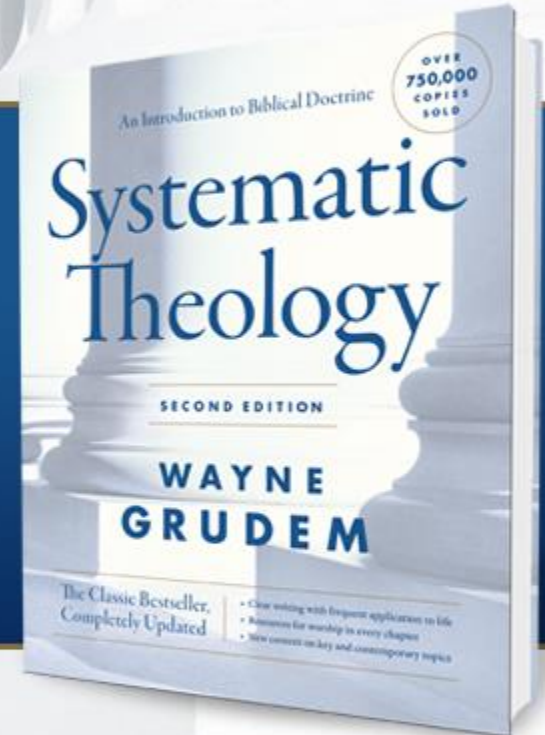


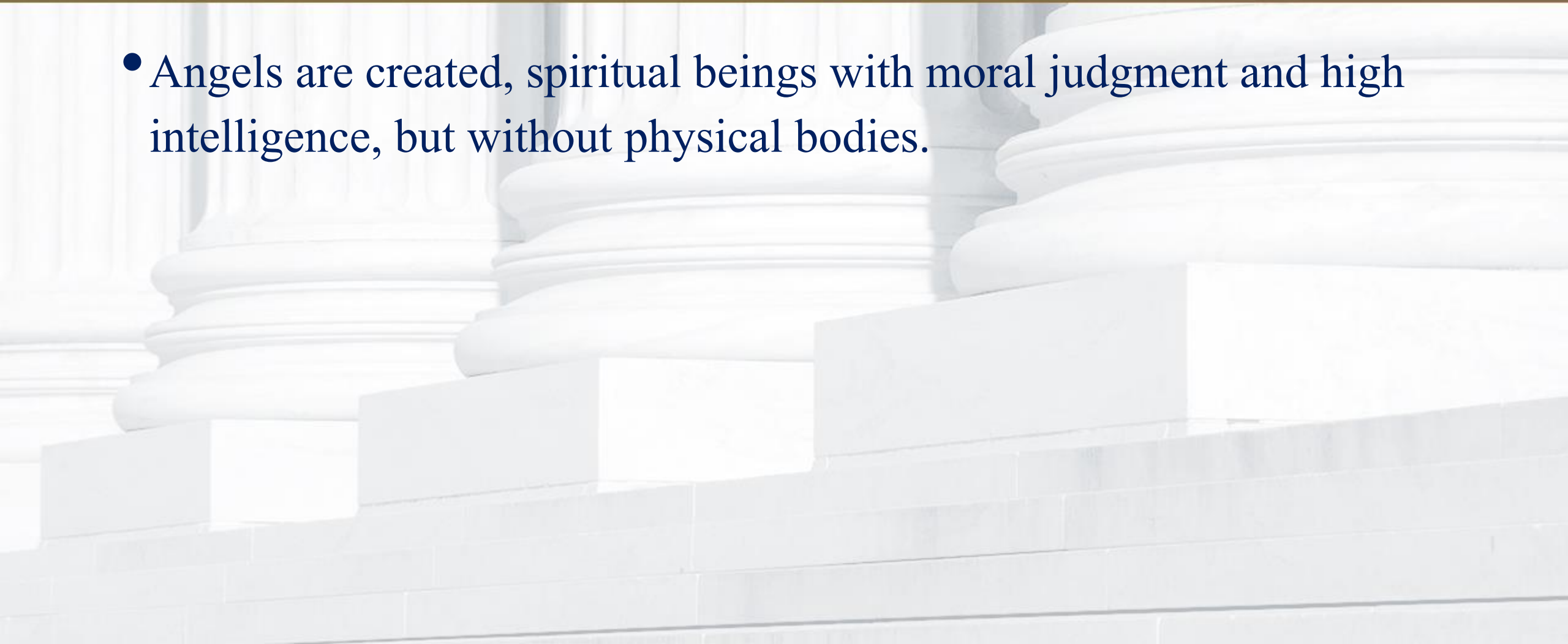
Angels

Chapter 19



Explanation and Scriptural Basis

- Angels are created, spiritual beings with moral judgment and high intelligence, but without physical bodies.



What Are Angels?

- **Created Spiritual Beings** (Neh 9:6; Ps 148:2, 5)
- **Other Names for Angels**
 - “Sons of God” (Job 1:6; 2:1)
 - “Holy ones” (Ps 89:5, 7)
 - “Spirits” (Heb 1:14)
 - “Watchers” (Dan 4:13, 17, 23)
 - “Thrones,” “Dominions,” “Principalities,” & “Authorities” (Col 1:16)

What Are Angels?

- **Other Kinds of Heavenly Beings**

- The “Cherubim” (Gen 3:24; Ex 25:22; Ps 18:10; Ezek 10:1–22)
- The “Seraphim” (Isa 6:2–7)
- The “Living Creatures” (Ezek 1:5–14; Rev 4:6–8)

- **Rank and Order Among the Angels**

- Only Michael is mentioned as an “archangel.” (Dan 10:13; Jude 9; Rev 12:7–8)

What Are Angels?

- **Names of Specific Angels**

- Michael (Jude 9; Rev 12:7–8; Dan 10:13, 21)
- Gabriel (Lk 1:19, 26–27)

- **Only One Place at One Time**

- **How Many Angels Are There?**

- Apparently very many. (Deut 33:2; Heb 12:22; Rev 5:11)

What Are Angels?

- **Do People Have Individual Guardian Angels?**
 - Ps 91:11-12; Matt 18:10
 - There is no convincing support from Scripture for this idea.
- **Angels Do Not Marry (Matt 22:30)**
- **The Power of Angels**
 - Apparently very great. (Ps 103:20; 2 Pet 2:11)
 - Used to battle against demonic forces (Dan 10:13; Rev 12:7–18; 20:1–3)

What Are Angels?

- **Who Is the Angel of the Lord?** Scripture suggests this is God himself.
 - **Gen 16:10, 13:** The angel of the LORD also said to her, “I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude.” ... So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, “You are a God of seeing,” for she said, “Truly here I have seen him who looks after me.”
 - **Gen 22:12:** He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”

What Are Angels?

- **Who Is the Angel of the Lord?** Scripture suggests this is God himself.
 - **Ex 3:2, 6:** And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ... And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

When Were Angels Created?

- All the angels must have been created before the seventh day of creation. (Gen 2:1)
- Possibly, they were created at the very beginning of the first day of creation.
 - **Gen 1:1–2:** God created the heavens and the earth ... the *earth* was without form and void.
 - **Job 38:6–7:** On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

The Place of Angels in God's Purpose

- **Angels Show the Greatness of God's Love and Plan for Us**
 - Angels are not made in the image of God (Gen 1:26–27)
 - We will judge angels (1 Cor 6:3)
 - We procreate and bear children (Gen 5:3; Matt 22:30)
 - God has not redeemed angels, but he has redeemed people (2 Pet 2:4; Heb 2:16)

The Place of Angels in God's Purpose

- **Angels Remind Us That the Unseen World Is Real** (2 Kgs 6:17; Ps 148:2; Heb 12:22)
- **Angels Are Examples for Us** (Isa 6:3; Matt 6:10; Rev 5:11–12)

The Place of Angels in God's Purpose

- **Angels Carry Out Some of God's Plans**
 - They bring God's messages to people. (Lk 1:11–19)
 - They carry out some of God's judgments. (2 Sam 24:16–17; Acts 12:23; Rev 16:1)
 - They patrol the earth as God's representatives (Zech 1:10–11)
 - They wage war against demonic forces (Dan 10:13; Rev 12:7–8)
 - They will proclaim Christ's return (1 Thess 4:16)
- **Angels Directly Glorify God**

Our Relationship to Angels

- **We Should Be Aware of Angels in Our Daily Lives**
- **Cautions Regarding Our Relationship to Angels**
 - Beware of Receiving False Doctrine From Angels (Gal 1:8; 2 Cor 11:14)
 - Do Not Worship Angels, Pray to Them, or Seek Them (Col 2:18; Rev 19:10)
 - Do Angels Appear to People Today? (Heb 13:2)
 - They could, but we should use caution in receiving guidance from an angel.

Special Terms

- angel
- angel of the Lord
- archangel
- cherubim
- living creatures
- Michael
- principalities and powers
- seraphim
- sons of God
- watchers