

# Christian Doctrine

## Angels (Intro)

### *People's Fascination with Angels*

In the recent decades, we have seen a tremendous growth in the interest of angels. This is for several reasons:

1. People searching for guidance in life.
2. Interest in the supernatural and the unknown.
3. Hopes of good-luck and protection.
4. Popularity of New Age and mystical religions.

### *Angels and God's Word*

Is everything we hear about angels true? There is a lot of confusion concerning angels today. God's Word gives us great insight into the world of angels. They are mentioned in the Bible over 250 times. 34 of the 66 books of the Bible make reference to angels. This study will explore God's Word in order to get a better understanding of the existence and purpose of these created beings.

### *Examples of Biblical References to Angels:*

- Angels in the Old Testament
  - Abraham ate and talked with angels (Gen. 18).
  - An angel was used to carry out judgment on Israel after David took a census of the people (II Sam. 24:16).
  - Seraphim (Is. 6:2) and cherubim (Ez. 10:1-3) are mentioned.
  - The angel Gabriel is mentioned (Dan. 9:20-27), as well as the angel Michael (Dan. 10:13; 12:1).
  - The psalms describe angels as servants of God (Ps. 103:20).
- Angels in the New Testament
  - Angels announced Jesus' birth (Luke 2:13), ministered to Jesus (Mark 1:13), announced Jesus' resurrection (John 20:12) and were present at His ascension (Acts 1:10-11).
  - Angels are seen in the book of Acts opening prison doors for the apostles (Acts 5:19; 12:5-11), guiding Philip and Cornelius in ministry (Acts 8:26; 10:1-7) and encouraging Paul (Acts 27:23-25).
  - The book of Revelation mentions angels at least 65 times.