

Angels

I believe angels are personal, spiritual beings (Heb. 1:14), who were created by God (Col. 1:16) in holiness (Jude 6) before the creation of the world (Job 38:6-7). They are personal with intellect (1 Pet. 1:12), emotions (Lk. 2:13) and will (Jude 6). They are immortal (Lk. 20:36), powerful (2 Pet. 2:11) and distinct from human beings (Ps. 8:4-5) yet inferior to Christ (Heb. 1:4) and meant to bring glory to God (Col. 1:16). Though created in holiness, some sinned by rebelling against God (2 Pet. 2:4) and God cast them into hell (2 Pet. 2:4).

I believe angels exist to praise God (Rev. 5:11-13), act as God's messengers (Lk. 1:11-38), and execute some of God's judgments (Rev. 8, 9). They ministered to Christ after His temptation (Matt. 4:11), before His arrest (Lk. 22:43) and announced His resurrection (Mt. 28:6). Likewise, angels minister to God's people by encouraging them (Acts 27:23-24) and caring for them (Heb. 1:14).

Fallen Angels

I believe Satan is a fallen angel (2 Pet. 2:4) created by God who then rebelled against God (Isa. 14:12-15, Jude 6). He was cast out of heaven along with those angels that followed him (2 Pet. 2:4). He is now openly the enemy of God (Matt. 4:1-11), and God's people (1 Pet. 5:8) and the leader of an army of fallen angels (Mt. 12:24, Eph. 6:11-12). Their purpose is to thwart the work of God (Mt. 13:19, Rev. 12:9). They seek to blind the mind of unbelievers from the truth of Jesus (2 Cor. 4:4). Satan and his fallen angels seek to deceive (1 Tim. 4:1, Rev. 12:9), accuse (Rev. 12:10); tempt (1 Cor. 7:5) and destroy (1 Pet. 5:8) believers. They can be resisted by the believer (Eph. 6:11-18). Satan has been defeated by the death and resurrection of

Jesus Christ (Col. 2:15). Satan and his fallen angels stand condemned (Jn. 16:11) and will spend all eternity in the lake of fire (Rev. 20:10).