

## **The Holy Angels**

### Book 3 Chapters 1-2

#### Chapter 1

##### **Introduction**

##### **The Apocryphal New Testament**

1. What claims does Satan make according to the apocryphal book of Bartholomew?

##### **The Dead Sea Scrolls**

1. What is one of the big differences the Essenes have with who the “Prince of Life” is?
2. Why are there so many similarities between Essene beliefs and Christian beliefs?
3. What is the reference to angels in the Gospel According to Thomas?

##### **The Desert Fathers**

1. On the bottom of page 205, how does the will of man compare to the will of the angelic powers?
2. What a blessing for Father Isidor and Peter to have been able to see the angels in glory prepared, and well outnumbered, to do battle against the assembly of devils. How does that change your perspective when you are going through hardships? How can we remind ourselves that we have angels fighting in our favor?

#### Chapter 2

##### **The Angels and the Early Christian Fathers**

##### **St. Ignatius**

In his quote on page 210, St. Ignatius points out that the cross brings fear to Satan. Why?

##### **St. Clement of Rome**

With what did St. Clement of Rome concern himself with and how does that affect our worship?

##### **Justin Martyr**

What was it that attracted Justin to Christianity?

Although some of his thoughts on Angels have been dismissed, what Orthodox views does Justin point out that both Angels and Man have in common?

##### **St. Irenaeus**

What was the main point of St. Irenaeus' writing on Angels?

**Tertullian**

What controversial idea did Tertullian write against?

**St. Clement of Alexandria**

St. Clement of Alexandria describes many different attributes of Angels. What are some of those attributes?

**Origen**

What do you notice about Angels' free will according to Origen?

**The Pastor of Hermas**

We have focused a lot in our Study so far on our Guardian Angel, what opposing Angel does The Pastor of Hermas point out?