

Week 10: Angels, Demons & Satan

Grudem_{ST} 19-20; Grudem_{BD} 10; Ryrie 17-28

Angels are created, spiritual beings with moral judgment and high intelligence, but without physical bodies (Grudem, 397)

- A. **Angels** (Gr. ἄγγελος (*angelos* – messenger)) (Ryrie, 137-153)
1. **Created Beings** (Ps. 148:5; Neh. 9:6; Col. 1:16)
 - a. Were present before the world began (Job 38:6-7)
 - b. Good angels are called holy (Mark 8:38; Acts 10:22), elect (1Tim. 5:21)
 - c. Limited in power, knowledge and activity (Dan. 10:13; 1Pet. 1:11-12; Jude 9)
 2. **Spiritual Beings** (Heb. 1:14), but can appear in human form (Gen. 19:1-8; Mark 16:5)
 3. **Organized Beings** (Ps. 89:5,7; Eph. 3:10; Rev. 12:7)
 - a. Their number: myriads (Heb. 12:22; Rev. 5:11)
 - b. Their rank: Archangel (1Thess. 4:16; Jude 9), Chief Prince (Dan. 10:13)
 - c. Other kinds of heavenly beings – *Cherubim* (Gen. 3:24; Ps. 18:10; Ezek. 10:1-22), *Seraphim* (Is. 6:2-7), Living Creatures (Ezek. 1:5-14)
 - d. Specific angels – Michael (Dan. 10:13, 21; Jude 9, Rev. 12:7-8), Gabriel (Dan. 8:16; 9:21; Luke 1:19, 26-27), others (Rev. 1:20; 8:2; 20:1-2)
 4. **Ministries of Angels**
 - a. In relation to God: Praise (Ps. 148:1-2), Worship (Heb. 1:6), Serve (Ps. 103:20)
 - b. In relation to Christ: Announcements (Matt. 1:20-21; 28:5-6; 1Thess. 4:16), Ministration (Matt. 4:11; Luke 22:43)
 - c. In relation to the unrighteous: Execute judgment (Gen. 19:13; Acts 12:23; Rev. 16:1)
 - d. In relation to the church: Help (Heb. 1:14), Encouragement (Acts 27:23-24), Protection (Ps. 91:11-12; Dan. 6:22)
- B. **Demons** (Gr. δαιμόνιον (*daimonion*)) (Ryrie, 179-192)
1. **Origin:** Fallen angels (Luke 10:18 with Matt 12:24-28; 2Pet. 2:4; Jude 6)
 2. **Personality:** Intelligent (Mark 1:24; 1Tim. 4:1), Emotional (Jas. 2:19), Willful (Luke 8:32), Morally responsible (Matt. 25:41)
 3. **Present Status:** Some loose and active (Eph. 6:11-12), some confined (Luke 8:31; 2Pet. 2:4)
 4. **Activity:** “*To be unrealistic about their power is foolhardy.*” (Ryrie, 186)
 - a. Oppose God’s plans (Dan. 10:13-14)
 - b. Promote false religion (1Cor. 10:20; 1Tim. 4:1-5; 1John 4:1-3; Rev. 2:20-24)
 - c. Afflict (1Sam. 16:14; Matt. 4:24; 12:22; Mark 9:22; 2Cor. 12:7; Rev. 9:15)
 - d. Influence (1Chr. 21:1; Acts 5:3), but probably not possess the believer (1John 4:4)
- C. **Satan** (Heb. שָׂטָן (*Satan*)) – “adversary” or “accuser” (Ryrie, 157-176)
1. **Personality:** Intelligent (2Cor. 11:3; Eph. 6:11), Emotional (Rev. 12:17), Willful (2Tim. 2:26), Morally responsible (Matt. 25:41)
 2. **Names:** Devil (Matt. 4:1), Evil One (John 17:15), Serpent (Gen. 3:1), Father of Lies (John 8:44), Accuser of the Brethren (Rev. 12:10), Tempter (1Thess. 3:5), Ruler of this World (John 12:31)
 3. **Creation:** a *Cherub* (Ezek. 28:13-16), unparalleled wisdom, beauty & perfection (Ezek. 28:12,15)
 4. **Sin:** (Ezek. 28:15; 1John 3:8), pride (Is. 14:12-14)
 5. **Activity:** “*Though not all-knowing, Satan has observed many others in situations in which we may find ourselves, and he can predict with a high degree of accuracy what will best defeat us.*” (Ryrie, 166)
 - a. Enmity between Satan and Christ (Gen. 3:15; Matt. 4:1-11; 16:21-23; John 13:27)
 - b. Deceives with counterfeit religion (Gen. 3:5; 2Cor. 11:14-15; 2Thess. 2:9-11; Rev. 2:24)
 - c. Deceives the nations (Dan. 10:13; 1Thess. 2:18?; Rev. 13:2-4; 16:13-14; 20:3)
 - d. Blinds the unbelievers (Luke 8:12; 2Cor. 4:4)
 - e. Tempts believers (Acts 5:1-6; 1Cor. 7:4; 1Thess. 3:5; 1Tim. 5:14-15)
 - f. Adversary to believers (Rev. 2:10; 12:10)

“Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.” (1Pet. 5:8)

“Resist him, firm in your faith,” (1Pet. 5:9a) “Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” (Jas. 4:7) “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.” (Eph. 6:11)