

## Questions Posed for Study

**Question: What is the gender of angels? (What we know and what we don't know.)**

**Intro:** Down throughout the centuries, artist, be they painters or sculptors, have always taken a great deal of liberty with many images of biblical history. Angels are not an exception to this! Angels are typically portrayed with large wings, long hair and pure white robes. The vast majority of artist renderings of Christ are usually non-Jewish. Many artist's paintings, if one pays any attention at all, has Jesus looking more European than Jewish, Italian to be more exact. I don't very often, if at all, use any pictures of Jesus on our bulletin cover, because no one knows what He looks like, other than a few biblical descriptions such as John saw and wrote in Revelation Chapter one. There are winged characters in heaven, but we have no descriptions of angels as being among them.

We have two heavenly types described with wings, cherubim – **Exodus 25:20 & Ezekiel 10**, and Seraphim mentioned in **Ezekiel 1:6 & 11**. I suppose when you have false religions who don't take the infallible Word of God as it is, then they interject a lot of personal ideas of how things are or should look. Angels do not need wings to travel from heaven to earth or anywhere else their missions may take them. Why artist feel the need to render them as women or a half-breed of man and woman makes no biblical sense. We know that there are many, many angels, so many they are innumeral. They obviously have freewill as when Satan rebelled against God, he was able to convince one fourth of them to rebel with him. And we do not become angels when we die, nor are the Redeemed of the Lord given angel wings when we die. There is a fixed number of angels, who, unlike mankind, we procreate and angels do not.

So, what does the Word of God have to say about this topic as it is the final authority in all matters of faith and life.

I. The appearances of angels in the Bible were in the form of \_\_\_\_\_.

A. **Genesis 19:1 & 5** when the angels appeared to Lot in Sodom.

1. There were three heavenly figures that appeared to Abraham, two angels with Christ.
2. Their mission was disclosed to \_\_\_\_\_ which was to destroy Sodom & Gomorrah.
3. These & other cities in that valley were so \_\_\_\_\_ they were beyond repentance.
4. Judgment was the only \_\_\_\_\_ from God's perspective.

**(Gen. 6:6 – 8 & 19:1 – 25; II Chronicles 36:16; Proverbs 29:1.)**

5. In **Revelation 22: 8 & 9**, last chapter of the Bible, Tribulation is ended, Eternity begins.
- B. No one knows what angels \_\_\_\_\_ like other than the few who encountered them.
1. Some may have seen an angel and verbally tried to describe what they saw.
  2. Some have entertained angels \_\_\_\_\_ – **Hebrews 13:2.**
  3. There are differences in angels as to rank and order.
    - a. It would appear that Satan was once the \_\_\_\_\_ – **Isaiah 14:12 – 16.**
    - b. Gabriel & Michael are \_\_\_\_\_ –
      - (1). Gabriel – **Daniel 8:16 & 9:21; Luke 1:19 & 26.**
      - (2). Michael – **Daniel 10:13 & 21; 12:1; Jude 1:9 & Revelation 12:7.**
  4. Angels in heaven apparently have \_\_\_\_\_ – **Luke 15:10 & Revelation 16:1.**
  5. Angels' \_\_\_\_\_ God – **Revelation 7:11 & Psalm 91:11 & 12.**
  6. We are forbidden to \_\_\_\_\_ angels – **Colossians 2:18 & Revelation 19:9 & 10.**
  7. It appears angels have \_\_\_\_\_ tasks for which they were created.
- C. Why would God choose to create angels in the form of men?
1. When God chose to create the first human, He chose to create a \_\_\_\_\_ – **Gen 1:26**
  2. When God brought Eve into the world, He did so by using a rib from Adam.
  3. Adam's appearance was in the image of God and it would stand to reason that the angels would have been created in the image of God as well.