

THE SPIRITUAL WORLD

I. Introduction

- A. Reality of both physical and spiritual worlds.
- B. Two different cultural views.
- C. God's Answer - Jn 10:10, Acts 10:38

II. GOD'S KINGDOM

A. Supremacy of God - Dan 7:9-14 (*Eph 1:19-22, Job 1:9-12, 2:3-6*)

B. Man's Current Situation (Why evil exists)

- 1. The Result of Sin - Gen 3:16-24
- 2. Our Hearts Being Tested - Deut 13:1-4

C. The angels

1. Nature and number - Rev 5:1 (*Jude 14, Rev 12:3-9*)

2. Activities

- a. Answering prayers. - Dan 10:4-14
- b. Arranging circumstances to bring people to salvation. - Heb 1:14
- c. Delivering messages from God - Dan 9:21-23 Lk 1:19
- d. Helping the saints on earth - I Kg 19:3-8, Acts 12:6-10
- e. Battling against demons on behalf of the saints - Ps 91:9-11, Dan 10:12-20
- f. Escorting saints to heaven upon their death. - Lk 16:22
- g. Executing God's judgement - Acts 12:23, Mt 13: 49
- h. Guardian Angels - Mat 18:10, Acts 12:15
- i. Praising and worshiping God - Lk 2:13-14, Rev 5:11-14

3. Appearances (*Josh 5:13-15, Dan 9:21, Mt 28:2-4, Heb 13:2*)

4. Various Attributes

- a. They do not marry. (*Mk 12:25*)
- b. Cannot be saved. (*1 Pet 1:12, 2 Pet 2:4*)
- c. They serve God (*Ps 103:20-21*)
- d. Are not to be worshiped - Rev 22:8-9 (*Rev 19:10, Col 2:18-19*)

III. THE ENEMY

A. Nature

1. Origin - 2 Pet 2:4, Rev 12:7-9
2. Hierarchy - Eph 6:12
3. Roles (*Mk 9:25, Acts 16:16*)

B. Purpose

1. Destruction of Man - Jn 10:10
2. Temptations leading to sin & death - Mt 4:1-11, I Thess 3:4-6,
3. Methods of Destruction - Prov 16:18, 23:20-21, 23:26-35, 14:12
4. Demonic Oppression & Possession - Jas 1:13-15, Lk 8:26-39
5. Physical Conditions Caused by Demons - Mk 9:17, 25-27, Lk 13:10-13
6. Paranormal & Occult Phenomena - Acts 16:16-18

C. Attraction of Other Demons - Mt 12:43-45

IV. GOD'S ANSWER

- A. God's Promise - I Cor 10:13
- B. Our Authority in Christ - Mk 16:17, Jas 4:7, Lk 10:19-20
- C. The Biblical Method - Mark 1:25-26, Acts 16:18
- D. His Promise - Is. 54:17