

## Chapter 6 | Study Guide

*Note: Neither CBC nor the Baptist Faith and Message 1963 or 2000 have a stance on Angels and Demons. It is historically understood and orthodoxy agrees with what Grudem will teach about Angels and Demons in this chapter.*

**Angels:** created spiritual beings with moral judgment and high intelligence but without physical bodies.

- I. They are God's warriors and as a group are often referred to as the host (or armies) of heaven.
- II. They have NOT always existed; they were created (Neh. 9:6)
- III. They do NOT have physical bodies (Heb. 1:14; Luke 24:39)
- IV. Angels have moral judgment (ability to understand good/evil) and they have the freedom to choose (2 Peter. 2:4)
- V. Typically angels are invisible to humans (unless the Lord opens our eyes – c.f. Num 22:31). What do they do?
- VI. They guard us in all our ways (ps. 91:11)
- VII. Angels carry out God's plan by doing "his word" (Ps. 103.20); they serve as examples for us in obedience and worship c.f. Isa. 6:2-3

Things to consider when speaking about angels:

- I. We are to join them in the worship and praise of God. We are NOT to worship angels (Rev. 19:10). I think many youth get mystified about angels just because of what has been taught throughout the years. At this point in their lives, you want to be able to help them think through the implications of this subject. Don't just give them blanks for them to fill in. Help them understand and think through. Challenge their beliefs about angels.
  - a. "What do you know about angels?" "Where did you learn about angels?" "Do you honestly believe they exist?" "Do you believe their here now?" "What's their role and purpose?" "How do we act knowing this stuff?"
- II. The biggest thing for me with the whole understanding of angels was that they worship and serve God on a level that is foreign to me. Time and time again in scripture, when men come face to face with an angel...they either fall to the ground like dead men or they ask God to kill them. Imagine if this is the response of men looking at angels what the response would look like if they saw Jesus or God the Father? And what's even bigger is that they worship the true and living Jesus...who are we compared to angels? Why does Jesus save us and not angels? How great of a God is he who decided to save us despite our constant rejection and failures?

**Demons:** are evil angels who sinned against God and who now continually work evil in the world. They are the angels whom God "did not spare...when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness" (2 Pet. 2:4).

- I. Demons did not start out as evil (Jude 6)
- II. Satan is the personal name of the head of the demons (1 Chron. 21:1; Matt. 4:10; Luke 10:18) Other names include "the devil" (Matt. 4:1) "the serpent" (Gen. 3:1), "Beelzebul" (Matt. 10:25); "The ruler of this world" (John 12:31); "the evil one" (matt. 13:19)
- III. Satan was a "murderer from the beginning" and the "father of lies" (John 8:44)
- IV. Satan is the originator of sin (2 cor. 11:3)
- V. Satan and his demons will try to use every type of destructive tactic to blind people "from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ" (2 Cor. 4:4).
- VI. Satan and his demons are LIMITED both in their own power and by God's control in what they can and can't do.

Things to consider when talking about demons:

- I. Although Satan and his demons are active in the world today...they are NOT solely responsible for ALL the evil in the world. Much of the sin mentioned in the Bible is a result of an individual's person's own action (James 1:14). Many people like to blame all evil and wickedness on Satan and although he is roaring lion, man does need to accept his own personal sin that causes many consequences.
- II. Jesus has ALREADY defeated Satan (Heb. 2:14; Col. 2:15; 2 Cor. 10:4). Many people believe that Jesus and Satan are equals fighting in this battle for our hearts. This is false. Jesus has, by his life, cross, and resurrection, defeated Satan once and for all. For all the problems that youth have and the fear and guilt that sin brings to the human heart, Jesus is greater than any of that. Jesus has declared victory.
- III. We know that in the end, Satan and his demons will be cast into hell with those who decide to follow them either consciously or by rejecting Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. With this hope and this understanding...we continue to follow after the true King of the universe and live our lives accordingly.

Other Resources:

[www.equip.org](http://www.equip.org)

The Kingdom of the Cults by Walter Martin

Systematic Theology by Wayne Grudem

A Theology for the Church by Daniel Akin

## Chapter 6 | Test

1. True/False: Angels themselves have physical bodies.
2. What is NOT correct?
  - a. They have always existed with God from the beginning of time.
  - b. They are God's warriors
  - c. Angels are created spiritual beings
  - d. They do not have physical bodies
3. True/False: If we were to see an angel today, we should immediately worship the angel.
4. True/False: All demons start out as evil.
5. What is the name of the head demon?
  - a. Satan
  - b. Beelzebul
  - c. The Rule of this world
  - d. All of the above
6. Name 2 functions of angels.
7. Name 2 functions of Satan & Demons.
8. True/False: Satan has unlimited power and wisdom (like God).
9. Bonus: Neapolitan ice cream is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ ice cream side-by-side in the same container
10. Bonus: Which country is the largest producer of **Lemons**?

I would like someone to talk to me because:

- I am interested in learning about Jesus, Church, and Salvation
- I am dealing with personal issues: family, addictions, friends, depression, etc.
- I am looking for a place to be a member and serve
- I am looking for another church & youth group to attend