

# Overview of the Bible (Lesson #4)

Tonight's topic: Angels: Ministering Spirits  
Recommended Reading: Chapters 17 - 21 of Ryrie's *Basic Theology*

1. In our *Overview of the Bible* series, we'll be in Lesson #4:

- Lesson #1: Basic overview and Authority of the Bible
- Lesson #2: A study of God and His Defining Attributes
- Lesson #3: The Bible: Inspired Word of God
- **Lesson #4: Angels**
- Lesson #5: The Devil
- Lesson #6: Demons
- Lesson #7: Mankind
- Lesson #8: Sin
- Lesson #9: Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior of the World
- Lesson #10: Salvation overview (Justification, Sanctification, and Glorification)
- Lesson #11: The Holy Spirit
- Lesson #12: The Church
- Lesson #13: End Time Prophecy
- Lesson #14: Wrapping it all up and putting it all together...

2. In today's lesson we'll cover topics taken from Chapters 17-21 of *Basic Theology* that discuss *angels as ministering spirits*. What are some of the common thoughts from the general population on angels?

3. In Ryrie's book he does a great job providing facts and information on angels. Things like their being mentioned over 100 times in the Old Testament and 165 times in the New Testament are examples. Let's look at the following passages and see what the Bible has to say about angels:

- a. Matthew 22:30 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Matthew 25:31 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Psalm 148:5 \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Job 38:6-7 \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Colossians 1:6 \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Hebrews 1:14 \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Jude 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Jude 8-10 \_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel 10:1-14 \_\_\_\_\_

4. Angels are superior to man in terms of their strength and intellect; however, according to I Corinthians 6:3 followers of Jesus will judge the angels. Listed below are three (3) reasons Ryrie cites as to why angels have greater knowledge than humans (p. 143):
  - a. They were created as “higher” order beings and innately possess greater knowledge (and capacity) than humans.
  - b. Angels know more about God than humans do.
  - c. Because angels do not die, they are able to accumulate knowledge and experience over long period of time (i.e. we’ll call this “compound” knowledge).

In looking at the above list, what can we learn about angels that can benefit us as humans in serving God?

5. Based on what we’ve studied today, how should we view angels? Have you learned anything in this lesson you did not know previously?

6. NEXT BIBLE STUDY: We’ll study Section V – Our Adversary: The Devil (Chapters 22-25).