Ten Angel Facts

Here are ten interesting and important Bible facts about angels:

- I. Angels have free-will and some of them used that free will to sin (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6).
- 2. Angels do not marry (Matthew 22:30).
- 3. Angels do God's work of ministering to his saints (Hebrews 1:7, 14).
- 4. Angels played a part in revealing God's word (Galatians 3:19; Revelation 1:1).
- 5. Angels watch over God's children (Psalm 92:11-12; Daniel 12:1).
- 6. Angels have a hierarchy of order and Michael is the archangel (Jude 9).
- 7. Angels are not to be worshipped (Colossians 2:18; Revelation 19:10).
- 8. There are thousands of angels (Hebrews 12:22).
- 9. Angels were created before mankind (Job 38:4-7).
- 10. Jesus will return a second time with his angels (2 Thessalonians 1:7-8).

Sentence Sermons

- If you are at a loss for what to say, try the sound of silence.
- Gossip is one thing that gets thicker the more you spread it.
- A religion that costs you nothing is worth nothing.
- The more we grow up the less we blow up.
- Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Why do most members of the churches of Christ not kneel down in prayer like the Catholics? Why do most members of churches of Christ not lift up their hands in prayer like the Pentecostals? Is there a particular prayer position we must be in when we pray to God? Let's consider what the Bible teaches about this subject.

Prayer Positions in the Bible

In the Bible, we find that some people fall down prostrate in prayer (Numbers 16:45; 20:6; Joshua 7:6; Matthew 26:39; Revelation 1:17).

In the Bible, we find that some people lift up their hands in prayer (1 Kings 8:22,54; Psalm 28:2; 63:4; 134:2; Lamentations 2:19; 3:41).

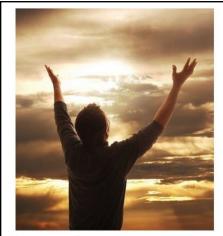
In the Bible, we find that some people bow their heads in prayer (I Kings 18:42; Genesis 24:26; Nehemiah 8:6).

In the Bible, we find that some people kneel down in prayer (1 Samuel 1:26; 1 Kings 8:54; 2 Chronicles 6:13; Ezra 9:5; Dan. 6:10; Matthew 6:5; Luke 5:8; 22:41; Acts 7:60; 9:40; 20:36; 21:5; Ephesians 3:14).

In the Bible, we find that some people stand in prayer (1 Kings 8:22; Mark 11:25) or sit in prayer (2 Samuel 7:18).

Prayer Postures Today

We can choose to kneel in prayer if we want. But, in humility, let us all kneel in



I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. 1 Timothy, 2:8

submissive obedience to God (John 14:3; 15:7; 16:26; 1 John 5:14-15).

We can choose to join hands in prayer if we want. But, in action, let us all join hands in fruitful service to the Lord (John 15:16).

We can choose to stand in prayer if

we want. But, with courage, let us all stand with a confident faith (Mark 11:22-24).

We can choose to bow down in prayer if we want. But, with a contrite heart, let us all bow in humble forgiveness (Mark 11:25-26; Luke 18:9-13).

We can choose to close our eyes in prayer if we want. But, with godliness, let us all close our eyes to world-liness (James 4:1-4).

We can choose to lift up our hands in prayer if we want. But, with purity, let us lift up hands of holiness (I Timothy 2:8; Psalm 25:1; 119:48).

We can choose to fall down in prayer if we want. But, with resolve, let us all fall down in shameless persistence in our petitioning of God (Luke 11:5-13; 18:1-5).

External, physical postures can lead to emotionalism and pseudo-spirituality directed toward the flesh. Internal, spiritual postures can lead to genuine spirituality directed toward God. Whatever prayer posture you choose, be genuine and do nothing to be seen of men. - Chris Reeves