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Week 7: *What (or who) are the Angels? Why did God create angels? And why should I care?*

WHAT (OR WHO) ARE THE ANGELS?

What are some biblical characteristics of angels?

Name some common myths about angels. What surprises you the most?

What are the distinctions between angels and humans?

WHY DID GOD CREATE ANGELS IN THE FIRST PLACE?

The author of Hebrews tells us that angels are guiding and ministering to us (Hebrews 1:14), but how can humankind minister to angels?

What is it that “even angels long to look into?” (1 Peter 1:12) Why is this significant?

How can the creation of angels be understood as a symbol of God’s outpouring love?

WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT ANGELS?

How does angelology (study of angels) help us understand how God looks at us, where God wants us, and what God has planned for us?

How does the heart of God reflect a mother’s heart?

CALL YOUR MOM AND THANK HER! If your mom is no longer living, or if for some other reason you can't call your mom, take this opportunity to call a woman who has been like a mother to you.

If you feel ready to make the life-altering decision to love Jesus more than anything or anyone else, you're not alone. We can help you through the next steps along your faith journey. Visit thestory.church/contact and let us hear about what God is doing in your heart.

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Matthew 18:10 “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in Heaven.”

Psalm 91:11-12 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

Psalm 103:20 Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Hebrews 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

Hebrews 13:2 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.

1 Peter 1:12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

Revelation 22:8-9 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me. But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words on this scroll. Worship God!”