



# “GOD DOES IMMEASURABLY MORE”

Series: “ANGELS AMONG US”, Part 1 of 4

Sunday, December 3, 2023, at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: Luke 1:5-20

**Big Idea: God can do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.**

Luke 1:11, “Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense.”

## I. WHO AND WHAT ARE THE BEINGS WE CALL ANGELS?

### A. Angels are created, spiritual beings.

“Angels are created, spiritual beings with moral judgment and high intelligence, but without physical bodies.”<sup>1</sup> - Dr. Wayne Grudem

Colossians 1:16, “For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.”

### B. There are a lot of them!

Revelation 5:11a, “Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand.”

### C. Sometimes they appear as human, and sometimes as super-human.

Matthew 28:2b-4, “An angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.”

Hebrews 13:2, “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.” {NASV}

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<sup>1</sup> Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*. (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House), 1994, page 397.

**D. Angels are limited in knowledge and power.**

Mark 13:32, “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

**E. Angels have a freewill and can obey or disobey God.**

Revelation 12:7-9, “And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.”

**F. Angels are organized and structured.**

Matthew 26:53, “Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?”

**II. WHAT ARE ANGELS DESIGNED TO DO?**

Hebrews 1:14, “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?” NASV

Luke 1:13, But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John.”

Luke 1:12, “When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear.”

Luke 1:18, Zechariah asked the angel, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.”

Luke 1:19b-20, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their proper time.”

Luke 1:64, “Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue was loosed, and he began to speak, praising God.”

**Since God can do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, it's never too late for a breakthrough.**