans and the material universe (Job 38:6,7). These messengers of God were of two types: The cherubim were involved with guarding things, the “policeman” types (Gen. 3:22-24). The seraphim were more involved with worship, the “priest” types (Isa. 6:1-3). We must admit, however, that our knowledge of the differences between these angels is very scanty.

Before the creation of the world, one angel sinned, and it appears that 1/3 of the angels followed him in a rebellion against God (Rev. 12:4). The other 2/3 remained faithful. So today there is a major warfare going on between the good and bad angels. Both also attempt to influence us in our three-dimensional material universe. Here are some facts about bad angels:

The First Bad Angel (Lucifer, Satan, or the Devil)

- He was created as the highest and most beautiful angel (Ez. 28:11-16).
- His sin was the self-centered pride of wanting to be equal with God (Isa. 14:12-20; Ez. 28:11-16).
- His purpose now is to lead an army of evil spirits to defeat God, good angels, and believers by perverting truth and righteousness (Matt. 4:1-11; 16:23; John 8:44; Eph. 6:10-16).
- Satan can be limited by God and by believers who trust in God (Job 1:12; John 12:31; 17:15; James 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8).
- Satan’s kingdom is this world—the one in which we live, work, and raise our families (John 12:31; 2 Cor. 4:4).

The Other Bad Angels (Demons or Evil Spirits)

- Their doctrine is evil and leads to evil conduct (1 Tim. 4:1-5).
- They work against God’s purposes and for Satan—the leader of the demons (Dan. 10:10-14; Rev. 16:13-16; Eph.6:11,12)
- They influence and sometimes bodily possess people so that humans can do their dirty work (Matt. 9:32, 33; 17:18).
- Their influence can be resisted by: becoming a Christian, confessing all sin, filling one’s life with scripture, prayer, and things that make one think about God (such as godly music, poetry, and literature), and commanding them to leave “in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.”
- Some demons were cast into a pit (Luke 8:31; Rev. 9:1). Some of those will be released during the tribulation (Rev. 9:1-11; 16:13, 14), but all of them will ultimately be cast into the lake of fire. (Matt. 25:41).

And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever (Revelation 20:10).

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