



Eagle Forum Prayer Letter – February 2023

Bible Versus

Ephesians 6:12 “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.”

Revelation 5:11 – “Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands.”

Psalms 103:20-21 – “Bless the LORD, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word... You minister of His, who do His pleasure.”

Revelation 12:4 – “His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth...”

Daniel 10:13 – “But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me (Gabriel) twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.”

Revelation 12:12 - “...Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.”

Matthew 13:49 - “So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just,”

Commentary – Angels and Demons

The Bible teaches that Jesus created all things *Colossians 1:15-16* “*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.*” Angels were created by Jesus to be servants and ministering spirits that carried out God’s will and pleasure. Unlike humans who have an average physical life span of 70-80 years (*Psalms 90:10*) angels and demons are eternal spiritual beings that are more powerful than humans, *2 Peter 2:11* “*whereas angels, who are greater in power and might...*” Angels have names, are uniquely individual rational thinking beings that can manipulate and control matter and energy, travel through time and space, have free will, can appear in dreams, take on human form, usually remain invisible. The Bible does not specifically lay out the hierarchy of angelic power and responsibility, but it is assumed that Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones are at the top of the hierarchy. Satan was originally God’s covering Cherubim. Angelic power can be seen in *2 Kings 19:35* “*And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand...*” We may not be aware of

the presence of angels but we can be assured of the protection they provide to God's people, Psalm 34-7 *"The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him And delivers them."* Demons are fallen angels who choose to follow Satan instead of God. They have been cast out of heaven Revelation 12:7-9 *"And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So, the great dragon was cast out that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.* Demons have many of the same powers, intelligence, hierarchy, and capabilities as the holy angels, but are constrained within the bounds of God's permissive will. Demons whose actions exceed God's permissive will are imprisoned in the bottomless pit until judgement. 2 Peter 2:4 *"For God did not spare the angels who sinned but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment."* Demons have lived since the beginning of creation watching and observing human nature our strengths, and weaknesses. They can take bodily possession of humans not sealed by the Holy Spirit and they can blind our minds to truth, manipulate our thoughts, actions, and feelings. Ephesian 6:12 tells us *"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."* We are only capable of defeating Satan and his demonic forces through the power of God and the Holy Spirit. Since we are in a war battling spiritual beings, we need to use the spiritual weapons God provides as outlined in Ephesian 6:13-18. We must gird ourselves with truth, put on the breastplate of righteousness, shod our feet with the gospel of peace. Above all take the shield of faith with which we can quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit. This battle can only be won on our knees in prayer, obeying God's commands and worshipping Him in the spirit and truth.

Angels

- **Created eternal beings** - (Colossians 1:15-16, Genesis 1:1)
- **Servants & ministering spirits** - (Hebrews 1:7-14, Hebrews 1:14, Revelation 19:10, Daniel 11:1)
- **God's messengers** – (Luke 1:26-31, Daniel 10:11, Luke 1:13, Matthew 1:20)
- **Protect God's people** – (Acts 12-7, Psalm 34:7, Daniel 6:22, Daniel 3:28, 2 Kings 6:16-17)
- **More powerful than humans** – (2 Peter 2:11, 2 Kings 19:35, Hebrews 2:7, Mark 5:4)
- **Control matter** – (Revelation 14:18, Revelation 16:2-14, Hebrews 13:2, Revelation 7:1)
- **Hierarchy of power** – (Daniel 10:13, Genesis 3:24, Isaiah 6:2, Revelation 4:8, Jude 1:9)
- **God's Army** – (Daniel 10-20, Revelation 20:1-3, Matthew 26:53, Joshua 5:14, Revelation 12:7-8)
- **Travel through time & space** – (Daniel 10:12-13, Genesis 28:12, Matthew 1:20)
- **Myriads in number** – (Revelation 5:11, Luke 2:8-13, 2 Kings 6:16-17, Matthew 26:53)
- **Take on human form** - (Hebrews 13:2, Genesis 18, Daniel 10:18, Judges 13:2-5, Acts 12:7)
- **Don't reproduce** – (Mark 12:25)
- **Distinct, thinking beings with free will** – (Hebrews 2:7, Revelation 12:4, Matthew 25:41)
- **Dominion is in heaven** – (Revelation 12:7-9)

Demons

- **Fallen Angels who follow Satan** – (Revelation 12:4)
- **Will be Imprisoned for eternity** – (Revelation 20:10, Matthew 25:41)
- **Wicked** - (Ephesians 6:12, John 8:44, 1 John 3:8, Ephesians 2:2)
- **Camouflage themselves as angels of light** – (2 Corinthians 11:14)
- **Resisted God's servants** - (Daniel 10:13, Daniel 10:20)
- **Constrained by God** - (Job 1:12, Job 2:6, Revelation 9:4, Revelation 9:11, 2 Peter 2:4)
- **Can possess human beings** – (Mark 9:25-26, Mark 5: 1-13, Mark 9:25-29, Matthew 17:18)
- **Dominion is on earth** – (Revelation 12:7-9)

Prayer Ideas

1. The church is God's earthly instrument to counter evil in this world. Pray that the church would come out of its cocoon and take its rightful position in fighting evil and turning the hearts and minds of the people back to God.
2. Pray that we would recognize and internalize we are in a spiritual war. That we would seek to understand the enemy, his strategies, plans, strengths, and weakness and prepare ourselves for spiritual warfare by putting on the full armor of God.
3. Pray that God would raise up faithful warriors to engage in this battle of good versus evil.
4. Pray that God would raise up pastors willing to speak truth and engage their congregations against the evil taking hold of our nation.
5. Pray that we as a nation would create a godly, loving, nurturing society and culture so our children and grandchildren can grow up knowing and loving God instead of the secular world controlled by satanic forces.
6. Pray that more prayer warriors would rise and join the Eagle Forum prayer team and that we would have a Godly impact in our communities, Texas, the USA, and the world.