

Angels and Demons

The Belgic Confession, Article 12(b)

1. The Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-12

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

2. The Doctrine

- a. God created the angels good, some of whom have fallen.

- b. Angels: “to be his messengers and to serve his elect”

- c. Fallen Angels: “enemies of God and every good thing”

3. The Use

- a. We reject the error of the Sadducees, “who deny the existence of spirits and angels.”

- b. We reject the error of the Manichees, “who say that the devils were not created, but have their origin of themselves, and that without having become corrupted, they are wicked by their own nature.”

- c. The enemy is real, the conflict is real, the danger is real, but the war has already been won (Luke 10:18, Revelation 12, Revelation 20).