



# Faith Talk

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## Angels

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In our modern society, filled with facts and science, it may be difficult to know what to believe about angels. Are they real? Who or what are they? Where do they come from or look like? What do they do?

Although our understanding of angels is limited, there are several things the Bible reveals about them. First, we know that angels are heavenly beings created by God. In Genesis 1, God created all things and rested on the seventh day. And in Colossians 1:15-17 we read that God created all things visible and invisible.

Angels are often described in the Bible as having wings, or as warriors with flaming swords -- like the angel sent to guard the entrance to the Garden of Eden after man fell into sin (Gen. 3.) But what do angels do?

From the Bible, we learn that angels are used by the Lord in several ways. In Revelation 8 and 9, we can read that angels serve around His throne in Heaven. In Rev.12, we read about the angel Michael with hosts of angels waging war against Satan and his hosts. Jesus teaches us in Matthew.13: 24-50 that angels are used by the Lord to execute His judgment. In the parable of the weeds in the wheat field, we learn that at the end of time, angels will be sent as harvesters to weed out everything evil and throw it into the fiery furnace.

Angels were also used by the Lord to deliver messages -- just think of the angel Gabriel informing Mary that she would become the mother of Jesus. And we learn that angels are sent by the Lord to assist His followers. In Gen. 24, an angel is sent ahead of Abraham's servant to help him in his journey. This has, over time, given rise to the idea of the guardian angel. We do not know exactly how angels assist the believers, but we can trust the Lord that they are here, around us.

This can be a measure of great comfort to believers, to know that God watches over us -- even sending angels to help us.

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