

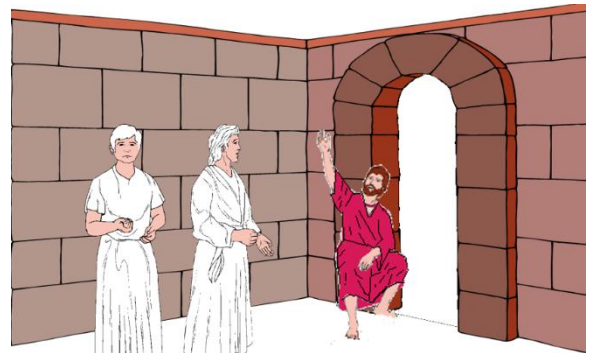
Angels Lesson 3

The Power of Angels

Angels have superhuman power. Angels have the ability to do things that humans are not able to do. The Bible contains a number of events concerning the great power of angels.

I. Angels have the power to cause blindness.

Genesis 19:1 "And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;"



Q1. There were _____ angels sent to Sodom.

These angels were to see if Sodom and the surrounding town should be destroyed with fire, because of the sins of those cities. Lot met the two angels at the city gate and invited them to stay in his home. The sin of Sodom was homosexuality. When the men of Sodom knew that the two strangers (men) had come to their city and were staying with Lot, they wanted to have a sexual relationship with them. A large mob of young and old men gathered around the house of Lot to demand that these two men be brought out. Lot went out of the house, closed the door behind him and tried to reason with the mob. Lot wanted to protect these two angels.

Genesis 19:4 "But before they lay down, the men of the city, [even] the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where [are] the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,

7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.

8 Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as [is] good in

your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.

9 And they said, Stand back. And they said [again], This one [fellow] came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, [even] Lot, and came near to break the door.

10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.

11 And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door."

Q2. As the mob started to get Lot and break down the door of Lot's house, the two angels pulled Lot into the house and caused those who tried to get to the door to become _____.

Angels have the power to bring blindness upon humans.

II. Angels have the power to make fire come out of rocks.

An angel was sent to Gideon to inform him that he would be used of God to deliver the nation of Israel out of the hands of the Midianites. Gideon wanted a sign from God. Gideon made a meal for the angel. Gideon prepared a kid and made unleavened cakes and some broth. The angel was under the oak tree when Gideon presented him with the meal. The angel told Gideon to put the meat and bread on a rock and pour the broth on it.

Judges 6:21 "Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight."



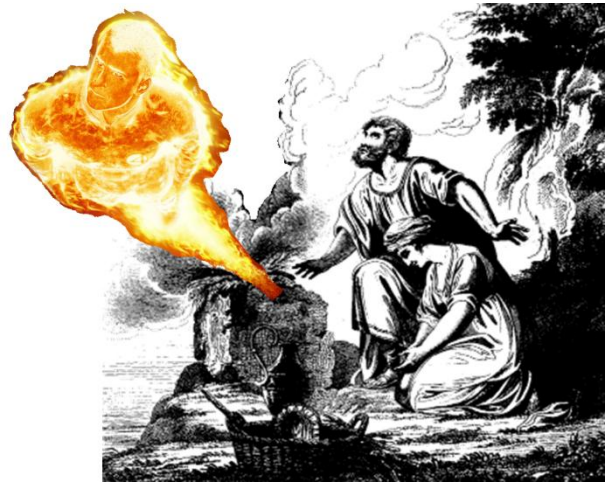
Q3. The angel took his staff, touched the meat and bread with it and, as he did, _____ came out of the _____ and burned the flesh and bread.

Angels have the power to make fire come out of rocks. What type of staff did this angel have that would cause the fire to come out of a rock?

III. Angels have the power to ascend to heaven in a flame of fire.

Manoah and his wife were told by an angel that they would have a special child. This child would be Samson. Manoah and his wife made a meat offering to the Lord and they set fire to the offering.

Judges 13:20 "For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground."



Q4. The angel got into the _____ of fire and as the flame of the _____ went up in the air, the angel used it to _____ to heaven.

Angels have the power to ascend to heaven in a flame of fire.

IV. Angels have the power to destroy an army.

The king of Assyria marched on Jerusalem, and God sent his angel to destroy them.

2 Kings 19:35 "And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses."

Q5. In one night 185,000 _____ of war were dead at the hand of one _____.

One angel had the power to destroy 185,000 soldiers.

V. Angels have power over fire.

In the book of Daniel, there are two events recorded about the power of angels. The first event is that of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These three men would not worship the image which King Nebuchadnezzar had made. The punishment for breaking this law was to be cast into a burning fiery furnace.

Daniel 3:24 "Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.

25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, [and] spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come [hither]. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire.

27. And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God."

Q6. The three men were cast into the furnace of fire, and an _____ came to protect them while they were in the fire.

Angels have power over fire.



VI. Angels have power over animals.

The second event is that of Daniel when he broke the law of the Medes and Persians under king Darius. No one was to pray for thirty days, except to the king. Daniel, in spite of the law, continued to pray to God as he always did. The punishment for breaking this law was to be cast into a den of lions.

Daniel 6:22 "My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt."



After Daniel was taken out, his accusers and their families were cast into the den of lions and were eaten immediately.

Q7. Daniel was put into the den of _____; an _____ came and _____ the lions' mouths. Angels have power over animals.

VII. Angels have power over water.

John 5:4 "For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had."

Q8. An angel had the power to _____ the water of the pool of Bethesda so that whosoever was first in the pool would be _____ of whatever disease they had.



Angels have the power to turn water into a limited healing agent.

VIII. Angels have the power to cause a man to be speechless.

When Gabriel announced to Zacharias that his wife Elisabeth would bear them a son in their old age, it was more than he could believe.

Luke 1:18 "And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.

20 And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season."



Q9. Gabriel made Zacharias unable to _____, because of his doubt, until the child was born and named John as instructed.

An angel has the power to cause a man to be speechless for months.

IX. Angels have tremendous strength.

Matthew 28:1 "In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first [day] of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it."



Q10. After the resurrection of Jesus, one _____ came and _____ back the large stone from the front of the tomb.

Angels have tremendous strength.

X. Angels have the power to open prison doors.

The apostles were put in the common prison for preaching about Jesus.

Acts 5:18 "And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life."

After the apostles were out of prison, the angel locked the prison doors again. the prison without the guards seeing them.

Acts 5:22 "But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned, and told,

23 Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within.

Q11. An _____ came and _____ the prison doors and led the apostles out.

Angels have the power to open the locked prison door.

XI. Angels have extraordinary power.

King Herod had James, the brother of John, killed with a sword, then apprehended Peter and put him in prison. There were sixteen guards assigned to keep Peter in prison. Two soldiers were chained to Peter, one to each arm. Peter was asleep, chained to the soldiers, and there were soldiers outside his cell.

Acts 12:7 "And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands."

Q12. An angel came in the prison, and his power was so great that a _____ the guards could not see shined in the prison

cell. The angel woke Peter up and told Peter to follow him.



Q13. Peter got up and the _____ came off, and the soldiers never knew what was going on.

Peter followed the angel out to the prison courtyard without the soldiers being aware of them.

Acts 12:10 "When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him."

Q14. As they came to the iron gate, the _____ made the gate _____ on its own.

The power of the angel was so unbelievable that Peter thought he was dreaming. After the angel left him standing in the street, then Peter knew that an angel delivered him out of prison.

Angels have extraordinary power.

XII. Angels have other powers beyond human abilities.

In the book of Revelation, there are passages that describe the power of angels over the wind and fire, their power to slay one third of mankind and to fly through the air without wings.

Revelation 7:1 "And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree."

Q15. Angels have the power to hold the _____ of the earth.

Revelation 14:18 "And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe."

Q16. An Angel has power over _____.

Revelation 9:15 "And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men."

Q17. Four angels have the power to _____ one third of mankind.

Revelation 14:6 "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,"

Q18. Angels have the power to ___ without wings.

Revelation 18:1 "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory."

Q19. An angel has such _____ power that the earth was _____ with his glory.

Angels have power beyond human abilities.