



## 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:** Strongs #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:

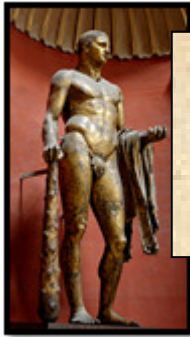
**Genesis 6:1-5:** (ASV) <sup>1</sup>And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born unto them, <sup>2</sup>that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all that they chose.

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.



<sup>3</sup>And 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. <sup>4</sup>The 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.

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!



**There may be some truth sprinkled into Greek mythology based on the history of humankind. For example, the glorified idea of Hercules being the son of a god, Zeus, and a human mother, Alcmene, resembles the mighty Nephilim described in these Scriptures. *Please see the Bonus Material in this Rewind for news on a rare statue of Hercules recently discovered in northern Israel.***

<sup>5</sup>And 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.

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: (NRSV) <sup>9</sup>When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham! And he said, Here I am. <sup>12</sup>He said, Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me. <sup>13</sup>And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns...

 **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: (NASB) <sup>5</sup>In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zacharias ...and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup>They were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord. <sup>7</sup>But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in years. <sup>8</sup>Now it happened that while he was performing his priestly service before God in the appointed order of his division... <sup>11</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup>Zacharias was troubled when he saw the angel, and fear gripped him. <sup>13</sup>But the angel said to him, Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John. <sup>14</sup>You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. <sup>15</sup>For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb... <sup>17</sup>It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.





The angel had a special message to the parents of John the Baptist - this would be a special child to be raised carefully.



*"Angel Appearing to Zacharias," by Italian Renaissance painter Domenico Ghirlandaio  
(One of his apprentices was Michelangelo)  
Fresco Cappella Tornabuoni, Santa Maria Novella, Florence*

 **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: (NASB) <sup>26</sup>Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to... Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin... and the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And coming in, he said to her, Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you. <sup>29</sup>But she was very perplexed at this statement,



and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give him the throne of His father David; <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end. <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, How can this be, since I am a virgin? <sup>35</sup>The angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy child shall be called the Son of God.

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.

**THINK  
BE  
CAREFUL**

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.

**Do angels help us decide what to do?**

**At key points when God's plan required specific prophecies to be written, spoken or understood: (Daniel, Zechariah)**

 **Ask questions, Kim O'Neill, author of *The Calling***

- *So I go back to "eating the elephant," you do it one bite at a time. We develop a relationship with our angels by simply sitting down with a notebook and a pen - I'm old school - I'm not so crazy about the computer because that's engaging the brain and that isn't what we want to do. We want to keep the brain as turned off as possible. Write some questions down that represent priorities and then sit down, maybe a half an hour once a week, and ask.*

We believe this would open up our mind to influence that ought not to be there, so do not do this at home!

**DANIEL** Daniel 9:20-23: (NASB) <sup>20</sup>Now while I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God, <sup>21</sup>while I was still speaking in prayer, then the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision previously, came to me in my extreme weariness about the time of the evening offering. <sup>22</sup>He gave me instruction and talked with me and said, O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with understanding. <sup>23</sup>**At the beginning of your supplications the command was issued, and I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed; so give heed to the message and gain understanding of the vision.**

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: (NASB) <sup>12</sup>Then the angel of the LORD said, O LORD of hosts, how long will You have no compassion for Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, with which You have been indignant these seventy years? <sup>13</sup>The LORD answered the angel who was speaking with me with gracious words, comforting words. <sup>14</sup>So the angel who was speaking with me said to me, "Proclaim, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, I am exceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and Zion. <sup>15</sup>But I am very angry with the nations who are at ease; for while I was only a little angry, they furthered the disaster. <sup>16</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, I will return to Jerusalem with compassion; My house will be built in it, declares the LORD of hosts, and a measuring line will be stretched over Jerusalem. <sup>17</sup>Again, proclaim, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, My cities will again overflow with prosperity, and the LORD will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem.

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!





## 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:** (KJV) <sup>26</sup>And 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. <sup>27</sup>And 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, <sup>28</sup>Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

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

## 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:** (NASB) <sup>1</sup>Now Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup>Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, So may the gods do to me and even more, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time. <sup>3</sup>And he was afraid and arose and ran for his life... and came and sat down under a juniper tree; and he requested for himself that he might die, and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take my life, for I am not better than my fathers. <sup>4</sup>He lay down and slept under a juniper tree; and behold, there was an angel touching him, and he said to him, Arise, eat. <sup>5</sup>Then he looked and behold, there was at his head a bread cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank and lay down again. <sup>6</sup>The angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, Arise, eat, because the journey is too great for you. <sup>7</sup>So he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God.



### 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: (NASB) <sup>2</sup>And he called a child to himself and set him before them, <sup>3</sup>and said, Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup>And whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; ... Matthew 18:10: (NASB) <sup>10</sup>See 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.



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: (NASB) *You only have I chosen among all the families of the earth; Therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.*



**Write questions and ask Part II, Kim O'Neill, author of *The Calling***

- *It's also a good idea to open the floor to our guardian angels, because sometimes they are working on things behind the scenes for us that we don't know about. There may be questions begging to be asked and they can prompt us.*

### God's angels *are* watching over God's chosen...

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

Satan partially quoted this to Jesus during the temptations in the wilderness.

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

In other words, those who are in relationship with God through a covenant.



**Hebrews 1:13-14:** (NASB) <sup>13</sup>*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?* <sup>14</sup>*Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?*

**Do angels not only protect but also PROMOTE the work of God?**

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

**THE APOSTLES** Acts 5:17-21: (KJV) <sup>17</sup>*Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, <sup>18</sup>And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison. <sup>19</sup>But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, <sup>20</sup>Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life. <sup>21</sup>And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught...*

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.

 **Mama that's my angel, Sightings, YouTube**

- *Soon after, Ricci opened her eyes and began to recover. Doctors did not know why, but Ricci did, and she told her mother about it. It was approximately a month after she had come home from the hospital and I had taken her shopping with me. We went into the bookstore and maybe five minutes into shopping, she grabbed my hand and squeezed and started screaming and yelling in the store. Mama, mama, that's my angel! And I didn't know what she was talking about. I looked around and there was a poster on the wall of a guardian angel.*

**PETER** Acts 12:5-11: (NRSV) <sup>5</sup>*While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. <sup>6</sup>The 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. (The power of prayer vs. the impossible!) <sup>7</sup>Suddenly 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. <sup>8</sup>The 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. <sup>9</sup>Peter 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. <sup>10</sup>After 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. <sup>11</sup>Then 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.*

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: (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.*

Angels are not allowed to alter anything. They must follow the will of God.

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

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: (KJV) <sup>5</sup>*Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,* <sup>6</sup>*And 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.* <sup>7</sup>*Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.*

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.

**So, how should we treat angels?**

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!!! 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?

Now if this is the case, what about the voices, directions, etc. that people get??



))) Near death is celestial vision, *Sightings, YouTube*

- *Angels appear to children, I think, because children are so open to the spiritual realm. In near death experiences with children, about 70 percent of those involve the sighting of an angel, which is kind of interesting because adults only report only 15-20 percent.*

Realistically, it is probably what the children are taught about angels.

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

**PETER and CORNELIUS** Acts 10:1-5: (NASB) <sup>1</sup>Now there was a man at Caesarea named Cornelius...<sup>2</sup>a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, and gave many alms to the Jewish people and prayed to God continually. <sup>3</sup>About the ninth hour of the day he clearly saw in a vision an angel of God who had just come in and said to him, Cornelius! <sup>4</sup>And fixing his gaze on him and being much alarmed, he said, What is it, Lord? And he said to him, Your prayers and alms have ascended as a memorial before God. <sup>5</sup>Now dispatch some men to Joppa and send for a man named Simon, who is also called Peter;

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: (NASB) <sup>17</sup>Now while Peter was greatly perplexed in mind as to what the vision which he had seen might be, behold, the men who had been sent by Cornelius, having asked directions for Simon's house, appeared at the gate; <sup>18</sup>and calling out, they were asking whether Simon, who was also called Peter, was staying there. <sup>19</sup>While Peter was reflecting on the vision, the Spirit said to him, Behold, three men are looking for you. <sup>20</sup>But get up, go downstairs and accompany them without misgivings, for I have sent them myself.

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.

))) Angelic message of hope, *Graham Hancock (author of War God) and Lorna Byrne (author of Message of Hope from the Angels)*

- *Byrne: And I always say, thanks for good, thanks for the light, thanks for God and for His angels being here among us to help to give us the strength even though a lot of us don't listen, but an awful lot of us do. And that's why good will win in the end.*
- *Hancock: Your last book was called, "A Message of Hope from the Angels." How would you summarize that message, that hope? What do we hope for?*
- *We may hope that we may grow spiritually, that we will strive towards all of those positive futures that will come together and become one.*





She certainly seems sincere! We believe she is not getting a message sanctioned by God and should be extremely careful.

So, how should we treat angels?

**Do we worship them? NO!!**

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.*

**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) <sup>12</sup>*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.* <sup>13</sup>*Whatever you ask in my name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.* <sup>14</sup>*If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.*

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.

## WHEN DID ANGELIC INTERVENTION OCCUR?

- At key points when God's plan would be impossible to understand: (Abraham, Zacharias, Mary)**
- At key points when God's plan required specific prophecies to be written, spoken or understood: (Daniel, Zechariah)**
- At key points when specific direction is needed by those who serve God: (Philip, Elijah)**
- At key points when God's human messengers needed extra assistance: (Elijah)**
- 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)**

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





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**Angels in the Old Testament:**

**Angel:** Strongs #4397 Kalm mal'ak mal-awk' to dispatch as a deputy,  
AV-angel 111, messenger 98, ambassadors 4, variant 1; 214,  
1) messenger, representative 1a) messenger 1b) angel 1c) the theophanic angel

**Angels in the New Testament:**

**Angel:** Strongs #32 aggelov aggelos ang'-el-os (to bring tidings); AV-angel 179, messenger 7; 186  
1) a messenger, envoy, one who is sent, 2) an angel 2a) sent from God 2a1) to execute His  
purposes, 2a1) to make His purposes known to men, 2b) they are subject not only to God the  
Father but also to Christ who is described to have returned to judgment surrounded by a  
multitude of them as servants and attendants, 2c) single angels have charge of separate  
elements: as fire, waters, 2d) some angels are mentioned as guardian angels of individuals,  
2e) some angels are over churches, 2f) some angels have proven faithless to the trust  
committed to them by God, and have given themselves over to sin and now obey the devil

In both the Old Testament and New Testament, the word is very  
interchangeable with a simple messenger - human, not spiritual.

**Some examples of the word angel translated "messenger" in the  
Old Testament:**

Numbers 20:14: And Moses sent **messengers <4397>** from Kadesh unto the king of Edom,  
Thus saith thy brother Israel, Thou knowest all the travail that hath befallen us:

Joshua 6:17: And the city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are therein, to the LORD:  
only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid  
the **messengers <4397>** that we sent.

1 Samuel 19:11: Saul also sent **messengers <4397>** unto David's house, to watch him, and  
to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life  
tomorrow thou shalt be slain.

1 Kings 19:2: Then Jezebel sent a **messenger <4397>** unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do  
to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this  
time.

Malachi 3:1: Behold, I will send my **messenger <4397>**, and he shall prepare the way before  
me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the **messenger  
<4397>** of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

**Some examples of the word angel translated "messenger" in the  
New Testament:**

Matthew 11:10: For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my **messenger <32>**  
before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

Luke 7:24: And when the **messengers <32>** of John were departed, he began to speak unto  
the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken  
with the wind?

Luke 7:27: This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my **messenger <32>** before thy  
face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

Luke 9:52: And sent **messengers <32>** before his face: and they went, and entered into a  
village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.



2 Corinthians 12:7: *And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger <32> of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.*

James 2:25: *Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers <32>, and had sent them out another way?*

### God's 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...*

Finally, the variety of spirit beings mentioned in Scripture:  
Spiritual beings are referred to as:

- Cherubims
- Sons of God
- Angels
- Seraphims
- Morning star

These designations may well have something to do with their loftiness in the heavens.

Job 1:6-8: (ASV) <sup>6</sup>*Now it came to pass on the day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah, that Satan also came among them. <sup>7</sup>And 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. <sup>8</sup>And 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.*

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

Some other uses of Cherubims:

### As a physical symbol of spiritual things:

Exodus 25:17-22: (NRSV) <sup>17</sup>*Then 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. <sup>18</sup>You shall make two cherubim of gold; you shall make them of hammered work, at the two ends of the mercy seat. <sup>19</sup>Make one cherub at the one end, and one cherub at the other; of one piece with the mercy seat<sup>f</sup> you shall make the cherubim at its two ends. <sup>20</sup>The 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. <sup>21</sup>You 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. <sup>22</sup>There 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: <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>And the other **cherub <3742>** was ten cubits: both the **cherubims <3742>** were of one measure and one size.

### As seen in visions:

Ezekiel 10:1: Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubims <03742> there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

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

**Seraphim**: Strong's #8314 saraph (saw-rawf'); from 8313 (Literally, to be set on fire); burning, i.e. (figuratively) poisonous (serpent); specifically, a saraph or symbolical creature (from their copper color): KJV-- fiery (serpent), seraph.

### (A vision of God in the Temple)

Isaiah 6:1-10: (NRSV) <sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs 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. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. <sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And 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! <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The 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. <sup>8</sup>Then 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! <sup>9</sup>And he said, Go and say to this people: Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand. <sup>10</sup>Make 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.

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**Rare statue of Hercules discovered in Northern Israel**, By Phoebe Greenwood in Tel Aviv  
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A rare statue depicting the Roman god Hercules has been discovered during an excavation in the Jezreel Valley in the north of Israel. The white marble figure stands at 0.5 metres and is thought to have originally decorated an alcove in a Roman bathhouse. It has been dated to the second century AD and is said to be of exceptional quality. The statue of Hercules is 0.5 meters tall and is of smoothed, white marble.

Dr. Walid Atrash of the Israel Antiquities Authority said: "This statue is unusual because it is small. Most statues of gods from this period were life-size. This is something special."



The demigod is depicted leaning on a club, draped with the skin of the Nemean lion that he slew in the first of his twelve labours. The son of Zeus and the mortal Alcemene, Hercules was ordered to undertake twelve superhuman feats, known as The Labours of Hercules, by the Mycenaean King Eurystheus to atone for the murder of his wife and three children in a fit of mad rage.

The statue was discovered in Horvat Tarbenet during work on the new Valley Rail line, which will run through the Jezreel Valley connecting the northern port of Haifa with Bet She'an on the Jordan border. Excavations have only recently begun on this site and Dr. Atrash believes this may be the first of many archaeological discoveries.

The Jezreel Valley was an important stop along the Roman Via Maris, an ancient trade route connecting Egypt to Mesopotamia, or modern day Iraq.

