

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

MODULE #4

THIS CHAPTER CONTINUES THE STUDY OF THE SPIRITUAL FORCES OF GOOD.

IT EXPLAINS THE ORIGIN, ATTRIBUTES, SPHERE OF ACTIVITY, CLASSIFICATION, AND ORGANIZATION OF ANGELS. IT ALSO EXPLAINS THEIR MINISTRY IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE.

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THE SPIRITUAL FORCES OF GOOD: ANGELS

KEY VERSE FROM THE ARTICLES OF WAR:

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD ENCAMPETH ROUND ABOUT THEM
THAT FEAR HIM, AND DELIVERETH THEM. (PSALMS 34:7)

OBJECTIVES;

UPON COMPLETION OF THIS CHAPTER YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- WRITE THE KEY VERSE FROM MEMORY.
- PROVIDE A REFERENCE WHICH EXPLAINS WHAT ANGELS ARE.
 - TELL HOW ANGELS ORIGINATED.
 - IDENTIFY TWO KINDS OF ANGELS.
 - IDENTIFY THEIR SPHERE OF ACTIVITY.
- SUMMARIZE THE MINISTRY OF ANGELS IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE.
 - IDENTIFY ATTRIBUTES OF ANGELS.
 - IDENTIFY VARIOUS CLASSIFICATIONS OF ANGELS.
- GIVE A SCRIPTURE REFERENCE WHICH EXPLAINS THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ANGELIC HOST.

ANGELS; WHAT ARE THEY?

WHAT ARE ANGELS?

ANGELS ARE MINISTERING SPIRITS SENT BY GOD TO DO HIS WILL:

ARE THEY NOT ALL MINISTERING SPIRITS, SENT FORTH TO MINISTER FOR THEM WHO SHALL BE HEIRS OF SALVATION. (HEBREWS 1:14)

THE TITLE "ANGEL" MEANS MESSENGER.

ALL THE ANGELS WERE RIGHTEOUS AND HOLY WHEN THEY WERE FIRST CREATED. THEY WORSHIPED AND SERVED THE ONE TRUE GOD. LATER, SOME ANGELS REBELLED AGAINST GOD AND LOST THEIR POSITION AS ANGELS.

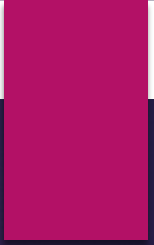
THEY BECAME PART OF A FORCE OF EVIL CALLED "DEMONS. "THERE ARE NOW TWO KINDS OF ANGELS.

THE ORIGIN OF ANGELS; *Angels were created by God:*

PRAISE YE HIM, ALL HIS ANGELS: PRAISE YE HIM, ALL HIS HOSTS.

LET THEM PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD: FOR HE COMMANDED
AND THEY WERE CREATED. (PSALMS 148:2 AND 5)

FOR BY HIM WERE ALL THINGS CREATED, THAT ARE IN HEAVEN,
AND THAT ARE IN EARTH, VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE, WHETHER THEY BE
THRONES, OR DOMINIONS, OR PRINCIPALITIES, OR POWERS: ALL
THINGS WERE CREATED BY HIM AND FOR HIM. (COLOSSIANS 1:16.)



THE ORGANIZATION OF ANGELS; The good Angels have been organized by God in a special order. The Bible does not reveal the details of that order, but it does indicate such organization:

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THE ORGANIZATION OF THE INVISIBLE WORLD IS DESCRIBED HERE IN TERMS OF THRONES, DOMINIONS, PRINCIPALITIES, AND POWERS. WE ARE NOT GIVEN DETAILS OF THIS STRUCTURE.

SATAN HAS IMITATED THIS ORGANIZATION IN HIS OWN STRUCTURE OF EVIL FORCES.

THE MAIN CLASSIFICATION OF ANGELS;

There are literally multitudes of angels (Luke 2:13-15) who are apparently classified according to the duties they perform. These are the main classifications of angels:

THE MESSENGERS:

THIS CLASS OF ANGELS IS MOST LIKELY THE LARGEST IN NUMBER. THESE ARE THE ANGELS COMPOSING THE INNUMERABLE GROUP, VISUALIZED BY DANIEL (DANIEL 7:10), WHO CARRY OUT THE WILL OF GOD IN HEAVEN AND EARTH. THIS IS THE GROUP THAT USUALLY RELATES TO THE BELIEVER IN TERMS OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE.

THEY INTERPRET GOD'S WILL, PROTECT, PROVIDE GUIDANCE, BRING ANSWERS TO PRAYER, ANNOUNCE, WARN, INSTRUCT, BRING JUDGMENT, ENCOURAGE, SUSTAIN, DELIVER, AND INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF BELIEVERS.