



Are Angels Our Friends?

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Several weeks ago we talked about demons and their influence in our world. We looked at how devious they can be as satanic influence infiltrates our media and our lives. Well, what about angels? Where do they fit in this present age? Are there really guardian angels to watch over us? Can or should we try and communicate with angels? Are angels ever at our disposal to help us make decisions and do they sometimes literally talk us through our most traumatic experiences? Stay with us as we look into the Godly world of angels and what the Bible says their role is in our lives.

What is an angel?

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



 **Intro, Explorer, The Angel Effect, NatGeoTV**

- *For some at the brink of life and death, there are mysterious beings who intervene and help them in the fight for their lives. Some call them "guardian angels." Others say it is just a hallucination of a delirious mind.*

First use of "angel" in the Bible:

Genesis 16:6-11: (NASB) ⁶But Abram said to Sarai, Behold, your maid is in your power; do to her what is good in your sight. So Sarai treated her harshly, and she fled from her presence. ⁷Now the angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. ⁸He said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from and where are you going? And she said, I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai. ⁹Then the angel of the LORD said to her, Return to your mistress, and submit yourself to her authority. ¹⁰Moreover, the angel of the LORD said to her, I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they will be too many to count. ¹¹The angel of the LORD said to her further, Behold, you are with child, and you will bear a son; and you shall call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has given heed to your affliction.

 **Sam's Intro, Explorer, The Angel Effect, NatGeoTV**

- *Ron DeFrancesco, the last person to escape the South Tower of the World Trade Center on 9/11 and survive: "It was great working in the financial center of the world and to work in the tallest buildings, it was phenomenal, it was a rush running into the offices and taking the elevator to the 84th floor with 300 people in the trading room..."*

This was exactly the floor that was hit directly by the plane. We'll revisit this story in a little bit.

There are several Old Testament descriptions of spiritual beings, not just angels. Here are few:



Cherubim: Strongs #3742, an angelic being, as guardians of Eden, as flanking God's throne, as an image form hovering over the Ark of the Covenant

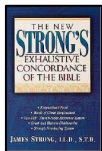


Cherubims were the first reference to any spiritual being other than God and Satan:

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.

The first and only use of "seraphim" as a spiritual being:

Isaiah 6:6-8: (NASB) ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷He touched my mouth with it and said, Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away and your sin is forgiven. ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us? Then I said, Here am I. Send me!



Seraphim: Strong's #8314 saraph (saw-rawf'); (Literally, to be set on fire); burning, i.e. (figuratively) poisonous (serpent); specifically, a saraph or symbolical creature (from their copper color):

Are all spiritual beings called angels or demons?

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

Genesis 6:1-5: (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. ³And Jehovah said, My spirit shall not strive with man for ever, for that he also is flesh: yet shall his days be a hundred and twenty years. ⁴The Nephilim were in the earth in those days, and also after that, when the sons of God came unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them: the same were the mighty men that were of old, the men of renown. 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 "sons of God" and not "angels"? They were *not* messengers of God, but were spirit beings. "Angel" really is a job description rather than a "being" description.



Sam's Narrow Escape, Explorer, The Angel Effect, NatGeoTV

- About ten minutes after a plane smashes through the North Tower, Defrancesco, still at his desk in the South Tower, gets a phone call from a friend to get out now. And he did, just seconds before the second plane destroys his trading room on the 84th floor.
- Now with a group of survivors, they all start going down a dark emergency stairwell.
- "But the fire was rising so we turned around and had to start climbing back up."

Only other Old Testament uses of "sons of God" and "morning star" describing spiritual beings:

Job 1:6-8: (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. ⁸And Jehovah said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job? for there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and turneth away from evil.

We've learned that an angel is a spiritual being on a specific mission. But here we have "sons of God" and Satan was with them. It didn't say Satan was one of these sons of God. It probably means that these sons of God were all good angels as we would call them. But it's an indication that every spiritual being created by God isn't necessarily called an "angel."

 **Angels want your acknowledgment, angeltouchcyprus.com**

- *Write a letter. Just sit quietly and ask your guardian angel to come to you. They could show you their name. For example, you could flip through a magazine and notice the same name over and over again. You may just hear the name in your head or just "know" the name. Try it.*
- *It is such an amazing experience to know your guardian angel. They have been wanting you to acknowledge them since your birth because they were assigned to you at birth by the Creator.*

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?

Spirit beings here are called "morning stars," and "sons of God."

Satan was at one point a spiritual being of high honor:

Isaiah 14:12-14: (ASV) ¹²How art thou fallen from heaven, O **day-star, son of the morning!** how art thou cut down to the ground, that didst lay low the nations! ¹³And thou saidst in thy heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; and I will sit upon the mount of congregation, in the uttermost parts of the north; ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.



Observations - spiritual beings are referred to as:

- Cherubim
- Sons of God
- Angels (as messengers)
- Seraphim
- Morning stars

It sounds like there is a hierarchy in heaven.

These designations may well have something to do with their loftiness in the heavens, as well as their assignments regarding the human race.

According to the Bible, what is the primary objective of an angel?

"Angels" as messengers:

Revelation 2:1: (ASV) *To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, he that walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks:*



The angel to the church of Ephesus (and the angels to other six churches in Revelation) was what kind of messenger? We believe they were actually human beings. They were messengers to guide the true church to a very specific conclusion. People can be said to be "angels" if they are delivering a message.

God's spiritual beings ministered:

Hebrews 1:13-14: (NASB) ¹³*But 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?*

They are supposed to minister, be a caring influence in our lives; but they are not to sit in a high and lofty position like God would. This is what Satan tried to do.

Here is a good example of that ministering:

Matthew 4:11: (ASV) *Then the devil leaveth him; and behold, angels came and ministered unto him.*

This is after Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness. The ministering angels were sent by God to help Jesus.

 **Stairwell people going to sleep, Explorer, The Angel Effect, NatGeoTV**

- *We realized that once you go into a stairwell, for security, the doors lock. By the 91st floor, some of us turned around and headed back down. People were lying down.*
- *(Narrator) Many in the stairwell began to lose hope and oxygen.*
- *The floors were wet and cold but people were basically going to sleep.*

God's spiritual beings, serving in the capacity of angels, foretold miraculous 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.*

God's spiritual beings, serving in the capacity of angels, announce/deliver God's messages:

Luke 2:8-12: (KJV) ⁸*And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.*

 **Hardwired to Survive, Explorer, The Angel Effect, NatGeoTV**

- *(Narrator) When the human body is faced with a survival situation, it has an incredibly powerful yet subtle way to try to deal with it. It's not a brain breakdown and it's not supernatural. It's a survival adaptation the brain has developed in extreme situations to try to keep you alive. We are hard-wired to survive and this is just one of a number of mechanisms we can call upon to aid our survival.*



- *"The stranger had joined our group..." "There was a presence that came to me that day..." "I saw a person in the boat that was so real..."*

The scientific suggestion here is that within the mind there is an ability to fabricate a being to help you. It's not angelic, it is physiological.

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

Acts 8:26-29: (KJV) ²⁶And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. ²⁷And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, ²⁸Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. ²⁹Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

God's spiritual beings, serving in the capacity of angels, reported to God:

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.

Are guardian angels real?

Guiding Voice heard, Explorer, The Angel Effect, NatGeoTV

- *I don't know who it was, but someone called me and told me to get up! It was a male voice and it was like there was someone helping me and guiding me, like "this is the way."*
- *(Narrator) The voice is so powerful that it urges him to get up and force his way down through the fire-filled stairs.*
- *I don't want to sound kooky, but the presence brought me through the flames.*

Was that a guardian angel or the power of his own mind?

Who do angels watch over? God's chosen:

Psalms 91:11-13: (NASB) ¹¹For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways. ¹²They will bear you up in their hands, that you do not strike your foot against a stone. ¹³You will tread upon the lion and cobra, the young lion and the serpent you will trample down.

Hmmmm...but Jesus had angels ministering to him but yet he got hurt. So what is this protection afforded to us? Would a guardian angel protect us from harm or not?

Our Theme Text: Psalms 34:7: (NASB) The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear (reverence) Him, and rescues them.

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We see that guardian angels protect those that have a relationship with the Heavenly Father. They interact with those who have reverence for God. Do people without a Godly perspective in their lives have guardian angels?

Matthew 18:1-3,10: (NASB) ¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven? ²And he called a child to himself and set him before them, ³and said, Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven...¹⁰See that you do not despise one of these little ones,



for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

))) Out and then knocked out, *Explorer, The Angel Effect, NatGeoTV*

- (Narrator) 56 minutes have now past since the plane hit the South Tower. Ron and his colleague make it out of the building.
- We heard this loud roar and looked to the right and saw a huge fireball coming to us...it knocked me down. I woke up 3 days later in the hospital. (Note, the colleague ended up dying in the hospital.)
- (Narrator) Ron DeFrancesco is one of hundreds of people who made split second decisions that determined their fate that day. But in that critical moment, he also received help from a seemingly external force, and he is not alone.

The context of this next text was when the city was besieged by Sennacherib:

Isaiah 30:18-21: (NASB) ¹⁸Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him. ¹⁹O people in Zion, inhabitant in Jerusalem, you will weep no longer. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you. ²⁰Although the Lord has given you bread of privation and water of oppression, He, your Teacher will no longer hide Himself, but your eyes will behold your Teacher. ²¹Your ears will hear a word behind you, This is the way, walk in it, whenever you turn to the right or to the left.

So what is this voice? Is it just a coincidence that sometimes people hear a "voice" to guide them when in dire straits? Is this a guardian angel? How does this work? Can we tap into it whenever we want?

Angels do God's will on our behalf.

Should we rely on angels for just anything?

))) Melissa and her angel guides go shopping, *AngelsGuideMelissa, youtube*

- After work I was running and doing some errands in Target getting mundane stuff - sponges, kitty litter - with no intention of clothes shopping when I get, "go down that aisle," "go this way," and all of a sudden I'm in the clothes aisle. "Look at the sale rack. Not that sale rack, the other section." Sure enough, I've been looking for short-sleeved shirts and I find two of them at \$2.48 each! I love bargains, so I snatched them up. Not a big deal, but "Go get 'em!" I could hear the voice very clearly.

Are angels working in this world to provide shopping tips? We think that is a misled perception when compared to the specific role they played in the Bible.

Let's establish some "angel ground rules" now:

Good angels always carry out the will of God without changing it:

Galatians 1:8: (KJV) But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

2 Corinthians 11:13-14: (KJV) ¹³For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. ¹⁴And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.



There are bad spiritual things going on around us all the time.

Good angels are NEVER at the call or service of men! Never? Even Jesus didn't have that ability:


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: 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.*

Now combine the above scripture with 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! He had to pray to the Father! GOD has to release the angels to do what they will do - no one else. Who are we to think they are at our beck and call?! When we bring the mighty power of spiritual beings into the mundane of life, we are completely missing the point of the purpose of those powers.

Now if this is the case, what about the voices, directions, etc., that people receive in times of stress?

 **Stress elevates survival in the brain, *Explorer*, *The Angel Effect*, *NatGeoTV***

- (Narrator) *It is believed that during times of extreme trauma, the right brain hemisphere intrudes on the left which controls the sense of self along with logical thinking and creates a non-existent entity. ...This ancient ability in our brains resurfaces only under extreme stress and conditions. Our physiology elevates the activity of the right hemisphere that pushes it to the threshold and allow us to be aware...*

This explanation, if true, certainly makes us in awe at how wonderfully we are made.

Does our spirituality do the same - does it allow us to be aware of the dangers we face?

Satan's current position and strategy:

2 Corinthians 4:4: (KJV) *In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

2 Corinthians 11:14-15: (KJV) ¹⁴And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. ¹⁵Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Isaiah 30:21: (NASB) *Your ears will hear a word behind you, This is the way, walk in it, whenever you turn to the right or to the left.*

A thought: The survival mechanism that God has instilled in the human brain would be able to take the spiritual guidance from past experience and from the Word of God and present it in a way that appears outside of ourselves and objective enough that a person would be able to listen and act. Our understanding of this Isaiah text is that the voice behind us is the time-tested Word of God, the voice of God that comes through the apostles and prophets of



the past. Perhaps that is one of the ways God works with us and can help us go through tragedy and difficulty, seeing His will and not our own.

Can angels talk us through tragedy?

How should we treat angels?

Do we pray to them? NO!!

Matthew 6:6: (NASB) *But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.*

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: (NASB) ¹²*Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.* ¹³*Whatever you ask in my name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.* ¹⁴*If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.*

They are not at our beck and call, they are at the command of the Heavenly Father on our behalf. Why should we minimize that by getting in the way? The Scriptures do not in any way prescribe "fellowship" with angels.

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 **Spiritual or biochemical - it worked, The Angel Effect , NatGeoTV**

- (Narrator describing a scuba diver) *She has been saved by a presence she was sure was her dead husband.*
- *Whether it was spiritual or whether it was bio-chemical, what happened caused me to calm down enough to focus again and be able to have the opportunity to find my way out.*

IN SCRIPTURE, ANGELIC INTERVENTION IS VERY SPECIFIC, VERY DYNAMIC AND VERY BRIEF.



WHEN DID ANGELIC INTERVENTION OCCUR?

**At key points when God's plan would be impossible to understand;
(Abraham, Mary, Zacharias)**

At key points when God's plan required specific prophecies to be written; (Daniel, Zechariah)

At key points when God's human messengers needed extra assistance; (Elijah, Hagar, Gideon)

**At key points when God's plan was in danger of being thwarted;
(Apostles in prison)**

**At key points when God's plan was to be expanded;
(Peter and Cornelius)**

 **Summing up the science, *Explorer*, *The Angel Effect*, NatGeoTV**

- *(Under extreme circumstances where oxygen to the brain is fleeting and life is waning) When the temporal lobe shuts down, the nerve cells there tend to want to fire anyway. So they start to fire randomly. So now Ron is also getting impulses from his temporal lobe. He is getting sights and sounds that are forming images. His brain has to make sense of this - Ron wants to survive - he has to make sense of all the input he is getting at the same time. The only way to do that is to incorporate the two phenomenon. He puts them together and projects a phantom image. He uses that image to maintain his composure, make smart decisions and that image leads him out of danger and keeps him alive.*

Angels are very powerful and report only to God. They do protect us and that should give us great comfort. But our trials and difficulties are being allowed by God to happen for our best welfare.

God's angels do protect, do watch, do hold us up and Do encamp round about us - but it is all at the beck and call of God - His will and His direction and not our own:

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By God's grace we do have unseen spiritual protection, for our battle is on a level higher than ourselves. Our job is to interact with God, through Jesus, by prayer. Angels are merely messengers God sends to make sure we are protected.

Ephesians 6:12: (KJV) *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

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Good angels don't know all of the answers, but they do observe us:

Matthew 24:36: (ASV) *But of that day and hour knoweth no one, not even the angels of heaven, neither the Son, but the Father only.*

1 Peter 1:12: (NRSV) *It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look!*

Luke 15:10: *Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the **angels <32>** of God over one sinner that repenteth.*

1 Corinthians 4:9: *For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to **angels <32>**, and to men*

Do we worship Angels? NO!!

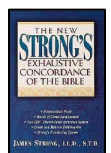
Isaiah 42:8: (KJV) *I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.*

Matthew 4:10: (KJV) *Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*

Full context of Seraphim:

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Isaiah 6:1-10: (NRSV) **(A vision of God in the Temple)** ¹*In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶Then*



one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" ⁹And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' ¹⁰Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed."

Some other uses of Cherubims

As a physical symbol of spiritual things...

Exodus 25:17-22: (NRSV) ¹⁷Then you shall make a mercy seat of pure gold; two cubits and a half shall be its length, and a cubit and a half its width. ¹⁸You shall make two cherubim of gold; you shall make them of hammered work, at the two ends of the mercy seat. ¹⁹Make one cherub at the one end, and one cherub at the other; of one piece with the mercy seat you shall make the cherubim at its two ends. ²⁰The cherubim shall spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings. They shall face one to another; the faces of the cherubim shall be turned toward the mercy seat. ²¹You shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark; and in the ark you shall put the covenant that I shall give you. ²²There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the covenant, I will deliver to you all my commands for the Israelites.

In Solomon's Temple...

1 Kings 6:24-25: And five cubits was the one wing of the **cherub <3742>**, and five cubits the other wing of the **cherub <3742>**: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits. ²⁵ And the other **cherub <3742>** was ten cubits: both the **cherubims <3742>** were of one measure and one size.

As seen in a vision...

Ezekiel 10:1: Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the **cherubims <3742>** there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

Angels also delivered those in danger:

Acts 5:17-21: (NASB) ¹⁷But the high priest rose up, along with all his associates...and they were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸They laid hands on the apostles and put them in a public jail. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the gates of the prison, and taking them out he said, ²⁰Go, stand and speak to the people in the temple the whole message of this life. ²¹And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

Acts 12:5-11: (NRSV) ⁵While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. ⁶The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. ⁷Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." ⁹Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."