

Do Angels Protect You?

Psalms 91:11: (NASB) *For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways.*



Angels! We have such varied perceptions of them. Sometimes they are viewed as little cupids, flying around shooting people with their arrows of love. Sometimes we think they are white, glowing winged creatures. Sometimes we think they take on human form and intervene in specific and dramatic ways, and sometimes we think that they are our companions with whom we can communicate about anything from the majestic to the mundane. Who are angels, what do they do and how do they do it? Can we - and should we - be seeing and talking with them?

**What does it mean to be a son of God?
How is that different from an angel?**

The first Old Testament use of sons of God as a description for spiritual beings:

Genesis 6:1-2,5: (ASV) *¹And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born unto them, ²that the **sons of God** saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all that they chose. ⁵And Jehovah saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

Why are these spirit beings called sons of God and not angels?

These are the only other Old Testament uses of sons of God and morning stars used to describe spirit beings: **Job 1:6-7:** (ASV) *⁶Now it came to pass on the day when the **sons of God** came to present themselves before Jehovah that Satan also came among them. ⁷And Jehovah said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered Jehovah, and said, from going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. Notice Satan - even though a spirit being - is NOT one of the sons of God.*

Job 38:4-7: (ASV) *⁴Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding. ⁵Who determined the measures thereof, if thou knowest? Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶Whereupon were the foundations thereof fastened? Or who laid the corner stone thereof, ⁷When the **morning stars** sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

At this point in the story, Job's "comforters" have left him and God is now challenging Job by comparing His own greatness to Job's ignorance.

We know Lucifer was a very high and honored son of God at one time: **Isaiah 14:12:** (ASV) *How art thou fallen from heaven, **O daystar, son of the morning!** How art thou cut down to the ground that didst lay low the nations!*

As Lucifer fell from honor, he fell from son-ship and became the Deceiver. Sons of God are in harmony with God, so we see by **Job 1:7**, Lucifer no longer had this title.

So far we have seen spiritual beings referred to, not as angels, but as sons or morning stars.

Old Testament: Angel: Strong's #4397 Kalm mal'ak mal-awk' to dispatch as a deputy. A messenger or representative.

What is the difference between Old Testament sons of God and angels? The word "angel" is a job description.

- Sons of God are God's creations who dwell within the realm of God's will. Sons of God are not always angels.
- Angels are sons of God who are specifically tasked with representing the word, will and hand of God.



Does everyone who dies "turn into" an angel? NO!

NO! But there are some people - very few - who become *sons of God*. In the New Testament, this phrase describes the true individual followers of Jesus.

John 1:10-12: (KJV) ¹⁰*He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. ¹¹He came unto his own, and his own received him not. ¹²But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the **sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name:*

The secret to becoming a son of God is to truly receive God's calling: Romans 8:13-14: (KJV) ¹³*For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. ¹⁴For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the **sons of God**.* We, if true followers of Christ, can be looked at by God in the same way as He looks favorably upon the spirit beings in heaven. The faithful are referred to as *sons of God* even though they are still alive on earth. They will become actual spirit beings (*sons of God*) when resurrected.

Only after death and resurrection could that small number of faithful be assigned to be an angel/messenger: Matthew 25:31-32: *For more background on this prophecy, please refer to the program from May 5, 2013 called, "Are You a Sheep or Goat?" All the angels with him -* referring to the truest followers of Jesus who are now in heaven with him. They are now messengers in this final separation process of the sheep and the goats. (Remember, the sheep and goats are descriptions for mankind resurrected on earth.)

What did angels do back in the day of Scripture?

God's spiritual beings serving in the capacity of angels intervene when necessary:

Genesis 22:9-13: This act demonstrated Abraham's extreme faith in God. Abraham knew Isaac was *the seed of promise*, and he also knew God would not lie to him. Isaac could not be a seed if dead, so Abraham trusted God would somehow have a plan. The angel was the reflected voice of God, stopping Abraham from doing what God only wanted Abraham to be willing to do. This pictured our Heavenly Father sacrificing His son, the promised seed, on behalf of all mankind.

God's spiritual beings serving in the capacity of angels instructed and inspired when needed: Judges 6:11-14

God's spiritual beings serving in the capacity of angels carried out God's judgments:

1 Chronicles 21:14-17: Do we have access to a wide universe of angels to help us? We believe the Scriptures say something entirely different. Angels get involved in the workings of humanity only when God sends them, not when we think we need them.

God's spiritual beings serving in the capacity of angels foretold miraculous, world-changing events:

Luke 1:18-19: (KJV) ¹⁸*And Zacharias said unto the angel, whereby shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. ¹⁹And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings.* The angel spoke with Zacharias because they would have a son, John the Baptist, born in their old age. They needed the reassurance.

God's spiritual beings serving in the capacity of angels announced or delivered God's messages:

Luke 2:8-12: This was an important announcement directly from God to humanity.

God's spiritual beings serving in the capacity of angels gave direction when necessary:

Acts 8:26-29: This angel gave specific direction in terms of finding Christ so the Gospel could be spread. A specific mission needed to be accomplished through Philip.

Scripturally, angels only come to accomplish the word and will of God, never under man's control for his personal benefit or advantage. They are not there so we can make better decisions.

The VAST majority of the experiences of biblical characters happened WITHOUT ANY noticeable intervention or mention of angels. This tells us that they are meant to be pretty much INVISIBLE to our eyes and our minds.

The role angels play in our lives appears to be far less than what we might like to believe.



Angels showed up at key points when those who serve God needed specific direction - Philip again provides us an example: **PHILIP** Acts 8:26-29: This angelic direction was for the purpose of expanding the Gospel into another country, through a foreigner (one of great authority and influence) 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 big picture of the Gospel. We get direction in our lives through God's Spirit - His power and influence, not angels.

Angels showed up at key points when God's human messengers needed extra assistance: **ELIJAH** after the standoff with Baal's prophets: 1 Kings 19:1-8: Elijah was tired and discouraged but he had more work to do. The angel supplied his nourishment. Elijah was one of the most important prophets in the Bible and the angel assisted him to do God's specific will.

Angels showed up at key points when God's plan was in danger of being thwarted: **PETER** Acts 12:5-11: This was a pure, unadulterated miracle and display of spiritual power! Why? Peter was a necessary tool of the Gospel!

Angels protect us by way of God's commands: Psalms 91:11-13: This is not about not stubbing your toe; it is about your foot doing what it is supposed to do - trample Satan. You might be hurt in the process, but angels help make sure God's will is accomplished.

Angels are stationed around us - not managing our every movement - but guarding the perimeter of our lives: Psalms 34:7: (KJV) *The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear (revere) him, and delivereth them.*

So, angels protect *them* - but who is the *them* in this Scripture? Is it everyone in the whole world? No, it is those few who truly seek the God of the Bible.

Angels minister to us by being that unseen spiritual protection that surrounds those in harmony with Him: Hebrews 1:13-14: (NASB) *¹³But to which of the angels has He ever said, sit at My right hand, until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet? ¹⁴Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?*

Notice who gets the attention of angels in these verses: Psalms 91: The chosen of God. Psalms 34: Those who reverence God. Hebrews 1: Those who inherit salvation. The reason they protect us is so we can accomplish the will of God.

Many people go to mediums to try to converse with angels. We strongly warn against this, as we know Satan can appear as an angel of light. If we believe the Scriptures are the inspired word of God, what are we really asking for if we ask for angels to get involved in our lives? This type of request is out of the realm of scriptural teaching.

God's angels do not know all of the answers, but they do observe us: Matthew 24:36
1 Peter 1:12: Did God protect him? Sure. Was it an angel who physically did it? We do not know - it could be - if he was seeking after God and applying that Scripture for his protection. What God showed him was to apply the Scriptures and you will be cared for. That seems to be the resounding message. Was it a guardian angel or God's overruling of the experience? We could not say. Clearly God did not prevent the accident from happening, but it was a positive, growing experience.

Good angels always carry out the will of God without changing it and - very importantly - leave when their mission has been accomplished: Galatians 1:8: (NASB) *But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! (He would be from Satan.)*

Good angels are never at the call or service of men! Never? What about Jesus? Matthew 4:5-7: (KJV) *⁵Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, ⁶And saith unto him, if thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: (Satan knows his Scripture! Here he quotes Psalm 91:11 to Jesus.) and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. ⁷Jesus said unto him, it is written again, thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Here Jesus says he will not make God show himself. To throw himself off the pinnacle would be tempting the Lord to save him as a stunt or spectacle.*



But how does that fit into this? Matthew 26:53: (KJV) *Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?* **Jesus could not command the angels himself! Why would we think we would or should be able to?**

Can we interact with angels?

We cannot interact with angels, but they can protect us. Angelic interaction in the Bible was focused on the accomplishment of God's will by way of action, words or demonstrations. Angelic care and protection was promised only for those who truly and fully follow the will of God.

Whenever we claim insight into any spiritual realm, we need to be absolutely sure whose spiritual realm we are tapped into! 2 Corinthians 11:13-14: (NASB) ¹³*For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.* ¹⁴*No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.* **How can Satan disguise himself as an angel of light?** He is spiritual, he is a messenger, he is powerful and he is deceptive! He is a messenger of his own message - to follow him and not God.

Satan is disguised as an angel of light, yet his abode is in darkness: Jude 1:6: (NASB) *And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day.* **This very darkness is what we fight against - for it takes away from the true light of God's will and God's Spirit.**

The darkness promotes the worship of the created (in this case angels) and not the Creator! (That is paganism!) Ephesians 6:12: (NASB) *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

Do children have angels?

Is Jesus really talking about children in the following verse? Matthew 18:10: (KJV) *Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.*

Context provides the answer! Who are these little ones? Matthew 18:1-7, 10-11: (NASB) ¹*At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?* ²*And he called a child to himself and set him before them,* ³*and said, truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.* ⁴*Whoever then humbles himself as this child; he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.* **In other words, be humble like the child Jesus had before him.**

Jesus now continues to speak of humble followers and calls them children: ⁵*And whoever receives one such child in my name receives me;* ⁶*but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.* ⁷*Woe to the world because of its stumbling blocks! For it is inevitable that stumbling blocks come; but woe to that man through whom the stumbling block comes!* **These children are adult followers with childlike characters. Jesus is clearly conveying the thought of his followers being like children:** ¹⁰*See that you do not despise one of these little ones (adult followers of Jesus) for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of my Father who is in heaven.* ¹¹*For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.*

Angels from heaven are given to protect the perimeter of the lives who are dedicated to following after Christ. Their interaction with humanity at this point should be limited because they work "behind the scenes" for God. Our main understanding of God's will comes from His written word and the Holy Spirit. Our input is not from angels.

Adam was called a *son of God* when he was in harmony with Him. Jesus came to restore Adam and his progeny to that loving title again. We are only permitted to see a glimpse of the part angels play in the accomplishment of that plan.

**So, do angels protect you?
For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions...
Think about it...!**