

The Spirit World

Doctrine of the Elect Angels

Part 4

1. The angels are called the “*sons of God*” in five places in the Old Testament.

- *Genesis 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.*
- *Genesis 6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.*
- *Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.*
- *Job 2:1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.*
- *Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

Special Note.

In the *New Testament* the phrase “*sons of God*” refers to those who have been born again. A “*son of God*” refers to a being brought into existence by a creative act of God.

- *John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*
- *Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*
- *Romans 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.*
- *Philippians 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;*
- *1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.*

- *1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

Special Note.

Adam's natural descendants are not the special creation of God in the same sense that Adam was. Adam was created in the "likeness of God" (Genesis 5:1). His descendant are born in his likeness according to Genesis 5:3 for we read that Adam "begat a son in his own likeness, after his image." That image was now a fallen image. It was fleshly. Therefore, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh" (John 3:6). It is only by being born again that men become the "sons of God".

- *John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*
2. In their original state the angels were created without their capacity to procreate as far as the *Scriptures* indicate. Therefore they are not given to one another in marriage though there does seem to be both male and female angels.
- *Matthew 22:30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.*
 - *Mark 12:25 For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven.*
 - *Luke 20:35 But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: 36 Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.*
 - **Male angels.** *Revelation 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.*
 - **Female angels.** *Zechariah 5:9 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven. 10 Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah? 11 And he said unto me, To build it an house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.*

3. While angels are spirit beings clothed in celestial bodies, these bodies are not ethereal in the sense they are mere ether for they have a materialistic form.
- **Angels can fly.** *Daniel 9:21 Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.*
 - **Angels can assume the form of a human.** *Genesis 18:1 And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; 2 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,*
 - **Angels can eat meat.** *Genesis 18: 6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth. 7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it. 8 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.*
 - **Angels can eat bread.** *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; 2 And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. 3 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.*
4. The elect angels minister to those who are the heirs of salvation.
- *Hebrews 1:13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? 14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?*