



angels:  
**God's Special Ops**  
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# SERMON

## What is an Angel?

- **Angels Are CREATED BEINGS, Not Our Next Stage After DEATH...**

*For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. Colossians 1:16*

*Do you not know that we will judge angels?  
1 Corinthians 6:3a*

- **Angels Are WORSHIPERS, Not the Worshiped!**  
*Do not let anyone who delights in... the worship of angels disqualify you. Colossians 2:13*

*...when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Hebrews 1:6*

*Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."  
Luke 2:13-14*

- **Angels Have Superior POWER, But Enjoy Inferior GRACE...**  
*What are mere mortals that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned them with glory and honor. Psalm 8:4-5*

*...the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.  
Peter 1:12b*

## What Do Angels Do?

- **Angels Deliver God's MESSAGE...**

*In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. Luke 1:26-27*

*And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Luke 2:8-10*

- **Angels Deliver God's PEOPLE!**

*And the LORD sent an angel, who annihilated all the fighting men and the commanders and officers in the camp of the Assyrian king. So he withdrew to his own land in disgrace. And when he went into the temple of his god, some of his sons cut him down with the sword. 2 Chronicles 32:21*

*The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. Psalm 34:7*

*But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. Acts 5:19*

- **Angels Are Sent to SERVE Us...**

*Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? Hebrews 1:14*

*An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.*

*Last night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood beside me and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' Acts 27:23-24*