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#### The Original State of Angels

Along with all of God's creation, angels were considered "<u>very good</u>" (Gen. 1:31). Just like mankind, all angels were originally without <u>sin</u> and <u>holy</u>. Even after Satan rebelled, the angels who did not rebel with him remained in a state of <u>holiness</u> ("holy angels" - Mark 8:38).

#### What Are Angels Like?

- ➤ They have <u>personality</u> (intellect, emotion, and will I Pet. 1:12; Luke 15:10; II Tim. 2:26).
- They are <u>spirit</u> beings who can (on occasion) take on human form (Gen. 18; John 20:12; Heb. 13:2).
- They do not <u>marry</u>, have <u>children</u> or <u>die</u> (Luke 20:34-36).
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- ➤ They are exceptionally <u>knowledgeable</u>, though not omniscient like God (II Sam. 14:20; Matt. 24:36).
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