

The Angels
Luke 2:14

I. Angels in the Scripture

A. Definition – “A created, spiritual being with moral judgment and high intelligence, but without a physical body.” Wayne Grudem

B. Purposes in Scripture

1. Messengers (Genesis 16:9-11; Genesis 19; Genesis 22)
 - a. Prophecy
 - b. Announcement
 - c. Judgment
2. Warriors (Numbers 22:22)
3. Ministering spirits (Genesis 24:7)
4. Worship (Isaiah 6)

C. There appears to be a “divine” aspect to most appearances of the “angel of the LORD”

II. Angels in Relationship To Jesus

A. Angelic interaction with the first and second advent

1. Angels announced Jesus’ birth (Matthew 1:20)
2. Angels announced Jesus’ name (Matthew 1:21)
3. Angels announced Jesus’ family’s need to flee to Egypt (Matthew 2:13)
4. Angels ministered to Jesus in the wilderness (Matthew 4:11)
5. Angels could have been called down to wage war during crucifixion (Matthew 26:53)

6. Angels announced Jesus’ resurrection (Matthew 28:1-7)

7. Angels aid in the eschaton (Matthew 24:31)

B. Yet, Jesus is greater than the angels (Hebrews 1-2)

C. As such: Jesus’ Incarnation also elevates humanity above the realm of angels

1. Jesus was made like us, in our flesh, to take our sin, to die our death, to give us life
2. Even the angel announced – “You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21