**Some Questions About Angels**

1. What does ‘Angel' mean?

* Both the OT and NT use “angel” to mean messenger.
* It also means an ambassador of human affairs, that is speaks in the place of one who has sent him.
* Homer used the word 'angel' to be the messenger of the gods, and who also escort the soul to hades.

2. What are other names for angels?

* Sons of God - Job 1:6; Ps. 89:6 Dan 3:25 *(A better English translation may be heavenly beings)*
* Hosts of heaven - 1 Kings 22:19
* God's ministers – Ps. 103:21

3. What is an archangel?

* 'Archangel' is only found in the New Testament at

1 Thess.4:16 and Jude 9.

* The term evidently refers to the (or a) chief angel.

4. What are the names of the Archangels?

* Gabriel Dan. 8:16 (Luke 1 says that Gabriel was in the presence of God - many people would therefore believe that he is an archangel)
* Michael Dan. 10:13 (Is called an Archangel)

5. What are Cherubim?

* Cherubim first appear in the Bible in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:24).
* Their wings cover the mercy seat of the Ark of the Covenant.
* They are decorative figures in Solomon's temple.

6. What are Seraphim?

* Literally “burning ones”
* Angels with 6 wings at God’s throne (Isaiah 6:2)

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**God’s Scheme of Redemption**

**Introduction**

We have seen that the possibility of free will meant that sin would inevitably cause man’s separation from God. But our loving God had already made provision for the redemption of mankind through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ. A prophecy of this sacrifice is given in Genesis 3:15. Although fallen man is separated from God because of sin (Isa. 59:2), Christ’s death on the cross and his triumph over sin and death make reconciliation with God possible.

Christ’s death on the cross was the culmination of God’s Scheme of Redemption. The gospel of Jesus Christ proclaims this truth. Paul tells us that the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ gospel are the central theme of the gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-5). We could also say that the central theme of Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection is sacrifice. It was the sacrifice of Christ that made the forgiveness of sins and the preaching of the gospel possible.

For God’s people, sacrifice has always been an important part of worship. The story of Cain and Abel shows us that a sacrifice including blood is necessary (Heb. 9:22). Thus, Abel’s sacrifice was a type or an example of the sacrifice of Christ because it included innocent blood. Blood saved the Jews from death in Egypt (Ex. 12:21-23).Isaiah foretold of Jesus“…he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter…” (Isaiah 53:7)**.** John the Baptist recognized Jesus as God’s sacrificialLamb of God (John 1:29).

**The Cross and God’s Providence**

**The Cross in God’s Eternal Plan**

God’s plan to save fallen man did not become immediately apparent. His scheme of redemption was finally revealed “…when the fullness of time was come…” (Gal. 4:4). Jesus first had to die as “…the lamb

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