

What power do angels have?

Angels are powerful (Ps 103:20) and concerned in human affairs (1 Pe 1:12). They are organized in ranks or orders (Is 6:1–3; 1 Thess 4:16).

In the lives of believers, God sends them to: guide (Ge 24:7, 40), provide for (1 Ki 19:5–8), protect (Ps 34:7, deliver (Da 6:22; Ac 12:7–11), gather (Mt 24:31), direct activities (Ac 8:26), comfort (Ac 27:23, 24) and minister to (He 1:14) the saints.¹

The writer of Hebrews mentioned that some in the Old Testament had “entertained angels unawares” (He 13:2).

Fallen angels can appear as angels of light (2 Co 11:14) or ministers of righteousness (v. 15). Everything should be tested by God’s word (Ps 119:160, Ac 17:11, Ga 1:8). They may have the ability to change weather patterns (Mt 14:24). Fallen angels seek to: deceive (1 Ti 4:1), afflict believers (Lk 13:16) and make war on them (Re 12:7–17).

It is important to walk according to God’s commandments (2 Jn 6) so that no fallen angel gains authority in one’s life (Mt 12:45).

The believer does not live as *he* pleases (1 Jn 3:9)², he lives as *God* pleases (1 Thess 4:1).

¹ Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1996). Nelson’s quick reference topical Bible index (p. 44). Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

² One who lives continually in sin is not of God (1 Jn 3:6b, 8, 10).