



Are Angels Influencing Your Life?

Luke 15:10: (NASB) *In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.*

Several weeks ago we talked about demons, their sometimes subtle and sometimes blatant influence in our world today and how careful we need to be. What about angels? Does God give us the influence of angels to counteract the darkness that demons bring? Can we find our hope and perspective in the presence and guidance of angels? Are angels in our lives as a tangible benefit to our spirituality?

What role did angels first play in the Bible regarding the affairs of men?

Angel: Strong's #4397 Kalm mal'ak *mal-awk'* from an unused root meaning to dispatch as a deputy

Aside from the role Lucifer played in the Garden of Eden as protector of man in the Garden, the first use of "cherubim" and the first reference to any spiritual being except God and Satan:

Genesis 3:24: *So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden **Cherubims** <3742>, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

Here spiritual beings were sent to protect again, but this time to keep man out! These are mighty beings of God, not chubby greeting card creations.

 **Drawn to the dark side, Graham Hancock (author of War God) and Lorna Byrne (author of Message of Hope from the Angels)**

- *Hancock: I know that your focus is on the angelic side and this surely is positive spiritual influence. Do you feel that people are drawn, that there is something in the human experience that leads people to be drawn to the dark side and to evil and wicked choices?*
- *Byrne: Yes, people are drawn more to the dark side, too, and what people call demons or Satan or the devil. And I'm afraid that path does exist. So it is in a sense they listen to the negative, to the demon more so than they would to the angel or the guardian angel or even to God.*

The first role recorded of spiritual beings in the lives of the fallen race of men is here:

Genesis 6:1-5: Notice, they are called "sons of God" (not "angels" or "cherubim"). They were dabbling in the lives of mankind of their own accord (desires) and were *not* a deputy or messenger of God sent by God; therefore they did not warrant the classification of "angel." This was a non-authorized entry into the world of mankind. They acted against not only the will of God but the design of God and mixed spirit with flesh and bore a hybrid race that did not belong. They sought to change the direction of the plan of God! This action brought the permeation of evil throughout humankind - an evil founded in not only *disobedience*, but also in *defiance* of the God-ordained order of creation, bringing their demise through the Flood.

 **Angels help our ripple effect, Kim O'Neill (author of The Calling)**


- *How can angels help us achieve our own ripple effect? Well, we really need our guardian angels to help us in that regard, because we can have an awareness of what we are here on the earthly plane to do, what our life's work is, which is a huge part of our destiny, but we then are in a position to wonder, well, then how do I do it? I know what it is, but how do I do it? And where do I do it and when do I do it? And I found that if we can get information from our guardian angels who can give us pragmatic, specific information about what we are supposed to do and when we are supposed to do it really specific, then we are able to start our lives really moving forward. We don't have any more of the confusion or the feeling of stagnation, where we wonder if this is all we are going to have? Is this all I'm ever going to be?*

She is of the opinion that guardian angels can be a part of anyone's life if we just choose them to be, and that they can give us pragmatic advice on how to live. So, when does angelic intervention occur? Do we ever get direct guidance from them? Are angels supposed to be active in our everyday existence?

Can we as individuals solicit an angel's attention?

When did angelic intervention occur? At key points when God's plan would be impossible to understand: (Abraham, Zacharias, Mary) **ABRAHAM** Genesis 22:9-13



 **Call in angels before a flight, Leanne Babcock, YouTube**

- *What I used to do is before each flight, I would call the angels in and I would imagine the whole trip that day, with all the connections, in white light. Flying is not my best pastime, and if I don't really manage my head, it will do me in. So when I do this, no fear. And I imagine I've got two angels in the front and two angels behind. They let me know when there's turbulence happening, they let me know when it's going to be a good flight so I know already ahead of time.*

Her perspective is that these angels can be called in at will for human reassurance. Humanity often seems to have a sense of entitlement to access to the spiritual world for our personal benefit. But is that what the spiritual world is there for?

ZACHARIAS (the father of John the Baptist) Luke 1:5-17: The angel had a special message to the parents of John the Baptist - this would be a special child to be raised carefully.

 **How do we communicate with angels, Kim O'Neill (author of The Calling)**

- *How can one communicate with their angels? I believe we all interact in a different way, and I've been teaching channeling for about 20 years now. We all interact in a little bit of a different way. We can hear them telepathically inside of our head, which feels like we are talking to ourselves. A lot of folks then ask the question, then how do I know it's really them and it's not "head talk?" And it's a matter of allowing the relationship to unfold on a day to day basis. So if someone is listening right now and they say, what a minute. Didn't Kim say that our guardian angels will just tell us? Well, what do you mean just, "blah, blah, blah?" Well, they can or sometimes they will speak with us telepathically or they will give us signs or clues about our life and what they feel we are ready for on a day to day basis as each day unfolds.*

The idea of a guardian angel came from the Bible. We should go back to the source to see how we are supposed to interact. So far from what we have read, these last sound bites are diametrically opposed to the way the Bible describes angelic intervention. We need to be aware and be careful.

MARY Luke 1:26-35: Mary certainly did not give any indication that she had daily contact with angels! This was a very specific circumstance so that she could understand the plan of God unfolding in her life.



Observations about these three examples of Abraham, Zacharias and Mary:

- The angelic visit was unexpected;
- There was a personal life-changing message delivered;
- That message would also alter humanity;
- The message was not about them but about their children and their responsibility to their children.

Looking at how angels show themselves in Scripture tells us that if you are having contact with a spirit being that you think is an angel, this leaves the door open to having contact that is not sanctioned by God.

When did angelic intervention occur? At key points when God's plan required specific prophecies to be written, spoken or understood: (Daniel, Zechariah)

DANIEL Daniel 9:20-23: Notice Daniels' attitude, focus and posture. He was such a man of God that as soon as he started praying, the command for an answer was issued! God gave the command for Gabriel to personally deliver the message. Gabriel was sent (not summoned by Daniel) because Daniel was a pivotal individual in the plan of God in terms of prophecy for mankind.

 **I see the incredible, Graham Hancock (author of War God) and Lorna Byrne (author of Message of Hope from the Angels)**

- *Byrne: My teachers are God's angels. They have taught me to look at things but to see. You would find this incredible, but I can see, physically. That's the difference.*
- *Hancock: So you are seeing angelic beings, angels, physically all the time?*
- *Byrne: All of the time. Even now, but you go beyond that.*



- *Hancock: But I want to know about that! Let's start there!*
- *Byrne: I don't know if I can because I know they are filming this, you know, and so I'm asking and they are saying no, not for this now.*
- *Hancock: They don't want to be spoken of.*
- *Byrne: It's not that the angels don't want, but it is that, you know, of other things that I see physically that you haven't even thought of.*

We do not doubt what she sees; we doubt the *origin* of what she sees, because it is out of context with what we know angels to do in the lives of humanity. They get involved at God's command to accomplish key points and then they leave! Remember, the only angels that are constantly around are the "fallen angels," under the realm of Satan.

Around about the same time that Daniel was laboring in prayer and prophecy, there was another who was searching for the same answers: **ZECHARIAH** He recounts an angel in communication with God and himself: Zechariah 1:12-17: God delivered this prophecy of the Seventy Weeks through His angel to Zechariah to be written down and recorded. This prophecy was pivotal in the timing of the return of Jesus at his first advent. Angels are about God's business!

When did angelic intervention occur? At key points when specific direction is needed by those who serve God: (Philip, Elijah)

The direction is in relation to the unfolding of the plan of God, not in relation to an individual airplane flight. **PHILIP** Acts 8:26-29: So, this angelic direction was for the purpose of expanding the Gospel into another country, through a foreigner who was hungry for God's truth. This was not given for Philip's personal destiny, but rather, the angel came at the direction of God in relation to the Gospel. That is what angelic intervention is all about. We should take our personal experiences and compare against the source rather than letting our personal experiences override the source.

Angels: (New Testament) Strongs #32 aggelov aggelos ang'-el-os; to bring tidings

When did angelic intervention occur? At key points when God's human messengers needed extra assistance: (Elijah) ELIJAH after the standoff with Baal's prophets: 1 Kings 19:1-8



Ricci talks to an angel, Sightings, YouTube

- *A poolside accident left two-year old Ricci paralyzed and in a deep coma. While her family prayed for a miracle, Ricci believed she briefly entered a world where miracles do happen.*
- *I looked behind me, and I saw a guardian angel and she had golden colored hair and was wearing a white dress. She grabbed my hand and we started to walk down the tunnel, but toward the end she asked if I wanted to go through the light with her or if I wanted to go back. I told her that I had to go back to tell my mom where I was going. I remember her walking me back and telling me not to be afraid.*

There very obviously is a guardian angel in this account of hers (even though she was two?), so what do you do with this concept? **Who do angels watch over? Matthew 18:2-5 Matthew 18:10**

A caller suggested for us to also consider the angel in the book of Revelation who was a messenger from God to John. Another point - it is not biblical to say that when our loved ones die that they go to heaven and become our guardian angels. Our caller is correct - there is no scriptural evidence of any human being dying and becoming an angel.

Getting back to the discussion on who angels watch over, are the Matthew 18 texts saying that *all* children have guardian angels, or is it saying that those children of those chosen (in this case a child of Israel) are specially protected? Remember, angels get involved at key points when something needs to happen to further the plan of God. Angels only got involved with those who were in a covenant relationship with God. That meant either under the Law Covenant (the Jews, the chosen people of God) or those under the Grace Covenant as followers of Jesus. The child Jesus was referencing was an Israelite, whose parent would have been in covenant relationship with God. Amos 3:2

God's angels are watching over God's chosen...Psalms 91:11-13: Satan partially quoted this to Jesus during the temptations in the wilderness. Psalms 34:7: In other words, those who are in



relationship with God through a covenant. Hebrews 1:13-14

When did angelic intervention occur? At key points when God's plan was in danger of being thwarted: (Apostles in prison) THE APOSTLES Acts 5:17-21: This is a very literal application of "freedom with responsibility" for all of the Apostles! The purpose of the angel was not to make their lives more comfortable or to answer their secret questions. It was to free them to preach the Gospel. **PETER Acts 12:5-11:** This was absolutely a miracle and demonstration of spiritual power! Why? Peter was an incredibly necessary tool of the Gospel! This was not for Peter's personal benefit. It was solely for the advancement of the Gospel, and this individual was the needed person.

 **Your Guardian Angel, Graham Hancock (author of War God) and Lorna Byrne (author of Message of Hope from the Angels)**

- *Byrne: The angels are here and they are extremely beautiful.*
- *Hancock: Do I have a guardian angel?*
- *Byrne: Yes! And you have been guided all your life. You have a beautiful guardian angel right there behind you! All that I can say is your guardian angels seems to in a sense go through the roof, but the roof is not really there for your guardian angel. Lots of us think the physical things are there, like what we build interferes with the angels, but they don't.*

No guardian angel in the Bible was there for continual guidance, only protection for those in covenant relationship with God.

God's angels always carry out the will of God without changing it: Galatians 1:8: Angels are not allowed to alter anything. They must follow the will of God. 2 Corinthians 11:13-14: Be careful. A transformed angel of light could be beautiful. It would be powerful, deceptive and influential. These are not angels of God. How might one check the "credentials" of an angel? Well, are they fulfilling angelic responsibility as laid out in Scripture, or are they doing something different? If contradictory, they are messengers from Satan and not God. God's angels are never at the call or service of men! ...Never? **But what about Jesus?** Matthew 4:5-7: Satan wanted Jesus to misapply Scripture. Jesus knew that it was not for him to direct what an angel was supposed to do. That is another great principle to remember. Matthew 26:53: Jesus could not command the angels himself!!! The angels would be available *through God* to help him. Jesus as a human being could not directly command the angels - what makes us think we can?

When did angelic intervention occur? At key points when God's plan was to be expanded: (Peter and Cornelius) PETER and CORNELIUS Acts 10:1-5: But Cornelius did not have a covenant relationship with God at this time. Here is an exception to the rule, but Cornelius was a devout man who prayed to God during the Jewish times of prayer during the day and wanted to serve God with all of his heart, mind, soul and strength. He was in line for a covenant relationship with God. His prayers were treated differently with God. The time for the Gospel to expand arrived, and Cornelius was to be the pivot point. So, Cornelius gets angelic intervention now because he is entering a covenant relationship. All of Christian history was about to change, built upon Cornelius. That is why the angel showed up!

Acts 10:17-20: Both men were obedient to the vision without question, as the Gospel was about to transform! World history was about to change, so angelic intervention was appropriate. So, how should we treat angels? **Do we worship them? NO!! Matthew 4:10 Do we pray to them? NO!! Matthew 6:6:** There are *no* Scriptures that instruct us or authorize us to pray to anyone but the Heavenly Father. We are not to pray to angels or saints, just God through Jesus. Angels do *not* look for our acknowledgment. **Do we ask them for help or favors?? NO!!! John 14:12-14:** Angels are not someone for us to access and discuss our lives with. That is not what their role is. The Bible gives us the guidelines for interacting with angels.

*So, are angels influencing your life?
For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions,
Think about it...!*