

Angels: Some Difficult Questions

Sons of God?

Because of the mysterious nature of the angelic hosts of Heaven, so many strange ideas abound on who they actually are. One such thought that has been proposed is that they rebelled against God and came to earth and procreated with humans as the “sons of God” in Genesis 6:1-4 and were called the “Nephilim”. Often English translations will get some people into trouble if they overlook the context and original language of the Testament. Nephilim, according to the Hebrew (5303), were bullies and tyrants. Even though the KJV calls them giants as if of great stature, a giant could refer to something other than height such as reputation or status. In the context of the passage, it names both the “sons of God” and “the daughters of men”.

According to Jesus, (*Who should know what angels are and what they can and cannot do since He, as part of the Godhead created them*) in the resurrection the redeemed “neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are **as the angels** of God in Heaven” (*Mat 22:30*). (*Emp. added*) To “marry” or be “given in marriage” are scriptural terms that represent the ability to procreate. If in the resurrection that ability will no longer exist then we can conclude that the angels, which are spirit beings, cannot procreate since they have no flesh and bones. So who then are the “sons of God” in Genesis 6?

Gen 4:26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then **began men to call upon the name of the LORD** (*i.e., call themselves by the name of the Lord = ownership*). (*Emp. added*)

From this passage we see that there began to be a distinction between two separate and distinct peoples. One set that claimed their beginning and ownership was from God and thus a union or relationship was established with Him; the other from men. This godly seed began to mix with the ungodly and for that reason God flooded the earth (*Gen 6*).

Angel of Death

The “angel of death” is not even mentioned in scripture whereas the “destroyer” is.

Exo 12:23 **For the LORD will pass** through to smite the Egyptians; and when He seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, **the LORD will pass over** the door, and **will not suffer the** (*not His*) **destroyer** to come in unto your houses to smite you. (*Emp. added*)

Exo 12:29 And it came to pass, that at midnight **the LORD smote** all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that *was* in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle. (*Emp. added*)

God “allowed” Satan to destroy all that Job had but with limitations (*Job 1:12; 2:6*). Other passages where the “destroyer” is mentioned: Job 15:21, Ps 17:4; 28:24, Jer 4:7. In Rev 9:11 we find the only New Testament reference of a destroyer.

Rev 9:11 And they had a king over them, *which is* the **angel of the bottomless pit**, whose name in the **Hebrew** tongue is **Abaddon** (*Gk.3- of Hebrew origin [H11]; a **destroying angel***), but in the **Greek** tongue hath his name **Apollyon** (*Gk.623- a destroyer [that is, **Satan**]*). (*Emp. added*)

It seems that God, through Satan, punishes the evil doers but restricts and holds him back from whatever eternal harm he would do to God's elect. Satan, then, would be the destroyer (*destroying angel*) but without calling him the angel of death since that phrase is not to be found in the Bible.

Entertaining Angels Unawares

Heb 13:1 Let brotherly love continue. 2 Be not forgetful to **entertain strangers** (*Gk.5381-hospitableness [from 5382-fond of **guests**]*): for thereby some **have** (*past tense*) **entertained** (*Gk.3579-to be host*) **angels** (*Gk.32-to bring tidings, messenger, angel*) **unawares**. (*Emp. added*)

Two key words are **have** and **unawares**. "Have", past tense, does not indicate a future event thus alluding to the importance of hospitality. And "unawares", to have done so without knowing, had to do with the example of what happened to Abraham and his three visitors.

Gen 18:1 And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; 2 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw *them*, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, 3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favor in Thy sight, pass not away, I pray Thee, from Thy servant: 4 Let a little water, I pray You, be fetched, and wash Your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: 5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

If Heb 13:2 did apply to us today, hospitality to unknown guests who were in deed "traveling evangelists", we would show our love in the sight of the church that we are Christ's disciples.

3Jn 1:5 Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, **and to strangers** (*Gk.3581-foreign, **guest***); 6 **Which have borne witness** (*Gk.3140-give [have] testimony*) **of thy charity** before the church: whom if thou **bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well**: 7 Because that **for His name's sake they went forth**, taking nothing of the Gentiles. 8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be **fellow-helpers** to the truth. (*Emp. added*)

Charli Yana
November 19, 2020
www.truthdiscovered.net