

## What is the Nature of Angels?

1. Angels are:

- a. Spirit beings with a physical body.
- b. Spirit beings without a physical body.
- c. Human beings with supernatural abilities.

2. Angels are:

- a. Immortal and eternal.
- b. Mortal.
- c. Immortal but not eternal.

3. Angels can be seen by human beings.

- a. True – if you look hard enough.
- b. True – if God gives you the vision to see them.
- c. False.

4. Angels can appear as:

- a. Men, women and babies.
- b. Men, serpent, and dragon.
- c. Fairies, witches and warlocks.

5. Angels can marry.

- a. True.
- b. False.

## What is the Nature of Angels? Teacher Notes

Teacher note: Quizzes cover a lot of material. Take the time to help the student learn the biblical answer to each question and have fun along the way (i.e. you can be a game show host!). Use the online version of the quiz as well!

To learn more about these questions, consider this reference:

1. The Nature of Angels ([www.Helpmewithbiblestudy.org/6Angels/AngelsNature.aspx](http://www.Helpmewithbiblestudy.org/6Angels/AngelsNature.aspx))

1. Angels are:

a. Spirit beings with a physical body.

**Sorry, that is incorrect.** Angels may have temporary physical bodies but are innately without one.

b. Spirit beings without a physical body.

**Correct!** The answer is "b"! Hebrews 1:14 and Ephesians 6:10-12 indicate that angels were created as spirit beings without physical bodies.

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to provide service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation? (Heb 1:14, NASB)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. (Eph 6:10-12, NASB)

c. Human beings with supernatural abilities.

**Sorry, that is incorrect.** This concept is born out of mythology and vivid imagination.

2. Angels are:

a. Immortal and eternal.

**Sorry, that is incorrect.** An eternal being has no beginning or end. Because angels were created on the first day, they have a beginning.

b. Mortal.

**Sorry, that is incorrect.** From a human perspective which defines a mortal being as having an end to its life, unfallen good angels are clearly immortal.

On the other hand at some point, fallen angels are "cast into hell and committed to "pits of darkness" until judgment (2 Pet 2:4). What is not clear is what happens to a fallen angel after judgment.

c. Immortal but not eternal.

**Correct!** The answer is "c"! Their creation marks a beginning; thus angels, while immortal, are not eternal.

3. Angels can be seen by human beings.

a. True – if you look hard enough.

**Sorry, that is incorrect.**

2 Kings 6:14-17 is an example of where God provided special vision for humans to perceive angels. It was the story of the king of Aram who sought to capture the prophet Elisha. Observing king Aram's forces surrounding their home, Elisha's servant fears for his master's safety. To reassure his servant and revealing his own special vision of angels, Elisha prays to God and requests that his servant can see the angels protecting them.

Without God's help, Elisha's servant would not have seen any angel regardless of how hard he tried.

b. True – if God gives you the vision to see them.

**Correct!** The answer is "b"! Angels are invisible spirit personal beings. They can only be seen if God gives you the vision to see them!

c. False.

**Sorry, that is incorrect.**

The biblical record indicates several instances where human beings see and interact with angels (i.e. Gen 19:1-3; Dan 6:22; Luke 1:11-20; 26-38; Acts 8:26; 10:3-6; 12:6-11; 27:23-24). However, human beings may not recognize an angel. The writer of Hebrews encourages Believers to continue showing hospitality to strangers, because they may be entertaining angels without knowing it (Heb 13:2).

4. Angels can appear as:

a. Men, women and babies.

**Sorry, that is incorrect.** The Bible records angels in the form of men but none as women, children or babies.

b. Men, serpent, and dragon.

**Correct!** The answer is "b"!

Angels may temporarily have physical bodies, and in all biblical examples, they have appeared as adult males (Gen 19:1-2). But the Bible also has examples of angels appearing in non-human forms such as Satan who appeared as a small serpent (Gen 3:14) and as a huge dragon (Rev 12:7-9).

c. Fairies, witches and warlocks.

**Sorry, that is incorrect.**

The Bible does not present angels as fairies, witches, warlocks, necromancers, vampires, werewolves, zombies, extraterrestrial beings, boogey men, super heroes...

5. Angels can marry.

a. True.

**Sorry, that is incorrect.**

It is apparent from the following verses that angels do not marry nor given in marriage:

But Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven." (Matt 22:30, NASB)

Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you do not understand the Scriptures or the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven." (Mark 24:25, NASB)

b. False.

**Correct!** The answer is "b"!

Angels do not marry nor have marital relationships like human beings.