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#### **For Parents and Teachers**

Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock (Matthew 7:24-25).

#### Dear parents:

The secular religions (like humanism, atheism, evolutionism) are permeating our culture. We see it in museums, media, science journals, textbooks, movies,

and so much more. Even Christian kids have heard of evolution and "millions of years" (two of the tenets of secular religions) at very early ages.

As Christians, we can't hide our children and grandchildren from this religion. What we can do is teach them the truth of the Bible and the gospel, while at the same time teaching the kids why secular religions are false.

First and foremost, God disagrees with evolution and millions of years. God created in six days and this is

not a problem for an all-powerful God. God made distinct kinds of animals—in other words we didn't evolve. God is to be trusted over any idea of men like evolution and millions of years. Now let's jump into questions that have on this subject already.

In Christ,

Ken and Bodie



Or do you think that I [Jesus] cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? (Matthew 26:53).

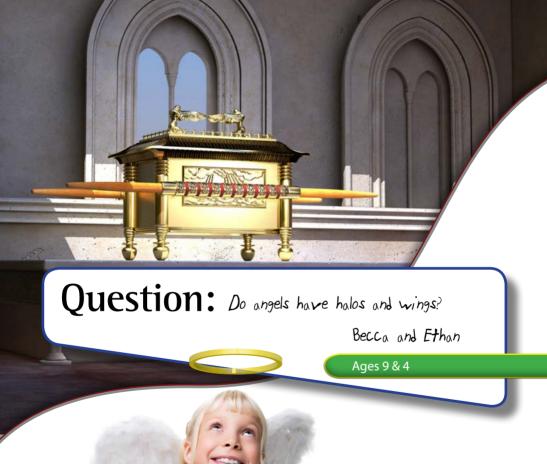
God is our only reliable source of information about angels. In the Bible, angel means "messenger," and they are spirits (Hebrews 1:14). This means they do not have bodies like we do.

There are many angels, and Jesus tells us about legions of them. A legion was usually no less than about 6,000 soldiers. Jesus gave us a clue that at least 72,000 angels were at His command for this one instance if He wanted them. The point is that there are a lot of angels. There were different types of messengers (angels) in the Bible. In some cases, even the Lord was the messenger, being the *Angel of the Lord* (Genesis 16:7–13).

The Bible reveals only two names of angels. One of them was Michael — a chief angel, which is also called an "archangel." He was chief over a group of other angels (Jude 1:9; Revelation 12:7).

Another angel was Gabriel. He helped Daniel understand his vision in the Old Testament. He was also the angel who brought good news to Mary that she was to be the mother of baby Jesus. Sometimes, people have suggested names for other angels, but these names do not come from the Bible.

Luke 1:19; Jude 1:9; Revelation 12:7



One wing of the cherub was five cubits, and the other wing of the cherub five cubits: ten cubits from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other (1 Kings 6:24).

The Bible doesn't mention halos. There is much history about the halo both from Christian and non-Christian sources. When dealing with halo art, Christians usually view it as symbolizing the "light of the world" and "crown of glory" that shines from Christ, Christians, and angels. Again, this has to do with art, not necessarily reality.

Angelic beings, like the ones in our verse, can also be called a cherub or cherubim (plural). Even though angels are spiritual beings, God describes the cherubim as having wings and hands.

A nice description of cherubim is given in the Bible. They were to be figurines on the "Ark of the Covenant," also called the "Ark of the Testimony," which held the Ten Commandments (it was a fancy box!). Their wings extended over the "mercy seat," which was like a lid that sat on top of the Ark of the Covenant.

God also placed cherubim at the entrance to the Garden of Eden to keep man from returning to the Tree of Life in Genesis 3. This was after Adam and Eve sinned and were kicked out of the Garden. These cherubim were armed with flaming swords!

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Question: What do angels do besides singing?



Tyler € Becca

Ages 10 & 9

Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! (Exodus 33:20).

Angels are ministering spirits (Hebrews 1:14). Therefore, they minister (preach)! After Jesus was temped by Satan, angels came and ministered to Jesus (Matthew 4:11).

Angels also do other things, like giving messages. This was the case with Gabriel giving Mary the message that she would be the mother of Jesus (Luke 1:26–38). An angel gave messages to Elijah too (2 Kings 1:3).

Another thing angels did was to enact judgment and fight in war (e.g., 2 Chronicles 32:21; Revelation 12:7). Angels also praise God (Psalm 148:2). When Jesus was born, hosts of heavenly beings (which included angels) praised God (Luke 2:13). These are just a few of the tasks that God created angels to perform.

Interestingly, there is something that angels do not do. Angels do not get married! Jesus mentioned this in Matthew 22:30. Also, we are not to pray to angels since Jesus is our only mediator ("go between") to God (1 Timothy 2:5). We are not to worship angels either since God alone is to be worshiped (Revelation 19:10, 22:8–9).

Hebrews 1:13-14; 2 Samuel 24:16; 1 Kings 1:15



**Question:** 

If Satan was an angel and turned bad, does that mean there are other bad angels?

Jaden

Age unknown



So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him (Revelation 12:9).

The Bible describes Satan (who is also called the devil, great dragon, or Lucifer) as being among the heavenly host. He was also called a cherub (Ezekiel 28:14), so this means he could be called a type of angel.

When Satan fell, it was due to his pride to ascend above God to be God. Originally, Satan was created perfect, like all of creation (Genesis 1:31; Deuteronomy 32:4), but when sin was found in him, he was cast out.

The Bible says in Revelation 12:7: "And war broke out in heaven: Michael [an archangel] and his angels fought with the dragon [Satan]; and the dragon and his angels fought."

When Satan rebelled and his angels with him, they were all cast out of heaven. Sometimes, angels were "metaphorically" equated with stars or "luminaries" (things that shine in the sky). In Revelation 12:3–4, Satan (the great dragon) caused one-third of the stars (angels) to fall from heaven. The bad angels are often equated with demons now.

When it comes down to it, Satan and his angels (who are all created beings) have no power next to the all-powerful Creator God.

