

## Lesson 06

## Summary Notes

# The Angels

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"We believe in the angels and the prophets . . . ." [53]

"We believe in the Generous and Recording angels, for Allāh has created them as guardians over us." [78]

"We believe in the **Angel of Death**, who is entrusted with taking the souls of the worlds." [79]

" and in **Munkar** and **Nakir**, who ask him in his grave, about his Lord, religion and prophet." [80]

### 1. Belief in angels is a requirement of faith

"All of them believe in Allāh, his angels, His Books and His Messengers." Q[2:285]

"Whoever disbelieves in Allāh, and in his angels, and in His Books and in his Messengers has gone far astray." Q[4:136] "

"(Faith is) that you should believe in Allāh, His angels ..." [The Gabriel Hadith]

It is unbelief to disrespect them.

"Whoever is an enemy to Allāh and His angels ... then Allāh is an enemy of the disbelievers." Q[2:98]

### 2. Their nature

They are created from light, and are normally invisible.

"Angels were created from light ..." [Muslim]

They are not female, nor do we say they are male..

"Those who do not believe in the Hereafter call the angels by female appellations." Q[53:27]

They do not eat or drink, and are honored servants who do not disobey Allah.

". . . they are honored servants, who do not precede Him in speech, and they act according to His command. He knows what is ahead of them and what is behind them, and they do not intercede, except for those whom He approves." Q[21:19-20]

"They do not disobey Allāh in what He has commanded them, and they do what they are commanded." Q[66:6]

"They fear their Lord from above them, and they do what they are commanded." Q[16:50]

**Hārūt** and **Marūt** were not disobedient angels.

### 3. Some angels and their duties

1. **Jabrāil** (Gabriel) : incharge of revelation (**Wahy**) between Allah swt. and His Messengers.

"The Trusted Spirit has brought it down." Q[26:193-194]

2. **Mikāil** (Michael) : incharge of nature; rain, crops and sustenance etc.

3. **Isrāfil** : blowing the Horn (**Sūr**).

"The Horn will be blown . . . ." Q[36:51]

4. **Malak ul-Mawt** (The Angel of Death).

"Say, 'The angel of death, who has been entrusted with you, will take your soul.'" Q[32:11]

5. **Zabāniyah** Angels torturing the wrongdoers at the time of death.

"If only you could see when the angels take the souls of those who disbelieve, smiting their faces and their backs." Q[8:50]

6. **Protecting** mankind.

"He has protectors in front of him and behind him." Q[13:11]

7. **Recording** our deeds.

"And over you are recorders ..." Q[82:10]

8. **Guarding Heaven and Hell**.

"Over it are nineteen" Q[74:3]

9. **Bearing the Throne**.

"And on that day eight shall bear the Throne." Q[40:7]

10. **Questioning** people in the **grave**.