

Angels

Part 3

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Organization of Angels

- Hosts – “ a well trained army”
- John Calvin said that "the angels are called God's hosts because as bodyguards surround their prince, they adorn His majesty and render it conspicuous like soldiers they are ever intent upon their leader's standard and thus are ready and able to carryout His commands. As soon as He beckons they gird themselves for the work, or rather are already at work".

Organization of Angels

Thomas Aquinas:

The highest three ranks are nearest to God:

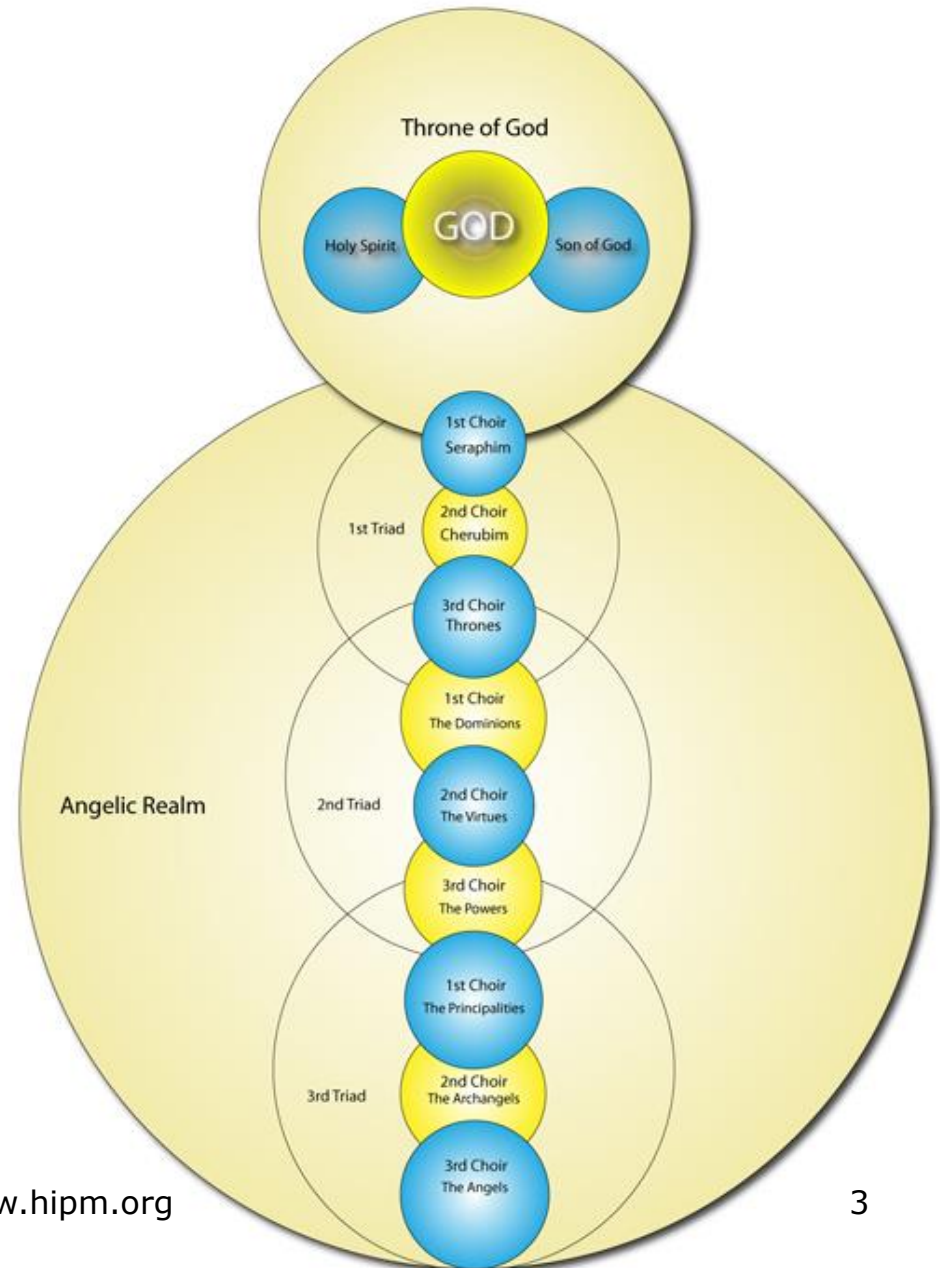
1. Seraphim
2. Cherubim
3. Thrones

The next three ranks are named for their governing function:

4. Dominations
5. Virtues
6. Powers

The final three ranks are named for the work they do:

7. Principalities
8. Archangels
9. Angels



Organization of Angels

- *Colossians 1:16* - *visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers.*
- *Ephesians 6:12* - *principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this age, spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

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□ 4 different hierarchy of angels

1. Thrones

2. Powers

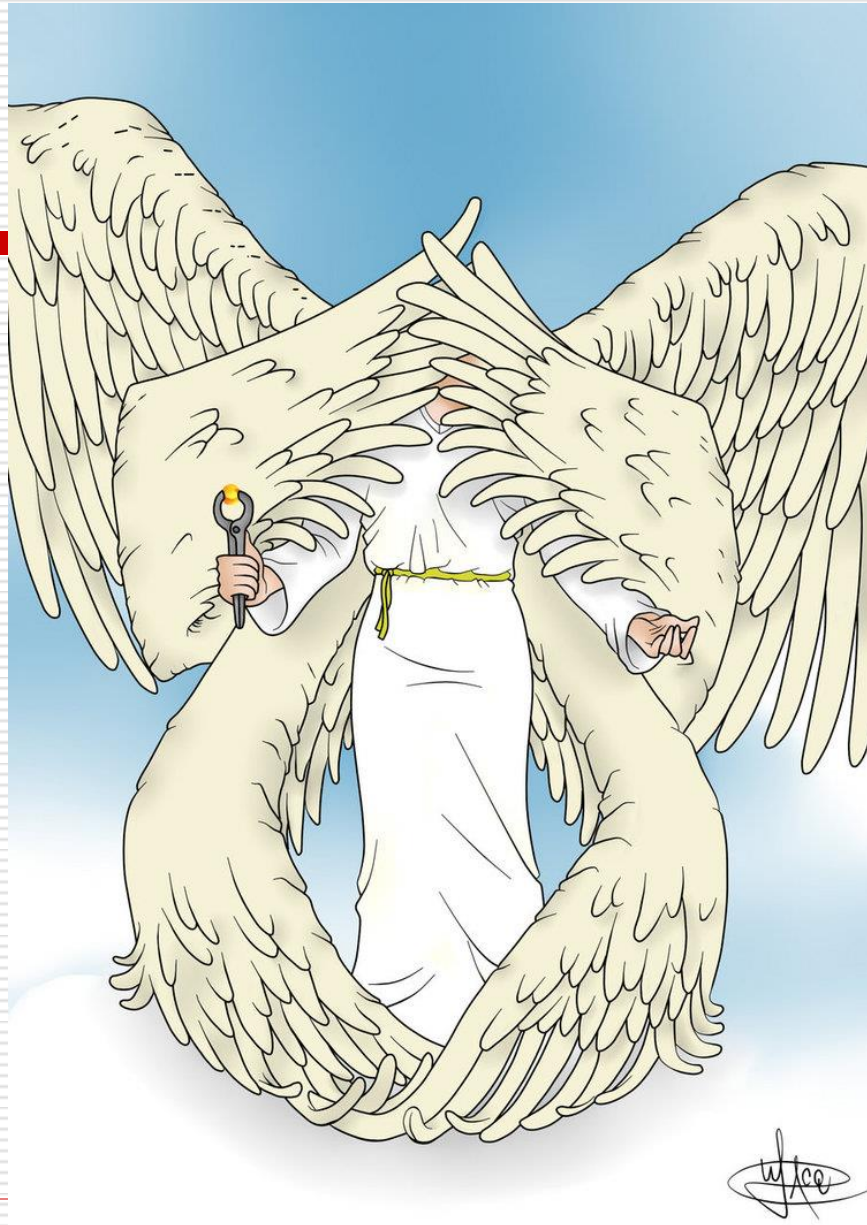
3. Rulers &

4. Authorities.

Seraphim

- *Isaiah 6:1-4*
- "Seraphim" literally means "burning ones".
- 6 winged creature
- Created primarily to worship God
- Have features like humans - hands, feet and voices.
- *Rev 4:6-8*

Seraphim



Cherubim

- ❑ Cherub - "to be diligent"
- ❑ *Ezekiel CH. 1*
- ❑ Charles dyer's description – next slide
- ❑ *Ezekiel 10:20*
- ❑ Cherub never convey any message from God to human beings.
- ❑ They are never directly called angels.

Cherubim



Cherubim

- Charles dyer said, "The general appearance of the living beings was somewhat like a man. However they would not be mistaken for humans. They each had four faces and four wings. The Cherubim's legs were straight, which implies that they were standing upright, but their feet were calf-like instead of human and were like burnished bronze. Ezekiel said the four cherubim were also had human like hands. Having four faces on four sides of their heads and being connected in a square, they were able to travel straight in any direction and to change direction without turning".

Cherubim in the OT

- ❑ 1st appearance I the garden of Eden - [Genesis 3:23-24](#)
- ❑ Cherubim are also found in the tabernacle - [Exodus 25:18-20](#)
- ❑ He dwells between the cherubim;- [Psalm 99:1](#)
- ❑ They were woven in the curtains - [Exodus 26:1](#)
- ❑ Solomon's temple - carved the design of cherubim - [1 Kings 6:23-30](#)

Michael

- ❑ The only archangel mentioned by name in the bible
- ❑ The prefix "arch" suggests "a chief" "principal" or "great" angel
- ❑ Billy Graham - Prime Minister in God's administration of the universe
- ❑ The term "archangel" is used in the Bible in only two occasions.

1 Thessalonians 4:16, Jude 1:9

Michael

- "Michael" means "who is like unto the Lord"
- Michael, one of the chief princes - *Daniel 10:13*
- A defender of Israel - *Daniel 12:1*
- Michael & Rapture - *1 Thes 4:16*
- Michael's final battle of victory - *Rev 12:7-9*

Gabriel

- ❑ Gabriel is God's great messenger
- ❑ The word Gabriel means "*the mighty one of God*"
- ❑ *Luke 1:11 & Luke 2:9* - the angel of the Lord
- ❑ *Luke 1:19* - I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God
- ❑ *Daniel Ch.9* Gabriel appeared to Daniel

Gabriel

- *Luke 1:18-19* - 500 years later he appeared to Zacharias
- *Luke 1:26-27* – Announcing the birth of Lord Jesus
- Michel was God's warring angel
- Gabriel was God's announcing angel

Reflection

- Our God is a God of order and organization
- God is well prepared to respond our every need

Seraphim Vs Cherubim

Seraphim

- “burning ones”
- 6 winged
- One face
- Human like hands, feet and voices
- Primarily to worship
- Isaiah Ch.6

Cherubim

- “to be diligent”
- 4 winged
- 4 faces
- Feet calf-like, face man, ox, lion, eagle
- To guard & protect
- Ezekiel, Genesis, Exodus, 1 Kings

Michael Vs Gabriel

Michael

- The only archangel
- “who is like unto the Lord”
- God's warring angel

- Future relevance (in rapture & defeating Satan)

Gabriel

- Not an archangel
- “the mighty one of God”
- God's announcing angel

- No future relevance