



3 - Good Spiritual Entities

Good spiritual entities described in the bible include angels, archangels, cherubim, seraphim, and watchers. The term "angel" simply means "messenger". The origin of angels is unknown but we know that they were created before God created the heaven and the earth because **Job (38:4-7)** tells us that "the sons of God" (spiritual entities) witnessed the creation and "shouted for joy".



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Name	Description	Supporting Scripture
Sons of God	This is a generic term used in the Old Testament to describe any spiritual entity that was created by God. Adam was the only human being that could be classified as a "son of God" in the Old Testament. In the New Testament, when a person accepts Jesus as their Lord and Savior, they are "born again" and become a "son of God" in a different sense.	Genesis (6:2,4); Job (1:6, 2:1, 38:7); Matthew (5:9); Luke (20:36); Romans (8:14,19); Galatians (3:26)
Cherubim	These are God's guardians that are used to guard important places or things. They were placed at the entrance to the Garden of Eden and they guard God's throne in Heaven. God "dwells" between two cherubs. They were modeled over the mercy seat on the ark of the covenant and used as decorations in the temple and also on each of the ten Tabernacle curtains. Satan was the "anointed cherub who covers" before he sinned and fell.	Genesis (3:22-24); Ezekiel (9:3, 10:1-20, 11:22, 28:14-16, 41:18-25)
Seraphim	Seraphim are only described once in the Book of Isaiah. They apparently play important roles on God's throne and glorify God with their presence. They have six wings: two are used to cover their face, two are to cover their feet, and two are used to fly.	Isaiah (6:1-6)
Michael (Archangel)	Michael is the only Archangel mentioned in the bible. He apparently plays a very important role overseeing and protecting the Israelites as well as carrying out extremely important tasks assigned to him by God. He also contended with Satan for the body of Moses.	1st Thessalonians (4:16); Jude (1:9)
Gabriel (Angel)	Beside Michael, Gabriel is the only angel called by name in the bible. He is apparently very important and is used by God to deliver extremely important messages. He helped Daniel during his visions, was used to tell Zacharius about the birth of John the Baptist, and was also used to tell Mary and Joseph about the conception and birth of Jesus Christ.	Daniel (8:16, 9:21); Luke (1:19, 26)
Watchers	These are a certain set of angels that have been given the task of "watching" over a certain person or group of people at a particular time and place. They report back to God when they see something of significance.	Jeremiah (4:16); Daniel (4:13-17)
Angels (messengers)	When angels appear on earth, they almost always look like a normal man.	Genesis (18:2-3, 19:1)
"the" Angel of the Lord	There are many times when "the Angel of the Lord" appears to perform a specific task or convey a particular message. It is difficult to tell whether it is the pre-incarnate Jesus Christ or simply an angel sent by the Lord. It's believed that when the word "the" is used and the word "Angel" is capitalized, then it is describing Jesus Christ Himself.	Gen (16:7-11, 22:11-15); Exo (3:2); Num (22:22-35); Jdg (2:1-4, 5:23, 6:11-22, 13:3-21); 2Sam (24:16); 1Kgs (19:7); 2Kgs (1:3-15, 19:35); 1Chr (21:12-30); Psa (34:7,35:5-6); Isa (37:36); Zec (1:11-12, 3:1-6, 12:8); Mat (1:24)
"an" angel of the Lord	This is apparently an angel that has been specially selected by the Lord to deliver a particular message or perform a certain task. NOTE: "Angel" is capitalized in Acts (7:30) .	Matthew (1:20, 2:13-19, 28:2); Luke (1:11, 2:9); Acts (5:19, 7:30, 8:26, 12:7, 12:23)
Visiting Angels	We are told that we may be unknowingly "tested" by entertaining visiting angels.	Hebrews (13:2)
Guardian Angels	Apparently, there are times and circumstances during which God sends angels to watch over and protect us. They may be assigned to us specifically or they may move from assignment to assignment depending on needs and prayers.	Psalms (91:11); Matthew (18:10)



Depiction of Seraph



Model of Cherubim over Mercy Seat



Angels are always adult males. There are no baby or female angels.



NOTE: Angels are extremely powerful and knowledgeable spiritual entities that God uses in various ways to help Christians and ultimately glorify Himself. They can appear and disappear at will and perform miracles as they are enabled. They have been watching mankind and learning and were unaware of God's overall plan of salvation before God revealed it through Jesus Christ (**1st Peter 1:12**). Elijah was taken to heaven by a "spiritual" chariot and horses made from fire (**2nd Kings 2:11**).