

The Truth About Angels

The Angels As Ministering Spirits

In Relation to God

- In relation to God the father, angels primary ministry to worship and praise him:
- They Praise Him (Psalms 148:1-2, Isaiah 6:3)
- They Worship Him (Hebrews 1:6, Revelation 5:8-13)
- They Rejoice in What He Does (Job 38:6-7)
- They Serve Him (Psalms 103:20, Revelation 22:9)
- They Appear Before Him (Job 1:6, 2:1)
- They are Instruments of God's Judgments (Revelation 7:1, 8:2)

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- Hebrews 1:13-14—these are the verses that are used to teach that people have guardian angels.
- What salvation is this verse speaking about?
- Hebrews 2:1-4 is talking about the gospel of the kingdom which was spoken by the Lord and confirmed with signs and wonders. This is Israel's kingdom salvation.
- Hebrews 1:14—it is important to note that the people in Hebrews 1:14 have not yet received their salvation. Israel as a nation does not receive salvation and the forgiveness of sins until the kingdom.
 - Romans 11:26
 - Acts 3:18-19

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- Psalm 91:10-12—ministering angels is how God chose to take care of the nation of Israel.
- Psalm 34:7—all through the life of the nation of Israel angels ministered to God's chosen people.
- This morning we are going to look the angelic ministry to Israel during the Old Testament, Life of Jesus Christ, and during the Ages to Come.

Old Testament

- Genesis 24:7, 40—an angel is going to guide Isaac to the right girl. From the earliest days of God's dealing with Israel before they were even a nation we find angelic activity associated with Israel.
- Exodus 23:20-23
- Angels were involved in the giving of the Law to the nation of Israel (Galatians 3:19, Hebrews 2:2, Acts 7:53).
- Angels provided physical provision and protection (I Kings 19:5-7, Daniel 6:22).
- Angels were involved in the answering of prayers (Daniel 9:20-27, 10:5-21).

Earthly Ministry of Christ

- Angels are active throughout the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ.
- At His Birth:
 - *Prediction*: Gabriel predicted His birth (Matthew 1:20, Luke 1:26-28)
 - *Announcement*: An angel announced His birth to the shepherds and was then accompanied in praise by a multitude of angels (Luke 2:8-15).

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- During His Life:
 - *Warning:* Angel warned Joseph and Mary to flee to Egypt to escape Herod's wrath (Matthew 2:13-15).
 - *Direction:* An angel directed the family to return to Israel after Herod died (Matthew 2:19-21).
 - *Ministration:* Angels ministered to Him after His temptation (Matthew 4:11) and in His stress in Gethsemane (Luke 22:43).
 - *Defense:* He said that a legion of angels stood ready to come to His defense if called upon (Matthew 26:53).

Earthly Ministry of Christ

- After His Resurrection:
 - *Stone*: An angel rolled away the stone from the tomb (Matthew 28:1-2).
 - *Announcement*: Angels announced His resurrection to the women on Easter morning (Matthew 28:5-6, Luke 24:5-7).
 - *Ascension*: Angels were present at His ascension (Acts 1:10-11).

Ages to Come

- Angels are also very active in the Ages to Come.
- Angels will protect the 144,000 during the tribulation period (Revelation 7:1-14).
- Angels will announce the destruction of Babylon along with those who worshiped the Beast (Revelation 14:4-9).
- Angels sound the trumpet judgment during the tribulation (Revelation 8:2-12, 9:1, 11:35).
- Angels pour out the vial judgments upon the earth (Revelation 16:2-17).
- Angels will cast unbelievers into the furnace of fire at the end of the tribulation (Matthew 13:39-42).
- Angels will regather Israel for entrance into the millennial kingdom (Matthew 24:29-31).

Ages to Come

- Angels will accompany Christ when He sits upon the throne of his glory (Matthew 25:31).
- Angels appear to be particularly active when God institutes a new epoch or sweep in his dispensational dealings with the nation of Israel:
 - They joined in praise when the earth was created (Job 38:6-7).
 - They were involved in the giving of the Mosaic Law .
 - They were active during the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ.
 - They will be involved in events surrounding the time of Jacob's trouble (tribulation) and the establishment of Christ's kingdom on earth.