

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

WHY DO PEOPLE SUFFER?

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PART 1: ANGELS AND HUMANITY

PARTIAL UNDERSTANDING

The recent physical attacks that my wife and I have experienced have forced me to examine my understanding of angels, where they live, and what they do. When I came back to Christ in 1965 and joined a Southern Baptist church in Salt Lake City, I was taught that the angels existed for the express purpose of serving mankind. The Scripture used to back this teaching was from the apostle Paul. **Hebrews 1:13-14**

THE LIMITATION OF MAN

It is important to understand that a human being does not natively have any spiritual power. We are like a light bulb with all the necessary parts needed to bring forth light, but we just don't have the power to light it. Light is only possible when we are connected to a power source. Being connected to Jesus is the only way for a human being to have spiritual power. **John 15:5**

Angels on the other hand have spiritual power built into them and they are able to operate and carry out the instructions of God. Gabriel was sent to Zacharias in his old age to let him know that he and his wife were going to have a son. When Zacharias responded with doubt, Gabriel became angry and made Zacharias unable to speak for a season. **Luke 1:11-22**

Adam was created to prove God's righteousness. **Romans 3:21-26**

Mankind was also created to be a worshiper of God. **John 4:23-24**

THE DEFINITION OF ANGELS

As I began to read more in the Bible, I found references to the time before Adam and Eve were created. In fact, Angels were created before Jesus even began creating the physical universe, which included this planet. **Job 38:1-7**

Angels are often referred to as "sons of God" in the Old Testament and this brings confusion for Christians who do not understand this terminology. **Genesis 6:2; Job 1:6**

There are three Hebrew words for angels:

1. "Abbir" means "mighty."
2. "Malak" means messenger or agent.
3. "Ir" means watcher.

The New Testament was written in Greek. The word for angel is "Aggelos," meaning messenger or agent.



PROGRESSIVE REVELATION

The Bible consisting of the Old and New Testaments was written during a period of some 4,000 years. During this time God gave different prophets revelations which provided us with more insight into the time before Adam and Eve. Let's examine these revelations in order for us to get a more complete understanding of the angelic world.

1. Job was a contemporary of Abraham and lived on earth some 2,000 years after Adam. God revealed to Job after he was attacked by the Devil that there is a courthouse in the second heaven where angels present their cases before Jesus. It is obvious from the text that this incident took place after the war in heaven and Lucifer had been sentenced to the Lake of Fire. **Job 1:6-12; 2:1-7; Matthew 25:41**
2. Some 1,350 years later, God told Isaiah that prior to Adam and Eve, there was a civilization on earth, consisting of some kind of people who made up kingdoms, who were ruled by Lucifer. **Isaiah 14:12-20**
3. Some 200 years later, God provided a similar revelation to the prophet Ezekiel. We are given another piece of information that there were specific places of worship on the earth. **Ezekiel 28:14-19**
4. The prophet Daniel was a contemporary of Ezekiel and he was told there are holy angels in charge of national governments. This group of angels is called "Watchers" and they have a set of written instructions from God which they used to rule the nations. **Daniel 4:10-17**
5. Jesus informed the disciples that He had 12 legions (72,000) of angels at His disposal. **Matthew 26:53**
6. Jesus revealed to the apostle John around 90 A.D. that there had been a war in heaven when Lucifer rebelled and tried to dethrone God and take his place. This was not a single battle but a prolonged conflict that devastated different galaxies and ended with a final battle on earth, the home planet of Lucifer. **Revelation 12:7-12; Genesis 1:2**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?