

Question: Do angels have flesh, blood, and bones like we humans do?

Answer: Angels do have bodies, but their nature is fundamentally different from ours. Unlike human bodies, which are created from the dust of the earth (Genesis 2:7), angels are spirit beings created by God with heavenly, spiritual bodies (Hebrews 1:14).

Because angels have heavenly bodies made from spiritual substance, they possess greater power and glory than our earthly, physical bodies. Their bodies do not grow tired, become sick, or die. They do not experience the limitations or weaknesses that come with our earthly flesh.

Paul explains this distinction between earthly and heavenly bodies:

“There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another.”

1 Corinthians 15:40 (NIV)

This verse highlights the different “glory” or nature of heavenly beings compared to earthly ones.

Angelic Appearances in Human Form

Although angels are spiritual beings, they can take on a visible, human-like form when God sends them to interact with people. We see examples of this in the Bible where angels appeared as men (Genesis 18:1-3; Genesis 32:24-30; Joshua 5:13-15). This manifestation is temporary and serves a specific divine purpose.

Human Bodies vs. Angelic Bodies

Our human bodies, made from dust, are limited they grow, age, and are subject to death (Psalm 103:14). We cannot transform into other forms of life or spiritual beings on our own. Physical changes in humans are only external (size, shape, age) and do not affect our essential nature as mortal, earthly beings.

The Christian Hope of a Transformed Body

For those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ, there is a glorious promise: one day, at the resurrection, our earthly bodies

will be transformed to be like the heavenly, glorified bodies of the angels—immortal, incorruptible, and free from sin and decay. This is the “new creation” God promises to His people (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Paul describes this future transformation:

“Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—
in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.
For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.”
1 Corinthians 15:51-53 (NIV)

Jesus also said that in the resurrection, people will be like angels, neither marrying nor being given in marriage (Matthew 22:30). This shows that the resurrected life will be fundamentally different from our current earthly existence.

So, do angels have flesh and blood like us?

The answer is no. Their bodies are not physical in the way ours are they are spiritual, immortal, and do not require blood or flesh as we understand it.

Personal Reflection:

Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? Are you living with the hope of this promised transformation? If you are outside of Christ when you die, Scripture teaches that you will not share in this resurrection of glory (John 3:16-18; Romans 6:23).

May God help us all to embrace this wonderful promise of new, glorified bodies and eternal life.

God bless you.

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