

## 2. Angels and Demons

*Introduction: In the previous story we heard how God created this world and everything outside this world. He also created men in his own image and gave them the world to manage.*

In addition, God also created a beautiful heaven and many angels. (Nehemiah 9:6; Job 38:4–7; Hebrews 12:22)

These angels were different from men. They were stronger than men. God made them to be His servants, to work for Him. Angels also would always sing praises to God's plan and to God's work. (Psalm 8:5; 103:20)

Among all the angels, God created a very beautiful angel. God gave this angel many pretty gem stones, made him highly **intelligent** and **powerful**, and asked him to be the leader of all angels. (Ezekiel 28:12–13)

After a while, this angel leader began to be **arrogant**. He thought that he was beautiful, and powerful. So, he wanted the other angels and the men to worship him, just like God is worshipped. He wanted to be like God. (Ezekiel 28:14–17; Isaiah 14:12–14)

So God threw this bad angel leader, and those bad angels who followed him, from heaven down to earth. (Isaiah 14:12)

This bad angel leader's name was Satan and the angels who followed him were called demons. The whole time they walked around the earth, they were thinking of ways to destroy the relationship between men and God. They did a lot of deceptive things to cheat people and persuade them not to follow God. (Job 1:7; Revelation 12:9–10)

When men did bad things, not listening to God and not turning back to Him, God would let the demons do things to punish these disobedient people in order to make them suffer. (Job 1:8–12; 1 Timothy 1:20)

However, not all angels turned bad. God still has a lot of obedient angels working for Him. Sometimes, God would ask angels to come to men to tell them His words, and He would ask angels to help men. (Luke 1:19; Acts 12:7–10)

God is more powerful than any demons. He has authority over all things, He knows all things, and He can do all things. He also loves men whom He created. He is also a God of justice. Everything in this world, both things which can be seen and things which cannot be seen, were created by Him. On earth, all the government officials were granted their authority by God. (Colossians 1:16)

One day this world will come to an end and God will judge every man. He will take all the demons and throw them into a big fire, and continue to let the fire burn. They will not be able to die, but they will not be able to live either. Although demons are more powerful than men, we people should not worship them, or follow them. Otherwise, our ending will be like theirs! (Revelation 20:10, 12–13; Jude 1:6)