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SUBJECT: The Angels;  
God's Guardians

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### III. Ministering to God's people Heb. 1:14

#### 1. Protecting, guarding

- (1) Lot Gen. 19:1, 16
- (2) Eliezer D.K. 6:13-16; Ps 34:7; Ps 91:15, 13
- (3) Daniel 6:22
- (4) Little ones (children, new believers) Matt 18:10. Guardian angels

#### 2. Comforting

- (1) Jacob Gen. 28:12 "ascending & descending"
- (2) Jesus: Matt 4:11; Mt. 1:13
- (3) Jesus: Mt. 22:43

#### 3. Delivering

- (1) Peter Acts 12:7
- (2) Paul Acts 27:23
  - Winfield Smith, Arizona, Calif.
  - Doctor for various cities
  - American people

#### 4. Carrying out the mandates, esp. Obedient messengers.

- (1) stay hand, absolute - Gen. 22:11
- (2) Away from it at the tomb. Matt 28:2 not afraid his sides? in contrast, as the other hand.
- (3) In death, carrying out to heaven. Jn. 16:22; Ps 23:4
- (4) as old saying "my latest dream is truly just"
- (5) as, my spirit. "I have no fear of death"

### IV. Their Appearance at the End of the Age

#### 1. God's reappearance Matt 13:41, 43

- "destroying angels" Gen 19:13 Sodom
- II Sam. 24:16 was just.
- D.K. 19:35. was, 183,000. Sodomites
- Matt. 26:53 "I will destroy the temple, but I will build it in three days"

#### 2. Will accompany Christ when He returns in glory

- Matt 25:31; Mt 8:38; 4 Thess 1:8
- Herodians, have come in at a time, then at a time, several in
- young, a child of Jesus' birth.
- But now! Matt 25:31, and all the holy angels with him.
- The dead in Christ will be raised with him.
- Rev. 5:11, 13
- Ps. Myriads & myriads

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## The Angels of God

ἄγγελος: ὁ ὅς ἐστι μὲν ἄνθρωπος: ἐν ὅτῳ ἂν ᾖ ἡ ἀγγελία: ἐν ὅτῳ ἂν ᾖ ἡ ἀγγελία: ἐν ὅτῳ ἂν ᾖ ἡ ἀγγελία.

Sometimes = to inanimate agencies Ex. 104:4

Sometimes = prophets, commissioned by God to deliver His message.

Hag. 1:13 "Haggai the Lord's messenger."

Mal. 2:7 "the priest... is the messenger, the Lord."

Is. 63:9 "will send of messengers..." (John the Baptist)

Rev. 3 the work of authentication with authority as messenger, the name suggests: a guarantee, responsibility, the fruit.

Usually, however, = superhuman, celestial spirits in communication from men.  
= several orders:

(1) Those commonly understood by the expression, "the angels of heaven" "the Lord" with 24:36; 22:30. John 1:51. Their abode is heaven, near to God, serving God. Their work number, "the Lord's hosts."

(2) Fallen angels, angels of darkness, Satan or his angels. Scarcely ever designated simply "angels" but usually with some qualifying modifier, their real character. The angels are named, "set apart to their first estate" the devil, angels with 25:41; P. 17:2:4. John 6.

(3) Finally, there is the angel, who is named in reference to his business. The angel of the presence, "the angel in whom is the name" Gen 18: Abraham interacts with the angel for Israhel.  
31:11 the angel of Jacob, says, "I am the Lord, Reuben."  
32:246 Jacob wrestles, says, "I have seen the face to face."  
48:151. Jacob speaks, "the angel is identified."  
Ex. 13:21; 14:19 - the angel, leads Israel out, Egypt. Opponent makes is God.  
John 5:13; 6:3 - opponent to Jesus.  
The angel of the theophany. Uniformly but one being to whom such peculiar acts ascribed. The day is, the Christ. They are is described that 3:1 "the angels" - the first / our fathers - the original - the presiding / which others are but the copy. So the angel - the delegate / heaven to mortal men.

But only to the first of these categories the name "angel" is suitably appropriated.



3. Heb 1:14 "they are all ministering spirits."

Gen. 18:1, 16 the two angels deliver Lot  
21:17 hear the voice, the dead Abraham, dying, visit: prayer, hope.  
22:11 stays the hand, Abraham, Isaac on the altar.  
24:7, 40 goes before Eliezer, a wife for Isaac (deceased)  
Jacob, Esau

Daniel 6:22 shuts the mouths of the lions

Matt 4:11, Mark 1:13 "angels minister to him" (midnight meal)  
Lk. 22:43 "then appeared an angel for heaven strengthening him."

For the comfort, strengthening of the believers:

Matt 18:10 "... in heaven their angels do always."  
Acts 1:10 when Jesus went away  
12:7 delivering Peter  
27:23 cheering Paul  
Th 15:10 rejoicing with us in deliverance

Not to be afraid: DK. 6:13-16 Eliza at Gethsemane  
Lk 34:7 "the angel of the Lord..."  
Ps 91:11, 12 "for he shall give his..."

At death - carrying us to heaven

Th 16:22, Lk 23:4  
(a) old hymn: my latest sin is crying faint  
(b) New spiritual: "I will be your servant until old & new?"  
a hand (angel) "ministers" after us  
sing him.

ἀρχῆς, ἐξουσίας, δυνάμεως, κυριότητος

4. Their appearance at the end of the age.

(1) God's requies. math 13: 41, 42  
"destroying angels" = Gen. 19: 13 two to destroy Sodom  
II Sam. 24: 16 one on 2nd. journey  
II K. 19: 35 one to destroy Assyria  
Ezek. 9: 1ff six to destroy the temple in Jer.  
math 26: 52 twelve. Legion.

(2) Will accompany Christ when he returns in glory.

math 25: 31 "when the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the angels with him."

mat 8: 38 "when the Son of man cometh ... with the angels"

II Thess. 1: 7 "when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed ... with his angels"

Hencefore have come one at a time, two at a time several in a group, a choir at Jesus' birth, Twelve  
legion stand ready when Jesus is raised.  
But now -!  
the dead in Christ raised  
the ones still being changed.  
Christ us his people back to earth - they singing Rev. 5: 11-13

O come, angel host  
Come and worship

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Our Servants and Ever-Present Friends,

# THE ANGELS

By Evangelist John R. Rice

"Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"—Heb. 1:14.

"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them."—Psalm 34:7.

"For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone."—Psalm 91:11, 12.

"The beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom."—Luke 16:22.

The Bible is so full of angels that it is remarkable how little Christian people know about them. There is a perversity, a carnality, a spiritual blindness, a tendency to unbelief in the human race that makes it hard to teach about invisible, miraculous things.

It is hard for human beings to believe in salvation by grace instead of works. People do not like to believe in the supernatural: they prefer the natural. Men prefer time to eternity, prefer the seen to the unseen. Men prefer to be rational and believe only what they see and understand instead of being obedient, believing what God has said!

Most men never saw an angel and therefore do not believe in angels. On the same ground, Nicodemus did not believe in the miraculous new birth. On that basis the fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."

## Who Saw Angels?

Angels appeared to Abraham.

To Lot and the men of Sodom.

To Jacob three times.

To Balaam.

To all the children of Israel.

To Gideon.

To the mother and father of Samson, and many others in the Old Testament.

Then in the New Testament:

The Angel Gabriel appeared to Zacharias announcing the birth of John the Baptist and striking Zacharias dumb for his unbelief (Luke 1:11-20).

The Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary announcing the conception, birth, Saviourhood and reign of Christ (Luke 1:26-38).

An angel appeared to Joseph (Matt. 1:20, 21).

The angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds to announce that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and then "there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:8-14).

After the temptation of Jesus, "behold, angels came and ministered unto him" (Matthew 4:11).

Again when Christ was sorrowful unto death in the Garden of Gethsemane "there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him" (Luke 22:43).

At the resurrection of Christ, an angel rolled back the stone from the tomb, and the soldiers became as dead men (Matt. 28:2-4).

Two angels announced the resurrection to the women (Matt. 28:5-7; Mark 16:5-7; Luke 24:4-7; John 20:11-13).

At the ascension of Christ, two angels announced the second coming (Acts 1:11).

Angels appeared to Peter and John, released them from prison and comforted them and sent them back to preach (Acts 5:19, 20).

An angel in answer to the people's prayers released Peter from prison (Acts 12:7-10).

The angel of the Lord instructed Philip the evangelist (Acts 8:26).

An angel appeared to Cornelius in answer to his prayers and gave instructions for him to send for Peter and hear words whereby he should be saved (Acts 10:1-6).

An angel spoke to King Herod and killed him for his sinful pride.

An angel appeared to Paul at night in the storm on board the ship and comforted him (Acts 27:23).

It is as clear as clear can be that Bible Christians, particularly those in the New Testament, had many dealings with heavenly angels.

## Who Are Angels?

Angels are real heavenly beings. Hebrews 1:14 says,

*"Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"*

We are not to suppose that saved people when they go to Heaven become angels. Angels are not redeemed by the blood of Christ and even now we are only a little lower than the angels (Heb. 2:6, 7). We are imperfect SONS. The angels are perfect SERVANTS. Eventually, saved people will judge angels (1 Cor. 6:3). The angels are marvelously beautiful

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