

## Study Guide

Many times we struggle to get a solid biblical understanding of the different topics in the Bible. Are we really punished for Adam's sin? What is the purpose of angels? What do the end times look like?

This course will tackle these topics and many more and unpack them in a way that isn't just theoretical but actually relates to your Christian life.

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# ANTHROPOLOGY – Doctrine of Man

## *A Crash Course in Creeds - Session 3*



(NOTE: In this context the term “man” is used in the historical sense of referring to all of mankind—the human race—both male and female inclusively.)

### **God created us with a purpose—to glorify Him.**

Isaiah 43:7 – *“Bring all who claim me as their God, for I have made them for my glory. It was I who created them.”*

### **Man is a trichotomy: body, soul & spirit.**

1 Thessalonians 5:23 – *“Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.”*

- Animals are dichotomy; body & soul

Genesis 1:24 – *“Then God said, ‘Let the earth produce every sort of animal, each producing offspring of the same kind—livestock, small animals that scurry along the ground, and wild animals.’ And that is what happened.”*

### **Man is made in the image of God, distinct from animal.**

Genesis 1:26 – *“Then God said, ‘Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.’”*

## **We are a spirit | We have a soul | We live in a body**

### **1. SPIRITUAL NATURE OF MAN – SPIRIT**

Spirit (Greek - *Pneuma*): wind, breath

Ecclesiastes 12:6–7 – *“Yes, remember your Creator now while you are young, before the silver cord of life snaps and the golden bowl is broken. Don’t wait until the water jar is smashed at the spring and the pulley is broken at the well. For then the dust will return to the earth, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.”*

Job 32:8 – *“But there is a spirit within people, the breath of the Almighty within them, that makes them intelligent.”*

### **The human spirit reflects the image of the Holy Spirit.**

Invisible, eternal, moral conscience

Romans 8:16 - *For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children.*

### **Three things that make up the human spirit:**

- 1) Spiritual Intuition
- 2) Spiritual Connection
- 3) Conscience

## **2. PERSONAL NATURE OF MAN – SOUL**

Soul: mind, will, emotions

### **These are characteristics often attributed to God the Father.**

Luke 22:42 - *“Father, if you are **willing**, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your **will** to be done, not mine.”*

2 Corinthians 1:3 – *“All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our **merciful** Father and the source of all comfort.”*

1 Corinthians 2:7, 10 – *“No, the **wisdom** we speak of is the mystery of God—his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began. But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets.”*

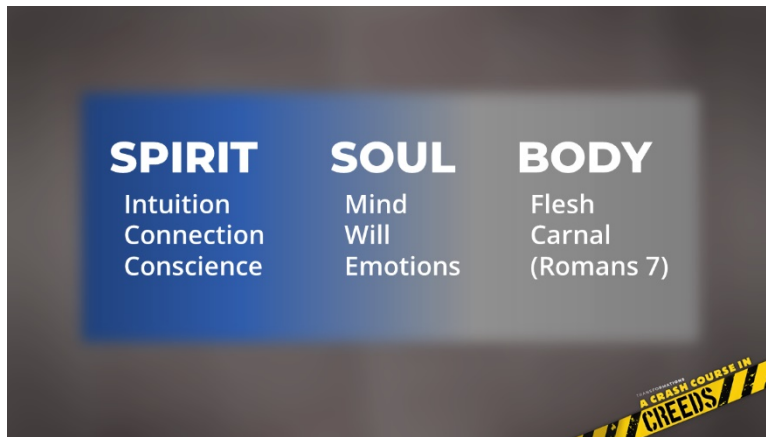
## **3. PHYSICAL NATURE OF MAN – BODY**

Body: flesh, blood, bones, carnal (Romans 7)

- Though God is incorporeal (without physical form), Jesus came in the physical form of man.

## The Human Condition

There are three forces at work within us.



The human spirit is regenerated.

2 Corinthians 5:17 – *“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”*

The human soul is in processing of renewing.

Romans 12:2 – *“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”*

The soul is always open to influence from the other two.

## ANGELOLOGY – Doctrine of Angels



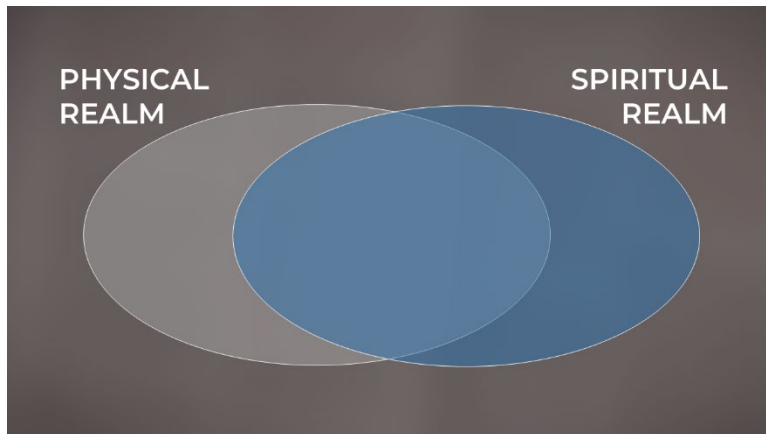
“Angelos” (Greek) = Messenger

Angels are created spirit beings that inhabit the spiritual realm.

Ephesians 6:12 – *“For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the **heavenly places.**”*

## Physical and Spiritual Realms

We live in both realms; these two realms overlap.



### ANGELS IN THE PHYSICAL REALM

Hebrews 13:2 – *“Don’t forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!”*

Genesis 19:1 – *“That evening the two angels came to the entrance of the city of Sodom. Lot was sitting there, and when he saw them, he stood up to meet them. Then he welcomed them and bowed with his face to the ground.”*

### ANGELS IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM

Daniel 10:12–14 – *“Then he said, ‘Don’t be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer. But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia. Now I am here to explain what will happen to your people in the future, for this vision concerns a time yet to come.’”*

### ANGELS ARE MENTIONED AROUND 300 TIMES IN THE BIBLE

- not a race
- created all at once
- do not marry, propagate, die, increase or decrease

Luke 20:34–36 – *“Jesus replied, ‘Marriage is for people here on earth. But in the age to come, those worthy of being raised from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage. And they will never die again. In this respect they will be like angels. They are children of God and children of the resurrection.’”*

## Types of Angels

### CHERUBIM – “ANOINTED ONES”

- Seem to be highest order
- Satan was a cherub

Ezekiel 28:14–16 – *“I ordained and anointed you as the mighty angelic guardian. You had access to the holy mountain of God and walked among the stones of fire. You were blameless in all you did from the day you were created until the day evil was found in you. Your rich commerce led you to violence, and you sinned. So I banished you in disgrace from the mountain of God. I expelled you, O mighty guardian, from your place among the stones of fire.”*

- Michael & Gabriel were also cherubim

### SERAPHIM – “BURNING ONES”

Isaiah 6:2–3 – *“Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. They were calling out to each other, ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven’s Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!’”*

- 6 wings
- Seem to be worshipping angels.

### HEAVENLY HOSTS – RANK AND FILE ANGELS

Hebrews 1:14 – *“Therefore, angels are only servants—spirits sent to care for people who will inherit salvation.”*

Psalms 91:11 – *“For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go.”*

- Sent to minister to the Church.

### TOO MANY ANGELS TO COUNT

Revelation 5:11 – *“Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders.”*

Matthew 18:10 - *“Beware that you don’t look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father.”*

- At least one for every person on earth?

## **BIBLICAL PATTERNS**

- Angels can come in answer to sincere prayers from believers and nonbelievers.
- Angels sometimes appear to be human.
- Angels bring messages that further God’s plans on earth.
- Angelic intervention always has a purpose.
- Angels carry out God’s judgement against wickedness.

## **Fallen Angels**

- Angels who were deposed from heaven in Satan’s rebellion (Rev. 12)
- Make up 1/3 of former heavenly hosts.

## **SATAN**

- Rebelled against God and was cast down to earth for a season.

Isaiah 14:12–15 - *“How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning! You have been thrown down to the earth, you who destroyed the nations of the world. For you said to yourself, ‘I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God’s stars. I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north. I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.’ Instead, you will be brought down to the place of the dead, down to its lowest depths.”*

- “Shining star” (Day Star) = Lucifer in the NKJV
- A ruling cherub (Ezekiel 28)
- Hell was created as a place of punishment for Satan and his angels, not mankind.

Matthew 25:41 - *“Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, ‘Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.’”*

- Here is what we know about the 1/3 of the angels that fell:

Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV) - *“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”*

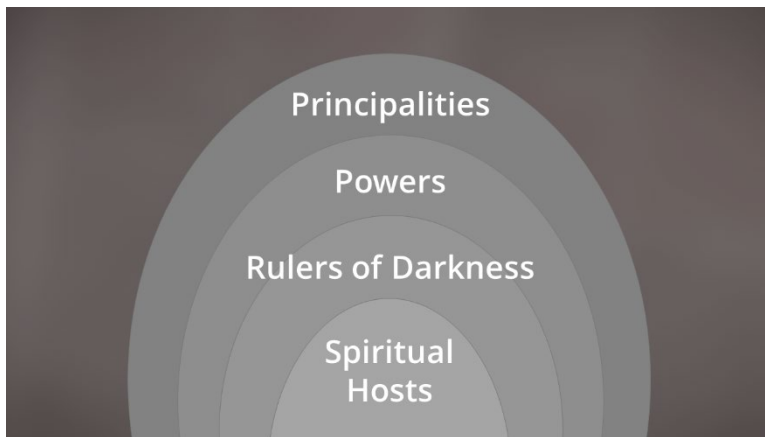
**PRINCIPALITIES** – Demonic rulers over nations

Daniel 10:20–21 – *“He replied, ‘Do you know why I have come? Soon I must return to fight against the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia, and after that the spirit prince of the kingdom of Greece will come. Meanwhile, I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one helps me against these spirit princes except Michael, your spirit prince.’”*

**POWERS** – Demonic rulers over smaller areas

**RULERS OF DARKNESS** – Local demonic things (Prostitution, pornography, drug trade, etc.)

**SPIRITUAL HOSTS OF WICKEDNESS** – Rank and file demons



For the most part, the only examples we see of specifically taking authority over demons are on a personal level.



## Discussion Questions

1. In your own words, how would you describe how Soul/Body/Spirit interact together?



2. **The soul is often described as the mind, will and emotion. How are each of those affected or changed when we are led by the Spirit of God?** (e.g. Romans 12:2 – carnal mind becomes renewed mind)

3. **As a triune person, what does a holistic lifestyle look like?**

4. **How does the realization that there are likely more angels than humans change your outlook on your situation?** (e.g. 2 Kings 6:16 – more with us than against us)

5. **Can you think of a situation in your life where an angel was possibly involved?**