

The Message Notes

Series: God and the Spiritual World

Message: 3 Facts about the **Spiritual** World

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Text: **Genesis 1:1.** In the **beginning** God created the **heavens** and the **earth.** (NKJV)

Introduction – Different viewpoints

Scriptural viewpoint: We see the teachings of the **spiritual realm** attached to the **charismatic** movement or **Pentecostal** denominations. The **elevation** of **experience** over Scripture.

Modern viewpoint: We see the **spiritual** world through a **modern** viewpoint **void** of the biblical writers' spiritual beliefs of their times.

Scriptures that pertain to the spiritual world is either **odd** or a **nonessential** matter. So, we **rationalize** and **modernize** the Scriptures (dumb down) to make sense to a natural world. (1 Peter 3:19)

Biblical Writers' viewpoint: Scriptures are written from the **spiritual** beliefs of biblical writers' culture. So, we must **interpret** Scripture from their spiritual beliefs to see into the spiritual world as they did.

We cannot completely know the spiritual world (1 Corinthians 13:9)

There are **3 facts** about God and the Spiritual world:

- God and the spiritual world are real
- Celestial beings are real
- Satan and demons are real

Fact 1: God and the spiritual world are real. (Genesis 1:1, John 4:24)

- **First**, the Scriptures teach everyone and everything was created by God, who is Spirit. God creates everything from a spiritual viewpoint.
- God **predates** spiritual world (John 1:1, Hebrews 11:3)

Fact 2: Celestial beings are real.

Psalms 103.21. Bless the **Lord**, all you His **hosts**, (angelic beings and an army) You ministers of His, who do His pleasure. (NKJV)

Angelic world was present at our creation:

Job 38:4. “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. **5.** Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? **6.** To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, **7.** When the **morning stars** sang together, and all the **sons of God** shouted for joy? (NKJV) Reference: Colossians 1:16

Heavenly spiritual beings:

- Morning stars – Job 38:7
- Sons of God – Job 1:6
- Seraphim – Isaiah 6:1-4
- Cherubim – Genesis 3:24
- Archangel (Michael) – Daniel 10:13
- Angel (Gabriel) – Luke 1:19

Fact 3: Satan and demons are real.

Job 1:6. Now there was a day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before the Lord, and **Satan** also came among them. (NKJV) Reference: Revelation 12:7-9

Fallen spiritual beings:

- Lucifer/Satan – Revelation 12:7
- Angels – Revelation 12:7-9
- Demons/Unclean – Matthew 8:28-32
- Apollyon – Revelation 9:11

Reason behind the fall: Pride Isaiah 14:12-14, Ezekiel 28:12-18

Takeaway: 3 Facts about God and the Spiritual World:

Fact 1: God and the spiritual world are real

Fact 2: Celestial beings are real

Fact 3: Satan and demons are real

Message Study: Study our Scriptures to equip yourself to become more spiritually aware of the spiritual world.

1. God is a Spirit; apply this knowledge of God to your daily walk. (John 4:24)
2. Study what it means to be beware of the celestial beings (heavenly and fallen).
3. Explain demonic activity in the earth realm (reason behind the fall).