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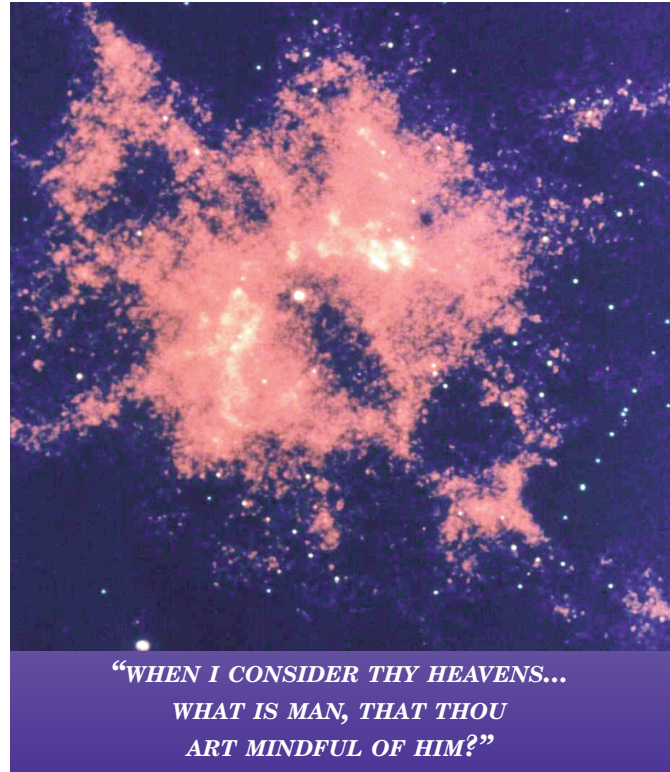


# ANGELS

In this LIFE PAC, you will learn about how angels love, worship, and serve God by helping Him minister to people and pointing the way to Jesus Christ.

Angels are not at our command; God commands them. God created angels and humanity to love, worship, serve, and obey Him; therefore, He forbids us to pray to or worship angels or anyone else. The First Commandment reads, “Thou shalt have no other gods before me” (*Exodus* 20:3). The Apostle John said, “And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God” (*Revelation* 22:8–9). Indeed, we are to worship God by loving, honoring, serving, and worshipping His Son. The Apostle Paul said, “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time” (*1 Timothy* 2:5–6).

God created humanity just a little bit lower than angels. King David wrote, “When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour” (*Psalms* 8:3–5).



If angels preach another gospel than that Jesus is the Messiah God sent to save humanity from its sins, they are not to be listened to. Paul wrote, “But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed” (*Galatians* 1:8).

In heaven, we will judge the deeds of angels. Paul wrote in *1 Corinthians* 6:3, “Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?” There is only one way to be forgiven, and that is through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

## OBJECTIVES

**Read these objectives.** The objectives tell you what you should be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFEPAC.

When you have finished this LIFEPAC, you should be able to:

1. Know what angels are.
2. Name four characteristics of angels.
3. Describe the kinds of angels.
4. Name at least two important angels that are mentioned in the Bible.
5. Know the “armor of God” and two other means that Christians have to overcome the powers of evil and darkness.
6. Describe at least three appearances of angels in the Old Testament.
7. Describe at least three appearances of angels in the early church after Jesus’ earthly ministry as written in the New Testament.
8. Describe four ways that angels help us today.
9. Know when angels appeared just before, during, and soon after the birth of Jesus.
10. Describe at least three times how angels were involved during the public ministry of Jesus and at the end of His earthly ministry.

## VOCABULARY

**Study these new words.** Learning the meanings of these words is a good study habit and will improve your understanding of this LIFEPAC.

**adversary** (ad’ vèr sār’ ē). An enemy or opponent.

**agony** (ag’ u nē). Great pain or suffering.

**altar** (ol’ tèt). A raised place built of earth or stone on which to make sacrifices.

**announcement** (u nouns’ munt). Something made known by public notice.

**authority** (u thôr’ u tē). The power to enforce obedience; the right to command or act.

**created** (krē āt’ ed). Caused to be; brought into being; made.

**Crucifixion** (krü’ su fik’ shun). The putting to death of Jesus Christ on the cross.

**deceive** (di sēv’). Make a person believe as true something that is false.

**decree** (di krē). Something ordered; a law.

**fasting** (fast’ ing). To abstain from food or from some foods.

**forerunner** (fôr’ run èr). A person who goes before another person.

**Gospel** (gos’ pul). The “Good News” about the life, words, and deeds of Jesus Christ.

**heir** (ā̄r). Person who has the right to someone's property, possessions, or position.

**holy** (hō' lē). Set apart for God's service.

**host** (hōst). A large number.

**innumerable** (i nu' mēr u bul). Too many to count.

**legions** (lē' junz). Large units of soldiers, especially as the term was used in the Roman army. A legion in the Roman army consisted of 5,400 to 6,000 men, along with supporting troops and perhaps cavalry.

**manger** (mān' jēr). A box in a barn or stable usually filled with grass or hay and used to feed animals.

**Messiah** (mu sī' u). The "Anointed One" of God who was the expected Savior and King of the Jews, Jesus Christ.

**ministry** (min' u strē). A service offered to God or people; the function and office of a minister.

**multitude** (mul' tu tūd). A great number; a crowd.

**oppose** (u pōz'). Be against; act, fight, or struggle against.

**persecute** (pēr' su kyüt). Treat badly; do harm again and again.

**prophet** (prof' it). Person who speaks God's message or performs God's actions.

**quotation** (kwō tā' shun). Words quoted from someone's speech or writing.

**rank** (rank). A degree or position of authority in an organization or group.

**rebuke** (ri byük'). To find fault or strongly correct.

**rival** (rī' vul). Person who wants and tries to get the same thing another person has.

**sacrifice** (sak' ru fīs). The thing offered on an altar to God; or the act of offering to God.

**shield** (shēld). A piece of armor carried on the arm to protect the body on battle.

**spirit** (spir' ut). A being created by God that does not have a body or matter. It is invisible.

**spiritual** (spir' u chu ul). Dealing with the spirit or soul.

**supernatural** (su' pēr nach' ér ul). Above or beyond what is normal in nature or human experience.

**temptation** (temp tā' shun). Fact or state of being tried or tested.

**tomb** (tüm). Place for a dead body.

**urgent** (ér' junt). Demanding immediate action or attention.

**warfare** (wōr' fār). War; fighting.

**Note:** All vocabulary words in this LIFEPAAC appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

**Pronunciation Key:** hat, ā̄ge, cā̄re, fār; let, ē̄qual, tē̄rm; it, ī̄ce; hot, ō̄pen, ō̄rder; oil; out; cup, pūt, rüle; child; long; thin; /TH/ for then; /zh/ for measure; /u/ represents /a/ in about, /e/ in taken, /i/ in pencil, /o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus.

# I. ANGELS ARE REAL

## INTRODUCTION

God **created** everything that exists. Many of the things that God has created can be seen. They have substance or matter in them, such as trees, rocks, stars, plants, animals, and people. Other things that God created cannot be seen. They are invisible and do not have substance. They are

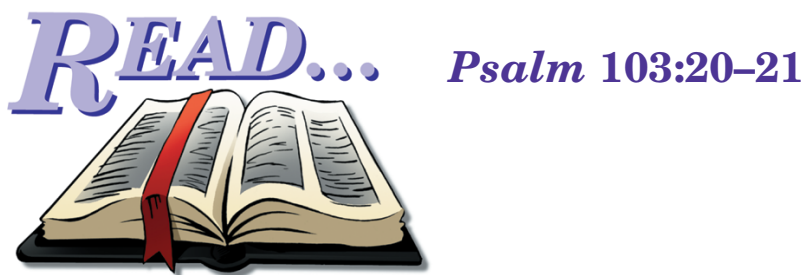
**spirit.** *Angels* are spirits; therefore, they do not have a body. Angels cannot be seen, but they exist. They were created by God to serve Him and minister to His people. In this section, you will learn about angels, their purpose, and some of their characteristics.

**Review these objectives.** When you have finished this section, you should be able to:

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**Restudy these words.**

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created	holy	multitude	shield	temptation
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forerunner	innumerable	prophet	spiritual	



## CHARACTERISTICS OF ANGELS

What is an angel? In the Bible, the word “angel” means “messenger,” or one who is sent by God. King David wrote, “Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure” (*Psalms* 103:20–21). Angels are powerful beings created by God to serve Him as messengers to people.

They carry out a **ministry** for the Lord. As you study this LIFE PAC, you will find many examples in the Bible where angels serve as God’s messengers, ministers, and helpers. They point the way to Christ. Let’s explore some of the characteristics of angels.

**Angels are spirits.** The first characteristic of angels is that they are *spirits*. They do not have