

CF550 ANGELS OF GOD

INTRODUCTION

The study of angels is referred to as “angelology”. The term comes from two Greek terms, *aggelos* meaning “messenger” or “angel” and *logos* meaning “word, matter, or thing.”

In Christian theology the term "angelology" refers to the study of the Biblical doctrine of angels.

The subject of this manual is the righteous angels of God. It explains their origin, organization, and attributes. It summarizes the ministry of angels in the past, present, and future as recorded in the Bible. It also dispels common misconceptions about angels.

Traditionally, “angelology” includes the study of evil angels who are under the control of Satan. Their devices are an important subject of which we should be knowledgeable, *“Lest Satan should get an advantage of us” (2 Corinthians 2:11)*. An overview of Satan and the evil angels is provided in Appendix Three of this manual.

There is great interest in angels today and there are many accounts of “angelic experiences” because people are fascinated by the supernatural. As Believers, we cannot allow experience or the world to define this subject for us. While we do not want to get caught up in “angel-mania”, neither do we want to ignore the vital ministry of God’s angels.

We cannot look to science, secular education, or artistic renditions to dispense truth on this subject. The Bible will be our source for analysis, as it is the Word of God inspired by the Holy Spirit. The Bible proves the existence of angels, describes them, and defines their ministries.

Why study angels? We are not seeking the accumulation of information, but divine revelation. As Believers, we must be able to separate truth from error. The false religions of Islam and Mormonism were both founded when an “angel of light” appeared with a message that they claimed was from God. It is also important to understand the ministries of these supernatural spirits which are dispatched by God on your behalf. You should know their purposes and how they are activated in your life and ministry.

You are not alone in the battles of life. You are surrounded by a great host of angels. Don’t you think it is time to get to know them?

“Therefore, whatever is said concerning the ministry of angels, let us direct it to this end that, overcoming all diffidence, our hope in God may be more firmly established.”
-John Calvin