

INTRODUCTION.

- A. The following are some attributes of angels as found in both the Old and New Testaments.
- B. Listed are both some characteristics and works they do.

I. A.BRIEF LOOK AT ANGELS.

- A. They have a deep interest in mankind (Lk. 15:10).
- B. They have a special interest in the redemption of man (1Pet. 1:12).
- C. They appear for the defense and protection of God's people (Psa. 34:7; Gen. 19:1,15; Ac. 5:19; 12:7-9).
- D. Angels can help us resist temptation (Lk. 22:43).
- E. Angels give comfort in times of affliction (Dan. 9:1-21; Ac. 1:10,11).
- F. Angels bear away the souls of the righteous in death (Lk. 16:22).
- G. They oppose the purposes and designs of Satan in the name of the Lord (Jude 6).
- H. They execute punitive judgments of God upon the wicked (2Kgs. 19:35).
- I. They exert influence over rulers and governments of nations (Dan. 10:20).
- J. Angels aid providentially in helping the unsaved hear the gospel (Ac. 10:3).
- K. Angels exercise care over little children (Mt. 18:10).
- L. They maintain free course to the word of God (Rev. 10:8).
- M. Angels are ministering spirits to those who will inherit salvation, not those in the world (Heb. 1:14).

II. OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT ANGELS.

- A. They have names such as Michael (Jude 9; Rev. 12:7), Gabriel (Lk. 1:11,26), and Satan, who may have been a fallen angel. The latter cannot be proved.
- B. The appearance of angels in the Bible is listed:
 - 1. Like that of a man (Ac. 10:3,30).
 - 2. Like two men in shining garments (Lk. 24:4).
 - 3. Like two men in white apparel (Acts 1:10).
 - 4. Angels may be invisible; Balaam could not see the angel until the Lord opened his eyes (Num. 22:22-35).
- C. The numbers of angels is also spoken of:
 - 1. An innumerable company. NIV, "thousands upon thousands" (Heb. 12:22).
 - 2. Thousands of angels in Psalm 68:17.
 - 3. Jesus spoke of twelve legions of angels (about 72,000) in Mt. 26:53.
- D. The abode of angels:
 - 1. Around the throne of God (Rev. 5:11).
 - 2. In heaven itself (Mk. 10:25).
 - 3. Disobedient angels are cast down into Tartarus (2Pet. 2:4).
- E. The character of angels are that they are holy, consecrated to God. The Gk. here is "hagios" as found in Mark 8:38.
- F. The position of angels are as follows:
 - 1. God, the Father, is above all (Psa. 90:2).
 - 2. Christ, the Son, is at the right hand of God and has been given all authority on earth and in heaven (Heb. 1:3,4; Eph. 1:20; Mt. 28:18).
 - 3. The Holy Spirit was promised to work in the apostles after Jesus' ascension (Jn. 16:13,14).
 - 4. Angels, who are sinless beings already in the presence of God serving the Godhead. They are below the Godhead but above man (Heb. 2:6,7,9; 1:3,4).

CONCLUSION.

- A. Angels are holy, servants of God and man (Heb. 1:14).
- B. Angels are around the throne, in great numbers, with an appearance of white brilliance and shining garments.
- C. The word angel means a messenger.