Bumby Bible Questions 14

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INTRODUCTION

- We are attempting to answer your questions strictly from the Word of God.
- We're just trying to just go to the scriptures and say, what does the Bible say?
- That should be our approach always in attempting to find what God's will for our lives and what God wants us to know in this regard.

1 Are Demons and Angels Real?

Colossians 1:16; Luke 1

- For by him all things were created in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.
- Angels are a created class of beings, a created spiritual class of beings.
- There's no biblical evidence that we become angels.
- The word angel itself in the original language just means messenger.
- They are God's messenger, many times to deliver that message, but sometimes a messenger may be in the sense of simply just doing the will of God.

2 Angels Are Still Working on God's Behalf

Revelation 5:11; 2 Thessalonians 1:7–8; Hebrews 1:14

- What are angels doing in heaven? Well, one thing at least they're doing is praising God.
- When the Lord is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire, taking vengeance on those who do not know God.
- Lazarus was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom.
- Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?
- We understand that they never take the place of the Word of God in affecting our salvation.

3 What About Demons?

Jude 6; Revelation 12:7–9

- There's over 73 references to demons in the New Testament. And so one thing we cannot do is to deny their existence.
- In the gospel stories particularly, it separated the idea of illnesses from demon possession.
- These demons are spoken of as individuals who have knowledge, who have the ability to speak.
- One possible explanation is that these demons may be the fallen angels that we read about in scriptures.
- Some angels rebelled against God and failed, and they are being reserved for judgment.

4 Compare and Contrast Judaism With Christianity

Genesis 12

- The Torah is simply the first five books of the Old Testament. That's Genesis through Deuteronomy.
- So they would not limit themselves to believing in just the Torah, but also the prophets and the wisdom literature as well.
- By and large, Judaism considers the New Testament uninspired.
- Both religions, Judaism and Christianity, are what we would call monotheistic. That is, they have one God.

5 The Differences Center Around Jesus

Isaiah 53; 1 Corinthians 15; Hebrews 9:15

- Rejecting the New Testament, you would start to see a lot of differences. And that, of course, centers around Jesus.
- Jews largely reject the idea of Jesus as the resurrected Son of God.
- Therefore, he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.
- Jesus is the difference not only between Christianity and Judaism, but Christianity and any other hope.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We need to laud that fact and praise God for that resurrection.**

MY NOTES