

The-Ology Islands #9



Not “An” But “The”!

Captain’s Log: The Trinity is an essential doctrine in Christianity. We have one God manifested in three persons: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit. It is important not to fall into the error of having three gods or the error of making any member of the Trinity less than who they are. Today, we will examine a common evangelical belief that Jesus is The Angel of the LORD or The Angel of God from the Old Testament. This being is probably the most important character in the Old Testament and yet doesn’t appear a single time in the New Testament. Combined there are 65 references to this being in the Bible. This is the third of the “of God” titles of Jesus Christ: The Image of God, The Word of God, The Angel of God. It is essential that you understand the difference between an “an” and a “The”!



Roll Call/Treasure Hunt: We are examining three encounters that people had with The Angel of the LORD.

1. Hagar: Genesis 16:7-13

- The Angel speaks _____ for God.
- The Angel is _____ Yahweh/Jehovah.

2. Manoah: Judges 13:11-23

- The Angel _____ a burnt offering.
- The Angel _____ Yahweh/Jehovah.
- They saw _____!

3. Moses: Exodus 3:1-16; John 8:57-59

- The Angel is in the _____.
- The Angel claims to be _____, the God of Israel.
- Jesus claims to have _____ his human birth and that He _____ the I AM from the burning bush.



Battle with the Ism Pirates: We will battle the sinful beliefs of angelism and angelolatry.

- Angelism: The belief that humans have no _____ and that we become angels when we die.
- Angelolatry: The belief that it is ok to _____ angels.



Set Course: Next week we look at another title of Jesus Christ: The Son of God.