



## Serving the Truth in a Love Sandwich

# Angels & Demons

Supernatural Beings

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:15 "But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence."

This series of courses is about answering difficult questions about Christianity. As disciples of Jesus Christ we have a responsibility to be prepared to defend our faith. We are *not* going to study what Moslems, Hindus, Buddhists etc. believe. We are going to study the truth, not lies, except for a few of their questions, which often have lies as their basis. I hope as we go through these lessons you will create your own personal statement of faith, so you will have a clear idea of what you are defending.

However, as we study, remember God's truth is spread more heart to heart than mind to mind. Since we have minds they must also be included in the communication, but never forget to serve the truth in a love sandwich.

In this course we hope to show that. (1) There are literal spiritual beings called angels who God uses to carry out His will. (2) Angels help and protect God's people, and deliver God's messages to us. (3) There is an angel named Satan who, although doomed to destruction, is active in trying to deceive believers. (4) Demons are the angels that joined Satan in his rebellion against God.

*Lesson 1 – Angels are Powerful and God's Servants*

*Lesson 2 – God Uses His Angels to Minister to Mankind*

*Lesson 3 – Satan is real, powerful and Our Enemy*

*Lesson 4 – Demons are Fallen Angels*

### **Suggested methodology for each lesson:**

1. Fellowship (Save most of this for the end of class.)
2. Take prayer requests (Try to keep it from becoming a competition to see who has the most or the worst.)
3. Pray (The idea here is to leave our troubles with God so we can give His word our attention with a clear mind.)
4. Read the lesson's text aloud from the Bible. (... or a few verses at a time as you answer the questions.)
5. Answer and *briefly* discuss the "fill in the blank" questions. (Let those who prefer to listen, listen. My answers on the next page are just one opinion; you may have a better answer if it is based on Scripture.)
6. On the final "Think & Pray" question everyone should take a few minutes to pray over it and jot down their own thoughts before the discussion. **This will give the Holy Spirit a time to speak.**
7. Discuss your "Think & Pray" answers. (Never force anyone to share theirs. As with the other questions, my answer is just one more opinion; you may have a better answer.)
8. Close in prayer (It is best to call on others to pray, but try to get their permission ahead of time.)
9. Fellowship (Leave this as open ended as possible for the time and place you meet.)

Depending on the number of people, each lesson is expected to take about one hour. Steps 4 thru 7 are about half of that. If you take longer, let each lesson take more than one meeting, or consider breaking into two groups. The final "Think & Pray" question should always be covered, because that is when everyone takes a quiet moment to listen to the Teacher, the Holy Spirit. If you take less time, extra questions are provided for discussion called "For Further Thought"

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## Additional Reading

These lessons are designed for small groups or individuals to use without reference to other materials besides the Bible. However, a lot more could be gained if those involved would do some additional reading between class meetings. (See <http://lovebiblestudy.com/CC/Library.htm>)

We plan to provide specific recommendations with each course at <http://lovebiblestudy.com/TLS/Adjunct/> We also hope to be making specific chapter recommendations from various Christian books that have helped us in our understanding of apologetics, but are not entirely about the topic of the course. Such as these books which would make good companions for this entire series of courses.

*Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis

*I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist* by Norman L. Geisler and Frank Turek

*The Case for ...* series of books by Lee Strobel

*Cold Case Christianity, God's Crime Scene, and Forensic Faith* – 3 books by J. Warner Wallace

*Lesson 1 – Angels are Powerful and God’s Servants*

**Introduction:** What do you believe about angels? Why?

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Read these scriptures and answer the associated question:

(1A) Rev 18:1. It says the angel had great what? \_\_\_\_\_

(1B) Genesis 19:1-25 (Questions 2 & 3) Who struck the men with blindness? \_\_\_\_\_

(1C) Who gave Lot permission to save a small village by escaping to it? \_\_\_\_\_

(1D) 1 Chronicles 21:15-27. What did the angel have in his hand? \_\_\_\_\_

(1E) 2 Kings 19:35. Who killed 185,000 Assyrians? \_\_\_\_\_

(1F) Numbers 22:1-33. What did the angel have in his hand? \_\_\_\_\_

(1G) Matthew 26:53. How many angels did Jesus have available to Him? \_\_\_\_\_

(1H) Daniel 10:11-20. The angel needed help with his fight with the principality of Persia.

Whose help did he get? \_\_\_\_\_

(1I) Revelation 7:11-12. What did the angels do? \_\_\_\_\_

(1J) Isaiah 6:1-3. What did the Seraphim call or cry out? (Seraphim are a type of angel.)

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(1K) Psalm 148:2. What are angels instructed to do \_\_\_\_\_

(1L) How would you summarize what can be learned about angels from the scriptures above?

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_

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**For further thought:**

[1m] *Atheist Attack:* "God is the Devil. In Amos 3:6 it says, 'Shall there be evil in a city; the Lord hath not done it?'" How would you respond to this attack? (Hint: Read Amos 3:6 in multiple versions.)

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----- SOME POSSIBLE ANSWERS -----

(Your answers do not have to match exactly.)

**Lesson 1 – Angels are Powerful and God’s Servants**

**Introduction:** I believe there are literal spiritual beings called angels who God uses to carry out His will. I hope to show why I believe this from the scriptures in this lesson.

- (1A) Rev 18:1. It says the angel had great what? Power or authority
- (1B) Genesis 19:1-25 (Questions 2 & 3) Who struck the men with blindness? The angels
- (1C) Who gave Lot permission to save a small village by escaping to it? The angels
- (1D) 1 Chronicles 21:15-27. What did the angel have in his hand? Sword
- (1E) 2 Kings 19:35. Who killed 185,000 Assyrians? Angel of the Lord
- (1F) Numbers 22:1-33. What did the angel have in his hand? Sword
- (1G) Matthew 26:53. How many angels did Jesus have available to Him?  
more than 12 Legions (or 72,000, about 6,000 per legion)
- (1H) Daniel 10:11-20. The angel needed help with his fight with the principality of Persia. Whose help did he get? Michael, chief prince or archangel See also Revelations 12:7-9
- (1I) Revelation 7:11-12. What did the angels do? Fell on their face and worshipped God.
- (1J) Isaiah 6:1-3. What did the Seraphim call or cry out? (Seraphim are a type of angel.)  
Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory.
- (1K) Psalm 148:2. What are angels instructed to do? Praise Him.
- (1L) There are literal spiritual beings called angels who God uses to carry out His will. They are supernaturally powerful. They worship God constantly. Angels respond as soldiers under a general's command, their loyalty is unquestioning, their obedience instantaneous.

Angels are called the hosts of the Lord. The word "host" comes from the OT Hebrew word *tsaba* and in the NT, the Greek word *stratia*. Both mean "a well-trained army, one that is prepared for war".

**My further thoughts:**

[1m] My Response: Yes, there is that word "evil" again that you think means the same thing all the time no matter what the context. In this context it means the calamity brought on by the judgment of God, not evil in the sense of sin.

Atheist Retort: "This Biblical God appears to be of hideous intelligence - whose deeds prove to be mostly aggressive and destructive. Could this God be, in modern slang, considered to be a 'sicko' or a 'wacko'?" .

My Response: Yes, God is Sovereign. Whatever it is, He either did it, or allowed it. We don't get to choose what God will be like. Nor can we pretend He doesn't exist just because we have decided not to approve of Him. We can decide to worship a different god, but since there are none other than Him, that is just fantasy chasing phantasms.

How could I have better served the truth in a love sandwich?

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**Lesson 2 – God Uses His Angels to Minister to Mankind**

Read these scriptures and answer the associated question:

- (2A) Daniel 10:18-19. What did the angel do for Daniel? \_\_\_\_\_
- (2B) Hebrews 1:7-14. What kind of spirits are angels? \_\_\_\_\_
- (2C) Acts 12:5-11. Who sets Peter free from prison? \_\_\_\_\_
- (2D) Luke 22:43. What did the angel do for Him? \_\_\_\_\_
- (2E) Acts 10:22. Who directed Cornelius to send for Peter? \_\_\_\_\_
- (2F) Dan 8:15-27. What was Gabriel instructed to give Daniel? \_\_\_\_\_
- (2G) Acts 1:10-11 Who explains to the disciples how Jesus will return? \_\_\_\_\_
- (2H) Luke 1:11-17. Who told Zacharias that John the Baptist would be born. \_\_\_\_\_
- (2I) 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 6:14-17. What did Elisha’s servant see? \_\_\_\_\_
- (2J) Psalm 34:7. What do angels do for the people who fear God? \_\_\_\_\_
- (2K) Psalm 91:10-12. What do His angels do? \_\_\_\_\_
- (2L) From these scriptures how would you describe how angels related to human beings?

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**For further thought:**

[2m] I once met a man in the lock up ward of a behavioral health hospital who thought he was Jesus Christ. His fellow patients laughed when he said this, but he just maintained his dignity and insisted that he knew he was Jesus because an angel of light had told him so. The others laughed again. The man said he knew I would not believe him, but insisted he was telling the truth. The others looked at me smiling, waiting to see what I would say. How would you respond to this? (Hint: 2 Corinthians 11:14)

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**More Facts about Angels**

Angels do not get married. (See Matthew 22:30)

Two angels are called by name in the Bible, Gabriel & Michael  
(See Daniel 8:16, 9:20-21, 10:13, 10:21, 12:1, Luke 1:19-26, Jude 1:9, & Revelations 12:7)

Angels will shout when Jesus returns. (See 1 Thessalonians 4:16)

----- SOME POSSIBLE ANSWERS -----

(Your answers do not have to match exactly.)

**Lesson 2 – God Uses His Angels to Minister to Mankind**

- (2A) Daniel 10:18-19. What did the angel do for Daniel? He strengthened Him
- (2B) Hebrews 1:7-14. What kind of spirits are angels? Ministering, serving or helping spirits
- (2C) Acts 12:5-11. Who sets Peter free from prison? The angel of the Lord
- (2D) Luke 22:43. What did the angel do for Him? He strengthened Him.
- (2E) Acts 10:22. Who directed Cornelius to send for Peter? A holy angel
- (2F) Dan 8:15-27. What was Gabriel instructed to give Daniel? Understanding of the vision Dan 8:16
- (2G) Acts 1:10-11 Who explains to the disciples how Jesus will return? 2 men in white, probably angels
- (2H) Luke 1:11-17. Who told Zacharias that John the Baptist would be born. The angel Gabriel
- (2I) 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 6:14-17. What did Elisha's servant see? An invisible army on horses and chariots of fire
- (2J) Psalm 34:7. What do angels do for the people who fear God? They rescue or deliver us
- (2K) Psalm 91:10-12. What do His angels do? They protect us
- (2L) Angels act so faithfully for God that many times in the Bible the distinction is not even made. As far as the Old Testament writers were concerned, anything an angel did, was God doing it. We need to consider it the same way. We have a direct relationship with God Almighty and we need to understand that angels are acting in His behalf to guide and protect us. They are to be respected but not worshiped.

**My further thoughts:**

[2m] I told him that I believed every word he was saying about his angelic visitation. The smiles disappeared from the faces of the other patients and the man looked puzzled. I went on to explain I believed it was the angel who was the liar. No one had any more to say, and the man just sat there looking introspective. (See 2 Cor 11:14) Satan sometimes appears as an angel of light. I believe that is exactly what happened to Ellen G. White, Joseph Smith and Mohammed.



And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.  
— COLOSSIANS 2:15 NIV

**Lesson 3 – Satan is Real, Powerful and Our Enemy**

Read these scriptures and answer the associated question:

(3A) John 8:44. Jesus says Satan is three things. What are they? \_\_\_\_\_

(3B) John 10:10 where he is called a thief. What are his three goals? \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate names for Satan:

(3C) Revelation 12:9. What three names is he given here? \_\_\_\_\_

(3D) Daniel 10:13 \_\_\_\_\_

(3E) Revelation 12:17 \_\_\_\_\_

(3F) 2 Corinthians 4:4 \_\_\_\_\_

(3G) Ephesians 2:2 \_\_\_\_\_

(3H) John 12:31 \_\_\_\_\_

(3I) Zechariah 3:1 What was Satan doing? \_\_\_\_\_

(3J) 2 Corinthians 11:14. What does it say Satan can look like? \_\_\_\_\_

(3K) Acts 5:3. What did Satan fill his heart with? \_\_\_\_\_

(3L) Hebrews 2:14. Whose power has Jesus taken? \_\_\_\_\_

(3M) James 1:14-15. Is Satan and his demons the only source of temptation? \_\_\_\_\_

(3N) Job 1:6-12 and Job 2:4-7. Who gave Satan permission to attack Job? \_\_\_\_\_

(3O) John 13:2. Who gave Judas the idea to betray Jesus. \_\_\_\_\_

(3P) Luke 22:31-32. What did Satan do before he tempted Peter? \_\_\_\_\_

(3Q) Luke 4:13. Was Satan always where Jesus was? \_\_\_\_\_

(3R) Matthew 4:1-11. Jesus is tempted three times by Satan.

(i) Jesus' answers always begin the same way. How? \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Does the devil know how to quote scripture? \_\_\_\_\_

(3S) Revelation 12:9.

(i) What does he do? \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) What happens to Satan and his followers? \_\_\_\_\_

(3T) Revelation 20:10.

(i) Where does Satan end up? \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) How long will he be there? \_\_\_\_\_

(3U) Revelation 13:2. The Devil (called the dragon here) gives the beast three things. What?

(3V) What do the scriptures above reveal about the nature of Satan?

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_

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----- SOME POSSIBLE ANSWERS -----

(Your answers do not have to match exactly.)

**Lesson 3 – Satan is real, powerful and Our Enemy**

(3A) John 8:44. Jesus says Satan is three things. What are they? Murderer, liar, and father of lies

(3B) John 10:10 where he is called a thief. What are his three goals? Steal, kill, and destroy.

Alternate names for Satan: (Also in Ezekiel 28:12-16 Satan is called the King of Tyre)

(3C) Revelation 12:9. What three names is he given here? Dragon, Satan and the Devil.

(3D) Daniel 10:13 The King of Persia

(3E) Revelation 12:17 Dragon

(3F) 2 Corinthians 4:4 The god of this world or age.

(3G) Ephesians 2:2 Prince or ruler of the power of the air.

(3H) John 12:31 Ruler or prince of this world.

(3I) Zechariah 3:1 What was Satan doing? Accusing or resisting.

(3J) 2 Corinthians 11:14. What does it say Satan can look like? An angel of light

(3K) Acts 5:3. What did Satan fill his heart with? A lie to the Holy Spirit

(3L) Hebrews 2:14. Whose power has Jesus taken? The devil

(3M) James 1:14-15. Is Satan and his demons the only source of temptation? No

(3N) Job 1:6-12 and Job 2:4-7. Who gave Satan permission to attack Job? The Lord or God

(3O) John 13:2. Who gave Judas the idea to betray Jesus. Satan See also Luke 22:3

(3P) Luke 22:31-32. What did Satan do before he tempted Peter? He asked permission.

(3Q) Luke 4:13. Was Satan always where Jesus was? No, he left him alone sometimes.

(3R) Matthew 4:1-11. Jesus is tempted three times by Satan.

(i) Jesus' answers always begin the same way. How? He quotes the Bible. Matt 4:4, 10, 15-16.

(ii) Does the devil know how to quote scripture? Yes. Matthew 4:6

(3S) Revelation 12:9.

(i) What does he do? Deceives the whole world.

(ii) What happens to Satan and his followers? They are thrown down.

(3T) Revelation 20:10.

(i) Where does Satan end up? The lake of fire and brimstone or burning sulfur.

(ii) How long will he be there? Forever.

(3U) Revelation 13:2. The Devil (called the dragon here) gives the beast three things. What?

Power, throne and great authority.

**(3V)** I believe there is an angel named Satan who, although doomed to destruction, is active in trying to deceive believers. Although he is very powerful he is not all knowing, not everywhere at the same time, nor all powerful regardless of how much he would have us to believe otherwise. Unless God gives him permission to do more, his only weapon is deception.

**For Further Thought:**

(3W) Read Ephesians 6:10-20. How do we stand against the devil?

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(3X) Read Isaiah 14:3-21. What does this teach us about Lucifer (another name for Satan)

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**SATAN** To learn more about Satan: Deuteronomy 32:33; 1 Chronicles 21:1; Psalm 91:13; Isaiah 27:1; 51:9; Matthew 12:26; Matthew 13:39; 16:23; 25:41; Mark 1:13; 3:23-26; 3:26; 4:15; 5:15-18; 7:26-30; 8:33; Luke 4; Luke 8:12; Luke 8:29; 9:42; Luke 10:18; 11:14-18; 13:16; 22:3; John 13:31; Acts 10:38; 13:10; 26:18; Romans 16:20; 1 Cor 5:5; 7:5; 2 Corinthians 2:11; 12:7; Ephesians 4:27; 1 Thessalonians 2:18; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:9; 1 Timothy 1:20; 3:6-7; 5:15; 2 Timothy 2:26; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8; 1<sup>st</sup> John 3:8-10; Jude 1:9; Revelation 2; 3:9; 12; 13; 16:13; 20



**Lesson 4 – Demons are Fallen Angels**

Read these scriptures and answer the associated question:

- (4A) Job 4:17-18. Do angels sin? \_\_\_\_\_
- (4B) Daniel 10:10-14. On his way to answer Daniel's prayer an angel fought against another spirit. Who?  
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- (4C) Matthew 8:28-29 Who recognized Jesus as the Son of God? \_\_\_\_\_
- (4D) Matthew 12:43-45 Do demons always act alone? \_\_\_\_\_
- (4E) Matthew 17:18 Did the demons obey Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
- (4F) Mark 1:23-27 Did the demons recognize Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
- (4G) Mark 5:6-9 Can more than one demon attack someone at the same time? \_\_\_\_\_
- (4H) Mark 9:17-22 (for H & I) How long can a demon attack someone? \_\_\_\_\_
- (4I) What is their purpose in attacking someone? \_\_\_\_\_
- (4J) John 8:48-49. What did the Jews accuse Jesus of? \_\_\_\_\_
- (4K) Acts 19:11-16. Can demon possession make someone physically stronger? \_\_\_\_\_
- (4L) 2 Corinthians 11:13-15. Since human servants of Satan disguise themselves is it reasonable that his demonic servants do the same? \_\_\_\_\_
- (4M) 2 Peter 2:4. Where does God put demons? \_\_\_\_\_
- (4N) Revelation 12:7-9. Who is going to win the war between angels and demons? \_\_\_\_\_
- (4O) What do the scriptures above teach us about demons? \_\_\_\_\_

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_  
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**For further thought:**  
[4p] *Atheist Attack:* "God causes 'demonic activity.' 2 Chronicles 18:22 'The Lord put a lying spirit in peoples' mouths!'" How would you respond to this attack? (Hint Deut 18:21-22)  
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----- SOME POSSIBLE ANSWERS -----

(Your answers do not have to match exactly.)

**Lesson 4 – Demons are Fallen Angels**

- (4A) Job 4:17-18. Do angels sin? Yes. Those that do we call demons.
- (4B) Daniel 10:10-14. On his way to answer Daniel's prayer an angel fought against another spirit.  
Who? The Prince of Persia, whom many scholars believe to be Satan.
- (4C) Matthew 8:28-29 Who recognized Jesus as the Son of God? Demons
- (4D) Matthew 12:43-45 Do demons always act alone? No. This one got seven to go with him.
- (4E) Matthew 17:18 Did the demons obey Jesus? Yes.
- (4F) Mark 1:23-27 Did the demons recognize Jesus? Yes
- (4G) Mark 5:6-9 Can more than one demon attack someone at the same time? Yes, there were many here
- (4H) Mark 9:17-22 (for H & I) How long can a demon attack someone? His whole life. Mark 9:21
- (4I) What is their purpose in attacking someone? To destroy him. Mark 9:22
- (4J) John 8:48-49. What did the Jews accuse Jesus of? Of having a demon
- (4K) Acts 19:11-16. Can demon possession make someone physically stronger?  
Yes. 1 man defeated 7 by their power. (So can adrenaline)
- (4L) 2 Corinthians 11:13-15. Since human servants of Satan disguise themselves is it reasonable that his demonic servants do the same? Yes
- (4M) 2 Peter 2:4. Where does God put demons? Hell
- (4N) Revelation 12:7-9. Who is going to win the war between angels and demons? Angels
- (4O) I believe demons are the angels that joined Satan in his rebellion against God. However, they are still subject to God's will. They will attack human beings, but not without God's permission, or the permission of the person they are attacking, their only weapon is deception. Our more immediate danger is the humans that are deceived by Satan, not demons.

**My further thoughts:**

[4p] My answer: God would not let the false prophets predict the future correctly as He promised in Deut 18:21-22. What is your point?

How could I have better served the truth in a love sandwich?

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**DEMONS:** To learn more about demons read: Leviticus 17:7; Deuteronomy 32:17; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 11:15; Psalm 106:37; Matthew 4:24; Matthew 7:22; Matthew 8:16-33; Matthew 9:34; Matthew 10:8; Matthew 12:2-28; Mark 1:23-39; Mark 3:15-22; Mark 5:12; Mark 6:13; Mark 9:38; Mark 16:9-17; Luke 4:41; Luke 8:2-38; Luke 9:1; Luke 9:49; Luke 10:17; Luke 11:15-20; Luke 13:32; 1 Corinthians 2:4; 1 Corinthians 10:20-21; 1 Timothy 4:1; James 2:19; Revelation 9:20; Revelation 16:14; Revelation 18:2