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Class 03

The Forces of the Enemy

We spent our last session
speaking of Satan
Who he is
Where he came from
How he operates

In this session we are going to
look at Satan's forces
This would be Angels [Fallen]
And demons

We are going to begin our session looking at Angels in general

This would be those who still serve God

And those who rebelled and are called "Fallen Angels"

Let's clear up one important point

We do not become Angels when we die

We become spirits/spirit beings

But we do not become Angels

Angels are part of the Heavenly Host

They were created to serve God

They live in Heaven or the Spirit Realm

They were never human

We do not spend all eternity
playing harps
Angels do not spend all eternity
playing harps
Some Angels do worship and
praise God
We will worship and praise God

But there are other activities
taking place in Heaven
We will not live on clouds
Jesus has prepared a place for
us
There will be a New Heaven
and a New Earth

So let's begin our discussion of
Angels
We will conduct a discussion
and study of demons after our
discussion on Angels

Contrary to popular opinion
They are not the same thing
Angels are spirit beings with
spiritual bodies
Demons have no bodies and
are referred to as disembodied
spirits

We know from Revelation that
one-third of the Angels in
Heaven joined Satan's
rebellion
There are two references in
Revelation Chapter Twelve

Revelation 12:3 – 4:
“And there appeared another
wonder in Heaven; and behold
a great red dragon, having
seven heads and ten horns,
and seven crowns upon his
heads...

“...And his tail drew the third part of the stars of Heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.”

The woman was the nation of Israel
The child she gave birth to was Jesus the Messiah
Satan tried to kill Jesus when He was three years old
Herod ordered the death of all males babies in Bethlehem

We then see more detail of the event in Revelation 12:7 – 9:
“And there was war in Heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels...”

“...And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in Heaven.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceived the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

One-third of the angels in Heaven were driven out and cast down to the earth as a result of Satan’s efforts to overthrow God and take His throne

So the Fallen Angels are actual Angels

They would have all the powers and abilities of the other Angels

To understand what this means, let’s look at Angels...

We are going to be discussing
Biblical Angels

We are not dealing with:

Hollywood Angels

Fantasy Angels

Valentine Angels; or

Mythical Angels

These are REAL Angels

These Angels actually exist

They were created by God/Jesus

They are part of the Spirit Realm

Or what Chuck Missler calls the
Metacosm

The Bible describes them as:

Being personal beings

They have intellect

They have emotions

They have Will

They make choices

They are spirit beings
Not that they are spirits;
But they have spiritual bodies
These bodies can appear in
our dimension
They can touch, hold and be
part of our world

They have the ability to alter their
spirit bodies. Jude 1:6:
“And the angels which kept not
their first estate, but left their own
habitation, He has reserved in
everlasting chains, under
darkness unto the judgment of
the great day.”

The word “estate” is the Greek
word “arche” [ar-kha]
It is normally translated as
“beginning”
But it can refer to the original
version of an item
As it was in the beginning

The word “habitation” is the Greek word “oiketerion” [oi-ka-ta-re-on]

It is used only twice in the New Testament

It is found here in Jude 9:6

And in II Corinthians 5:2:

“For in this we groan earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house [oikaterion] which is from Heaven”

Paul is speaking of the spirit bodies we will have in Heaven

There were Angels [sons of God] who changed the way that they were originally made and left these kind of spirit bodies behind in order to marry and reproduce with the daughters of men [Genesis 6:2]

Jesus noted that the Angels in Heaven “neither marry nor are given in marriage” [Mark 12:25]
This is the actual wording
People misinterpret this and claim that Angels cannot reproduce
That is not the same thing

In the Book of Enoch, Enoch is summoned by these Angels in chains beneath the mountains
They ask him to plead their cause before God
God is going to destroy their children [Nephilim] (The Flood)

They note that they are not allowed to reproduce
Because they are immortal; they are forbidden to reproduce
That is something God has given to humans

Angels have "locality"

This means that they can only exist in one place at one time

Each time they appear, they appear as male

There is no female Angel mentioned in the Bible

They are less than God

They are not omnipresent

They are not omniscient

They are not all powerful

These traits apply only to God

Angels have the same physical structure as humans

One head, two eyes, two ears, one nose, one mouth

They have two arms and two legs

Two hands and two feet

Not all Angels have wings
There are only two kinds of angels described as having wings:
Cherubim – four wings
Seraphim – six wings
Gabriel and Michael – no wings

Angels can exist in the Spirit Realm and perform functions in our dimension [II Kings 6]
They can be seen by some and not by others

Their position is less than Jesus and above humans
With the Resurrection, humans in their spirit bodies will be above Angels

Hebrews 2:9:

“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.”

Psalm 8:5:

“For You have made Him a little lower than the angels, and have crowned Him with glory and honor.”

We – believers – will judge Angels I Corinthian 6:3:

“Know you not that we shall judge angels? How much more [the] things that pertain to this life?”

It is believed that this is referring to our judging Fallen Angels – possibly during the Millennium when we reign with Jesus.

Angels are immortal spirit beings
They do not die
They do not get sick
They cannot be injured

They can, however, be bound
They can be confined to the Abyss and to the Lake of Fire
They can feel pain

They have physical reality
They can indulge in combat

Revelation 12:7:

“And there was war in Heaven
and Michael and his angels
fought against the dragon...
fought and his angels.”

One Angel is reported to have
killed 185,000 men in one night
[II Kings 19:35]

They will be involved in the final
judgment

Parable of the Net Matt 13:47

Parable of the Tares Matt 13:24

There is debate over whether
or not they eat

I suspect that they can eat and
might eat in the Kingdom

But when on assignment they
do not eat

Judges 13:16:

“And the angel of the Lord said unto Manoah [Samson’s father] “Though you detain me, I will not eat your bread, and if you will offer a burnt offering, you must offer it unto the Lord...”

This is another important point
They will not accept praise or worship
Only God is to be worshiped

Revelation 19:10:

“And I fell at his feet to worship him, and he said unto me, ‘See you do it not: I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren that have the testimony of Jesus; worship God for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.’”

We see them throughout
Revelation blowing trumpets
and pouring forth bowls of
wrath

They fly through the heavens
declaring woes and warnings

What is their purpose?

The word “angel” means
messenger

They deliver messages from
God

Hebrews 1:14:

“Are they not all ministering
spirits, sent forth to minister to
those who shall be heirs of
salvation?”

In this capacity, they are there to help us
Both before and after we are saved

Are there Guardian Angels?
Psalm 91:11 – 12:
“For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways
They shall bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot on a stone.”

This is the verse that Satan misquoted to Jesus during the Temptation
Jesus’ response was that we should not “tempt the Lord our God.”

This has been re-translated to read:

“You shall not put God to a foolish test”

We are protected

But we should not deliberately put ourselves in danger

There must be some kind of spiritual protection and limitation on Satan and his forces before we are saved

Otherwise, Satan and his forces would just kill everyone before they are saved or who are not going to be saved

So Angels are charged with “ministering unto us”

They can guide us Matt 1:20

They can protect us Daniel 6:22

They can encourage and strengthen us:

Jesus after Temptation

Jesus in Garden

Can Satan, Angels Demons
read our minds or know the
future?

No!

Only God can do this

So how do they appear to do
this?

Consider that Satan, Angels and
Demons are thousands of years
old

They have become very
experienced in reading Body
Language

Increased heart rate, breathing,
eye movement, muscles, focus

They dwell in the unseen realm
They have watched you for your
entire life

They know you and how you
react and respond

They know where you are weak

They know where you are
strong

They know what is happening
all around the world
They communicate with each
other
This is how mediums know
things no one else can know
They were there

They can be aware of things
taking place in the Spirit
Realm such as God moving
His forces into a certain area
They know what is taking
place behind closed doors
They manipulate people

All of this can give the
appearance that they can read
your thoughts
They can make you think that
they know the future
They only know what God
reveals in prophecy

There is a hierarchy to Angels
The most powerful are
Archangels Jude 1:9
Chief Princes Daniel 10:13
Cherubim – Genesis 3:22 – 24
Seraphim – Isaiah 6:1 – 2
Living Creatures Ezekiel 1 also
Revelation 4:6 - 9

There are times in the Old
Testament where Jesus
assumed the task of delivering
a message for God
When He did this, He assumed
a human-like form
He was referred to as The/An
Angel of the Lord

How do we know the
difference?
Keep in mind that an Angel will
never receive worship or praise
This is reserved only for God
Jesus, as an Angel, will receive
worship and praise

Pay attention to how the Angel speaks or how the message is delivered

Does the Angel speak as if He were God?

Is the Angel quoting God?

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

First appeared to Hagar
Genesis 16: 7 – 14

Appeared to Abraham
Genesis 18:1

At Sacrifice of Isaac
Genesis 22:11 - 12

Appeared to Jacob
Genesis 31:1 – 13

Wrestled with Jacob
Genesis 32:24 – 30

Appeared to Moses in the
burning bush Exodus 3:2

Jesus: the "I AM" John 8:58

Appeared unto Balaam and donkey Numbers 22:22
Appeared to Joshua
Joshua 5:13 – 15
Was the Pillar of Fire and Cloud by day leading the Children of Israel in Wilderness
Exodus 14:19

Now let me share my interpretation of Genesis 18 and 19 [Sodom]
Genesis 18:1 makes it clear that the Lord appeared unto Abraham
But they were as three men

Scholars claim it was God [Jesus] and two Angels
Genesis 19:1 refers to them as two Angels
I am going to propose that this was God the Father and Jesus and the Holy Spirit all in human form

Note that all three ate the food
Abraham prepared

In Genesis 19:2 Lot bows
down to the two Angels
[worshipping them]

They accepted this worship

God told Abraham that He was
going down to visit Sodom

Yet the account has the two
Angels coming to Sodom, not
God

In Genesis 19:21 – 22 the
Angels are speaking as if they
were God, not on His behalf

There are only three Angels
mentioned by name in the
Bible:

Michael

Gabriel

Lucifer [Satan]

Michael is referred to as the archangel in Jude 1:9
This seems to be the highest level
He is a military leader and engages in battle

Revelation 12:7 he leads God's Angels against Satan and his forces
In Jude 1:9 he is contending with Satan over the body of Moses
Daniel 10:13, 21 comes to help Gabriel

Daniel 12:1 he will stand for the Children of Israel during the Tribulation
He is identified as a "Prince" in Daniel 10:21

Gabriel is not identified by rank
Some assume that he is an
archangel, but the Bible does
not teach this
He is God's messenger –
especially with relation to the
Messiah

Daniel 9:21 – 27 has Gabriel
delivering the Prophecy of the
70 Weeks
Identified the exact day
Messiah will be revealed
Luke 1:19 Gabriel announced
birth of John, Jesus' forerunner

Luke 1:26 Gabriel announced
birth of Jesus to Mary

Now it appears that the Fallen Angels are set over countries or empires

Daniel 10:13 – the Prince of the King of Persia

Daniel 10:20 – Prince of the King of Greece

The forces of Satan appear to live in the air Ephesians 2:2:
“Wherein in time past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience”

Scholars suggest that this is why God did not declare the Firmament “good” during the Creation

When you mention Cherubim we automatically pull up this image of a chubby baby Angel
This is because of Classic Art and Hollywood
A Cherubim is nothing like this

The Angels on the Mercy Seat are called Cherubim
I Chronicles 13:6:
“And David went up, and all Israel...to bring up... the ark of God the Lord, who dwells between the cherubims, whose name is called on it.”

God place Cherubim to wield a flaming sword to guard Eden
Genesis 3:24:
“So He drove out the man; and He placed at the east of the Garden of Eden Cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the Tree of Life.”

The Seraphim appear to be those Heavenly Host who protect the throne of God and declare His glory

We seen them in Isaiah 6:2 -3:

“Above it stood the seraphim; each one had six wings; with two he covered his face; with two he covered his feet; and with two he did fly.

And one cried unto another and said, ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts...’

Now there is debate as to how to classify another kind of Heavenly Host

In Ezekiel 1:5 they are called “Living Creatures”

In Revelation 4:6 they are mistranslated as “four beasts”

Ezekiel Chapter One is difficult to properly interpret
Ezekiel One is Ezekiel's calling by God
It is similar to Isaiah's calling by God in Isaiah Chapter Six

However, it appears that Ezekiel is seeing a more elaborate depiction of the Spirit Realm than Isaiah
Both are seeing the throne of God
But Ezekiel sees a man on the throne of God [Jesus]

The Living Creatures seem connected to the throne of God in both Ezekiel and Revelation
They have four faces:
Face of a lion
Face of an ox
Face of a man
Face of an eagle

This was pictured in the camp of the Children of Israel

The Ark was in the center:

Banner of a lion [Judah]

Banner of an ox [Ephraim]

Banner of a man [Reuben]

Banner of an eagle [Dan]

This is repeated in the Four Gospels

The authors depicted Jesus:

The Lion of Judah [Matthew]

Beast of burden: ox [Mark]

The perfect man [Luke]

God: eagle [John]

They have 4 wings Ezekiel 1:23:

“And under the firmament were their wings straight, the one toward the other, every one had two which covered in this side; and every one had two that covered on that side of their bodies.”

However, in Revelation 4:8 these beasts have six wings like a Seraphim

“And the four beasts had each of them six wings, and they were full of eyes within, and they rested not day and night saying, ‘Holy, Holy, Holy...’”

So there might be some crossing over between the Seraphim and the Cherubim

Note: the Cherubim on the Mercy Seat only have two wings

Now demons are different

We only see them in the service of Satan

They are described as disembodied spirits – spirits that have no bodies

The Bible does not give us any origin of demons
But there is a theory
In Genesis 6:2 we have this:
“That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair and took them wives of all which they chose.”

We’ve discuss how a normal Angel in its original form could not reproduce with humans
But Jude 1:6 tells us that some Angels altered their bodies in order to make reproduction possible

Genesis 6:4:
“There were giants in the earth in those days and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.”

Here is one theory concerning the demons

This group believes that the demons are the souls of the Nephilim [giants]

When the Flood came, the Nephilim were destroyed

Genesis 6:11 refers to all the earth being corrupt

This group suggests that this is referring to the entire race having their DNA altered into Nephilim DNA and that Noah and his family were the only humans left

According to this theory, the Nephilim souls would not be human souls

God had made provision for human souls in anticipation of the coming of Jesus to redeem the human race

Leviticus 25:25: The Kinsman Redeemer

Human souls went to the Bosom of Abraham if they believed the Messiah would come

Human souls went to Sheol [Hell] if they did not believe the Messiah would come

As there was no provision for Nephilim souls and they could not be saved since Jesus would redeem the human race and not the Nephilim race, these souls had no place to go

Not having bodies, they sought out physical bodies they could inhabit/possess in order to interact with the physical world
When they were cast out, the demons mentioned the Abyss to Jesus

They did not want to be cast into the Abyss “before their time”

The Abyss is the Bottomless Pit beneath the sea

This is where demons and Fallen Angels are imprisoned

This explains what is being referred to in Revelation 20:13:

“And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and hell gave up the dead which were in them, and they were all judged every man according to his works.”

If the sea is referring to the Abyss

And this is where Fallen Angels are imprisoned; then these would not be dead because Angels cannot die
It might be referring to demons

Again, this is speculation and theories based upon various passages

We do not know for sure what demons are or where they came from

But this does fit with Scripture

Demons are disembodied spirits

They have the ability to inhabit bodies

This is where possession comes in

These disembodied spirits take over the body

In the body they have access to the physical world

Since these disembodied spirits have no mass

Multiple demons can inhabit a single person

It is reported that Mary
Magdalene had seven demons
in her before she was saved
The possessed man in
Gennesaret had so many
demons in him that he referred
to them as "Legion"

Demons inside a person can
give them great strength as
the man in Gennesaret
They gave one girl the spirit of
prophecy [but not like God's
prophets]
They cripple people

They try to injury people as the
boy who kept being thrown
into fire and water
Jesus gave His followers
power over the demons in
order to bind them and to cast
them out

This is done "In the name of Jesus"
But we see in Act 19:13 – 16 that
before we have power over demons
in Jesus' name, we must be
believers
There is no evidence of a demon
being able to possess a believer
The Holy Spirit is living in them

Now one last discussion
Let's talk about Ghosts for a
moment
They seem to fall under
something similar to demons
as disembodied spirits

Satan's major weapon is
deception
He seeks to deceive us
When dealing with ghosts and
mediums they appear like our
loved ones
They know things about our
loved ones

But they are NOT our loved ones
They are impersonators
As we mentioned before,
demons and Fallen Angels
have observed each of us all
of our lives

They know things about each
one of us that no one else can
know through natural means
or sources
Just because they know
something does not prove that
they are our loved ones

They try to deceive us
They try to get us to trust them
They want to lead us away
from God
King Saul sought to contact
the spirit of Samuel after
Samuel died

He used a witch and she made contact
God brought Samuel forth from the Bosom of Abraham to judge Saul for his actions
King Saul died in battle the next day

The witch was freaked out because she knew she had actually contacted the spirit of Samuel
She was not expecting to do this
She was used to demons

God judged King Saul for using a witch [medium] in order to contact the dead
That should make it clear that we should not do this
Stay Away!

QUESTIONS


