

Spiritual Interaction with Fallen Angels

Not the same

- fallen angels & demons are not the same
- fallen angels are comparable to God's angels; that's what they were before they fell

Fallen Angels

- Eze 28:12-19, God speaking to “king of Tyre”
- Eze 28:14, “You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you.”
 - Who was this spirit being?
- Rev 12:7-9, “⁷ And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸ But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹ The great dragon was hurled down — that ancient serpent called the devil or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.”
 - “dragon” (Gk, *drakon*): dragon, a hideous serpent-like monster
 - Who is the dragon, according to verse 9?
 - also, Rev 20:2 “He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan.”
 - 12:7, “the dragon and his angels”
 - 12:9, “his angels”
 - both cases “angel” is Gk *angelos*
 - Rev 12:4, the dragon's “tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth.”
 - Who or what are the stars?
- Mt 25:41, Jesus: “Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.”
 - “devil and his angels”
 - angel: Gk, *angelos*
- Eph 6:12, “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”
 - “rulers” (Gk, *arche*): beginning, first in a series, ruler who ranks above all others
 - “authorities” (Gk, *exousia*): (1) authority to act or rule; (2) jurisdiction, sphere of authority (e.g., kingdom); (3) ruler, one who has authority; *et al*
 - “powers of this . . . world” (Gk, *kosmokrator*)
 - *kosmo* is from *kosmos*, means “cosmos” (physical universe) or “world”

- *krator* is from *kratos*: (1) power, might, strength; (2) mighty deed, miracle; (3) dominion
- “dark” (Gk, *skotos*): (1) darkness (spiritual, physical, or intellectual); (2) blindness
- “. . . and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”
- “spiritual forces” (Gk, *pneumatikos*) adjective with implied noun
- “heavenly realms” (Gk, *ouranos*): literal heavens, spiritual realms
- Jesus is over all
 - Jn 12:31, “Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.”
 - “prince” (Gk, *arche*): ruler
 - “world” (Gk, *cosmos*): (1) cosmos (entire physical universe); (2) figuratively: entire world
 - Eph 2:2, “. . . the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.”
 - Was the Book of Ephesians written before or after Jesus’ death?
 - Who is this ruler, who is at work in those who are disobedient?
 - “air” (Gk, *aer*): the air we breathe or blow; i.e., atmosphere, region around earth
 - Satan is the ruler/*arche* of the kingdom/*exousia* of the air surrounding the earth
 - Who currently has authority over the earth?
 - Col 2:10, “Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.”
 - “power” [*arche*, ruler] and “authority” [*exousia*]
 - Col 2:15, “And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.”
 - disarmed the powers [*arche*, rulers] and authorities [*exousia*]
 - Eph 1:21, Christ is seated in heaven “far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.”
 - Christ’s position is **far above** all other rulers and those who have authority
 - he is head over them all
 - he has disarmed them all
 - and will eventually destroy them all

- What does this tell you about your chances of success against these evil spiritual rulers and authorities?
- Bible tells us what we need to know about evil spiritual beings, rather than satisfy our curiosity about all the details
- identifying fallen angels
 - 2 Co 11:14-15, “And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness.”
 - “masquerade” (Gk, *metaschematizo*): to change appearance, transform, masquerade, disguise (oneself); *et al*
 - Bible is absolute standard for judgment
 - Jn 14:26 “But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”
 - Heb 5:14, “But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.”
 - Here’s how to identify a fallen angel and distinguish it from God’s angel: compare what it says with scripture, and use your discernment to compare its nature with God’s, as described in scripture.
- interacting with fallen angels
 - Mt 4:1, “Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.”
 - When Satan tempted Jesus, how did Jesus respond?
 - Lk 10:19, “I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.”
 - How relevant is this statement to us today, after Jesus defeated Satan & we’re filled with HS?
- As you strengthen your spirit and energize your spiritual senses, you will begin sensing spiritual beings, including fallen angels. Do not be afraid of them. The authority of the youngest child of God is greater than the power of any fallen angel. You simply must understand who you are in Christ and use the authority he gave you.

Blessing

- May the Holy Spirit fill you with faith and peace as you learn to live in the spiritual realm.