

**Intro:**

One area greatly misunderstood and, I would say, *popularly* misunderstood, is the doctrine of angels.

- Works of theology make short space for the subject
- Popular commercialism *trivializes* the subject
- Charismatic extremism sensationalizes the subject (and the subject of demons)

Nevertheless, the Scriptures do reveal something of the world of angels to us and it is well that we have a *Scriptural* understanding of who they are and what they do.

**I. General Biblical revelation concerning Angels**

## A. Multiple mentions

1. OT speaks of angels over 100 times
2. NT speaks of angels about 165 times

## B. Extensive revelation

1. Angels are mentioned in every part of the Bible
2. Out of 66 books, 34 mention angels

## C. The Lord's instruction: the Lord himself taught specifically concerning the existence and work of angels.

**II. Old Testament revelation concerning Angels**

From the following Scriptures, what can we say angels are?

1. Gen 18.1-21
2. 2 Sam 24.16
3. Isa 6.2
4. Ezek 10.1-3
5. Dan 9.20-27
6. Dan 10.13, 12.1
7. Zech 1.7-14
8. Psa 34.7
9. Psa 91.11
10. Psa 103.20

Angels are *real, personal, named, servants of God, sometimes appearances of God, powerful, agents of judgement, interpreters of visions.*

And what are angels *not*? They are not illusions, figments of imagination.

### III. New Testament revelation concerning Angels

#### A. Angelic involvement in the life/work of our Lord

1. Mt 2.19
2. Mk 1.13
3. Lk 2.13
4. Jn 20.12
5. Ac 1.10-11

#### B. Angelic involvement in the beginning of the Church

1. Ac 5.19
2. Ac 12.5-11
3. Ac 8.26
4. Ac 10.1-7
5. Ac 27.23-25

#### C. Assumptions in Epistles concerning Angels

1. Gal 3.19
2. 1 Tim 5.21
3. Heb 1.4
4. 1 Pt 1.12
5. Jude 6

#### D. Teaching of Christ

1. Mt 13.39
2. Mt 18.10
3. Mt 22.30
4. Mt 25.39
5. Mt 26.53

### Conclusion:

The point of this first study is to establish the Scriptural doctrine of the existence of angels.

Some wish to deny the obvious Scriptural teaching – even our Lord, they will say, was mistaken or deceived or accommodating superstition or the Gospel writers inserted these things in...

If you believe the Bible is verbally inspired [every word], you must believe in angels.