

### How Do Angels Help Us in Daily Life?

<u>Matthew 26:53</u>: (NASB) Or do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and He will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?



Angels are pretty much a mystery to us. We have very limited knowledge of what goes on up there in heaven, and we are just given glimpses of what angels have done here on earth at the command of God. Further, we have no strong biblical reason to believe that we should be seeking out or messaging with angels here and now. Yet, in their daily lives, myriads of people believe in identifying angels and communicating with them. Who is right in all of this? How do we go about finding the genuine "spin free" truth about angels? Are they here on earth? Do they protect some or all of us? Are we supposed to get to know them?

Where do angels come from? Let's assemble some background.

This next text is about Israel confessing their sins after they rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem.

### Angels are created beings:

<u>Nehemiah 9:6</u>: (NASB) You alone are the LORD. You have made the heavens, the heaven of heavens with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to all of them and the heavenly host bows down before You.

Heavenly host - they are not called angels here, but why? Collectively a group of spirit beings are called heavenly host.

#### We begin to see some diversity within this heavenly host:

Job 38:4-7: (NASB) <sup>4</sup>Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding, <sup>5</sup>who set its measurements? Since you know. Or who stretched the line on it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone, <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Now we see morning stars and sons of God as part of the heavenly host.

### Let's get even more specific within that diversity:

<u>Genesis 3:24</u>: (NASB) So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

There are *cherubim* in heaven. This one was a fierce protector.

# Here is an amazing vision of a throne scene in heaven. Introducing for the only time another type of heavenly host called *seraphim*:

<u>Isaiah 6:1-2</u>: (NASB) <sup>1</sup>In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

What a vision! While we do not know how literal or symbolic this is, we can see the Old Testament's *heavenly host* is divided into several subsets: *morning stars*, *sons of God*, *cherubim* and *seraphim*. Where do "regular" angels fit in?



## The tornado, A Strange Encounter: A Real-Life Angelic Visitation, CBN.com

- (Jimmy) It was an F4, it was over 180-mile-an-hour winds, I was told. It got wider after it had just touched down, probably a half a mile from where I was at. It looked like it was 250-300 yards from me when I first saw it. They say get in a ditch, but one at that magnitude I wouldn't have never survived that. It was sucking things up out of the ground, but I felt I had to go to that bridge and I knew I had to get there. They tell you don't get under a bridge; that's the worst thing you can do, but when that's all you got...
- (Narrator) Once Jimmy made it to the underpass, the tornado was already on him. Jimmy remembers in the midst of the storm he called out to God.
- (Jimmy) I was praying that the Lord save me. I get out of the truck, jump over the guardrail and start up that hill, and that hill was about as steep as these walls in this home. Me trying to run and the wind is already hitting me in the face and throwing things. There's debris coming at me. I mean, I am digging trying to get up that hill.

Angel: Strongs #4397 mal'ak to dispatch as a deputy, a messenger specifically of God, ambassadors King James Version uses the word angel 111 times, messenger 98 times, ambassadors 4 times

Genesis 22:10-11: (NASB) <sup>10</sup>Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup>But the **angel** <**4397**> of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, Abraham, Abraham! And he said, Here I am.

The angel intervened at just the right moment.

This next speaker believes angels are trying to manifest around us and get our attention.

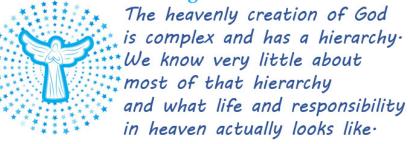
- Feathers/coins/TV, How to Recognize Signs and Symbols From the Angels, Council of Light Metaphysical-Spiritual-Holistic
  - Here are some angel signs that I have personally experienced: feathers. Have you ever been walking and a feather of any color appears in your walkway? Maybe you're getting into your car and you look down and a feather is just sitting there, waiting for you to notice it. You think, "Well, there's a lot of birds around here." Well, think again. Birds are messengers from the spirit realm, and they just left you a little piece trying to get your attention. Another sign from the angels is coins, especially nickels and pennies. Have you ever been finding change laying around for no apparent reason? Well, there is a reason. The angel is trying to get your attention. Ask them to bring you the messages that they feel are the best for you to know right now. How about TV shows and commercials? Ever been thinking about something or stressing about something or someone while you're flicking through the channels, and then someone on TV gives you your answers. Nope, it's not your imagination, and yes, it is the work of the angels.

# The Israelites were instructed how to make the angels on top of the Ark of the Covenant in the Tabernacle:

Exodus 25:18-22 (NKJV) <sup>18</sup>And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat. <sup>19</sup>Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it of one piece with the mercy seat. <sup>20</sup>And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat.



# Angel Observation



Are there any angels we know more about because they show up more than others?

As we move forward, we will focus entirely on angels and their relationship to the human family. Much of what we discover next will help us to see not only more about the spiritual hierarchy, but it will begin to clearly define just how angels were permitted to interact with humanity and what the limitations were.



- (Jimmy) And I didn't think I was going to make it.
- (Reporter) When he made it to the top of the underpass someone was already there.
- (Jimmy) When I got up under there, I see this fella sitting on this blanket. I was scared out of my mind. I run up and got right in his face, and I said, "Sir, we've got to take cover there's a tornado." And he looked at me, and he stood up, and it was like everything slowed down at that point. He said, "Is that right?" And that's all he said. No concern. He was just like, "What are you worried about?"



Gabriel is an angel who was tasked with the delivery of messages of the highest importance.

# Gabriel was sent to Daniel, the esteemed "time prophet" of the Old Testament:

<u>Daniel 9:21</u>: (NASB) 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.

The man Gabriel - based on the context, we know he is an angel and not human. He was sent to give Daniel direction and comfort, because Daniel's work was really important.

# Hundreds of years later, Gabriel was sent to Zacharias, the future father of John the Baptist:

<u>Luke 1:19</u>: (NASB) The angel answered and said to him, I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.



### He was sent to Mary, the future mother of Jesus:

<u>Luke 1:26-27</u>: (NASB) <sup>26</sup>Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph.

A virgin pregnancy was a subject needing divine intervention to understand! This gives us a sense that when important information was to be provided, Gabriel was sent on humanity-changing missions.

Angels were sent in matters of extreme importance. We can reason that they are not actively interacting with us on a daily basis.

- (1) Clouds/songs/rainbows, How to Recognize Signs and Symbols From the Angels, Council of Light Metaphysical-Spiritual-Holistic
  - How about clouds? Have you ever looked up in the sky and seen an angel outlined in the clouds? What about a heart or an animal? Nope, you do not need to go to see the eye doctor nor the psychologist. It's your angels trying to get your attention. Let them know you notice them, and they will continue to bring you divine messages. Angels contact us through music. Did you ever wake up singing a song in your mind for no apparent reason? Maybe you have lyrics stuck in your head, and you continue to hum the song for days on end. What do the lyrics say? What's the meaning of these lyrics in your life? Find the message in every ounce of song you hear. Rainbows are another sign that the angels bring. Since the time of Noah's ark, rainbows have been symbolic of God's promise of love, care, support and protection. Rainbows signal that your entire situation is being taken care of by them.

She references the Bible, perhaps for credibility, yet does not acknowledge that angels were not shown as trying to get the attention of people.



Michael the Archangel (chief of angels) is a spiritual being in higher authority and power than Gabriel. He is introduced as one who is mighty and one who is above the angels in his responsibilities.

# Michael is here shown to be dealing directly with Satan in a nose-to-nose confrontation:

<u>Jude 1:8-9</u>: (NASB) <sup>8</sup>Yet in the same way these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile angelic majesties. <sup>9</sup>But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, The Lord rebuke you!

Michael had the power to thwart Satan.

Strengthen, 4 Things Angels Will Do For You, Ted Shuttlesworth, Jr.

• If you're a Christian, angels have been sent forth to help you throughout your life, and there's several different things that they will do in their purpose that's connected with you. First, we see that angels are sent to strengthen you in your specific purpose. Two times in the life of Jesus we see that angels came and ministered to him. The first time we see it is when Jesus was tempted in the wilderness by the devil, and finally when the devil left him and quit tempting him, the Bible says angels immediately came and ministered to him, and strengthened and refreshed him. Secondly, when Jesus was in the Garden praying and asking the Lord to let that cup of suffering, which was the



crucifixion, pass from him - the Bible says angels came and they hosted him and ministered to him, and they strengthened and refreshed him there.

What happened specifically for Jesus, the Messiah, does not necessarily mean it will happen for us. However, we agree that if the Lord saw fit for angels to strengthen us, it could happen.

### The Cup of Suffering

We do not believe Jesus was praying for the crucifixion to be removed, as it fulfilled many prophecies and Jesus prepared his disciples for that event.

John 18:37: (KJV) ...for this cause came I into the world.

Rather, we understand he was asking not to be accused as a blasphemer of God.

Angels strengthened Elijah and Daniel in the Old Testament, but it never happened to the average person in an outward way.

# Michael enters into the following experience as protector so that Gabriel can deliver his message:

<u>Daniel 10:12-13</u>: (NASB) <sup>12</sup>Then he said to me, Do not be afraid, Daniel... I have come in response to your words. <sup>13</sup>But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.

Prince of the kingdom of Persia - representing Satan. "I would have come sooner but Satan was standing in my way. I had to have Michael hold him off so I could come to you."

### Michael is again called upon to stand for and protect the people of God:

<u>Daniel 12:1</u>: (NASB) Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time.

Michael's role is not to deliver messages; he is protecting behind the scenes.

# We see Jesus here in the context of his return, having the voice of the protector of God's people:

<u>1 Thessalonians 4:16</u>: (NASB) For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

There is a connection between Michael and Jesus, as a protector, and indeed we believe Michael is another name for Jesus' pre-human existence.



# Angel Observation The two spiritual beings named here

The two spiritual beings named here had far too much authority to deal with everyday human life. Except in matters of the highest importance, the Bible does NOT present angels to humans on a first name basis.



### What about "regular" angels? Are they limited in their knowledge, power and interaction with humanity?

We are working from the top down, and beneath Michael and Gabriel we find a whole host of angelic beings. Too often we, as wishful humans, want to have the privilege of knowing the angels we believe in are around us. The question we must ask is, did God plan for that knowledge to happen, or did He plan for us to NOT know?

## (I)) Surviving, A Strange Encounter: A Real-Life Angelic Visitation, CBN.com

- (Reporter) After what felt like an eternity the wind finally ended. The man was still nearby.
- (Jimmy) When it was all over with, and I come out from that little cubbyhole that I was in, I remember looking and seeing him stand back up over there. I didn't see him get under anything, I didn't see him crawl up out of anything. It's just when I got out and looked over there, I seen him stand back up.
- (Reporter) Soon after the twister left, emergency personnel arrived on the scene.
- (Jimmy) I saw my truck tore up, there were people screaming, paramedics and police were there on the scene already. There's was a lot of cars flipped upside down and tore up in the road and stuff. The paramedics were looking into vehicles and asking where I was, and I heard them and I said, "Here I am!" And I run down the embankment and I said, "I am up here with this fella" and I turn around and pointed and there weren't nobody up there.

### Do we know how many angels there are? (A lot!)

Hebrews 12:22: (NASB) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels.

Myriads - a myriad is often translated as ten thousand, and the word here is plural.

Psalm 68:17: (NASB) The chariots of God are myriads, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them as at Sinai, in holiness.

Chariots - symbolically refer to elements of war. There are myriads of angelic hosts fighting for righteousness in this text. What if that is just one small segment of the heavenly hosts?



What about the man we have been listening to and the possible miracle of his protection from the tornado, as well as stories of other encounters with angels? We do not know. Our question would be, why? With what we know of angels from Scripture, why would an angel show up for this particular person, in this particular situation, at this particular time?

### What kind of power do angels have?

Psalms 103:19-21: (NASB) <sup>19</sup>The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules over all. <sup>20</sup>Bless the LORD, you His angels, mighty in strength, who perform His word, obeying the voice of His word! <sup>21</sup>Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, you who serve Him, doing His will.

They have great power from God.



# The power of angels is incalculable from a human perspective, and it all comes from God Himself:

Ephesians 1:20-21: (NASB) <sup>20</sup>Which He brought about in Christ, when He raised him from the dead and seated him at His right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

This gives us a sense of hierarchy and strength.

His right hand - The right hand of God where Christ is seated is far above all rule and authority and power and dominion.

There is a lot of God-driven strength and power in this picture, and it all becomes subservient to Christ.



- Voices/numbers/butterflies, How to Recognize Signs and Symbols From the Angels, Council of Light Metaphysical-Spiritual-Holistic
  - Voices. Have you ever turned around and said, "I could've swore somebody just called me?" Hearing your name called by a disembodied voice is actually a common experience. It happens to most people as they are awakening from sleep, since that's when we are most open to hearing the angels because our ego sleeps. The voice of God and the angels is that of love and wisdom. When they speak up it's loud, clear and unmistakable. Numbers are another sign that the angels leave. Have you ever consistently looked at the clock and seen the same numbers over and over again? These are signs from your angels. They connect with us through a different language, which consists of symbols and numbers. For example, the number 11 is a number that angels use to let us know that they are there with us. Butterflies: butterflies are signs of transformation. The beautiful insects are frequently sent to us by our lost loved ones. Either to remind us that they're always watching over us and nearby, or to just to let us know that they're okay.

This takes God's love and wisdom out of context with the Bible. Lost loved ones do not turn into angels and do not try to make contact with us. Those who have died are in their graves awaiting resurrection. For more on this topic, see CQ Two-Part Episodes March 15, 2015 #857 and April 12, 2015 #861 "Where Does Your Soul Go When You Die?

Their limitations - good angels do not know all of the answers, but they do observe us:

<u>Matthew 24:36</u>: (NASB) But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the son, but the Father alone.

The angels did not know the time of Jesus' return.



<u>1 Peter 1:12</u>: (NASB) It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven - things into which angels long to look.

Things into which angels long to look - the good news of the gospel has such wonderful news as to how it will unfold that the angels await it as we do.

Every instance where angels appeared in the New Testament was directly related to the development of the infant-stage gospel. Because Satan was so busy trying to thwart the gospel, God made sure it would get its proper start.

Angels came to do very specific work with a high value for both the individual and the advancement of God's plan to benefit the world.

Do the will of God, 4 Things Angels Will Do For You, Ted Shuttlesworth, Jr.

• Number 2: The Bible teaches us that the second purpose of angels is to do the will or the pleasure of God on the earth. So, anywhere you can find in the word of God that God takes pleasure in doing something, then you know that His angels have been assigned to carry out that pleasure. The Bible says that God, the Lord, takes pleasure in the prosperity of His servants. We know that God takes pleasure in touching and healing His children. The Bible tell us that God takes pleasure in bringing deliverance to the captives. And so anywhere you can see in the word of God that God takes pleasure in something, the Bible says angels are the workers that actually fulfill that thing and get it done on the earth.

Doing the will of God is what they are sent to do, because they are sent for specific purposes. We disagree with the suggestion that angels are here to make us prosperous and heal us.

For more about how the Bible disagrees with the "Prosperity Gospel," see March 1, 2015 CQ Episode #855: "Why Aren't You a Wealthy Christian?"

The abundance we receive from Christianity is supposed to be spiritual, not earthly. The angels do want us to spiritually prosper. Regarding healing, remember Jesus and the apostles did not heal believers.

We would love to have angels be relevant to what we are doing, but that is not what the Bible shows us.

Angels can only be sent at the command of the Father - not even Jesus as a man could release them:

<u>Matthew 26:52-53</u>: (NASB) <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to him, Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword. <sup>53</sup>Or do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and He will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?

Jesus could not call the angels to him - why would we think we can?

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

<u>Galatians 1:8</u>: (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.





# Angel Observation

Though extremely powerful, angels are limited to doing the will of God when God commands it. They do not know everything and have specific and limited human interactions.

Are guardian angels real? Does everyone have one?

Are we supposed to get to know them?

For many this is where the biggest divide begins. We have established that angels are part of a spiritual hierarchy, and they are specifically sent by God. What about their accessibility to us as individuals? Can we follow along with them in life, or are we not even supposed to know they are there?

An angel, A Strange Encounter: A Real-Life Angelic Visitation, CBN.com

- (Jimmy) There weren't no blanket up there, there weren't no man up there, and the only way he could have come down was with me, he would have had to come down beside me the way I did because there was so much destruction on both sides of the embankment of that overpass. I asked people there, "Did ya'll see another fella?" "No, no we didn't see him. He may have got sucked up in the tornado." I said, "No he was there. I saw him, I know what I saw."
- (Reporter) He believes God sent him an angel to help him face the incredible force of that F4 tornado.

Did God send him an angel? We do not know, but why would God send an angel in that specific circumstance? Does it fit with the scriptural concept we have seen with angels?

Do children have angels? Is Jesus really talking about children here?

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.

Many people quote this to show children have guardian angels. But is that what Jesus is saying?

### Context provides the answer:



Matthew 18:1-6,10: (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. ⁴Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus literally had a child in front of him. He says to his followers, "You have to become like this small child - humble, teachable and a willingness to follow - so you can become great in my kingdom."



## Jesus now continues to speak of humble followers and calls them children: <sup>5</sup>And whoever receives one such child in my name receives me;

One such child - which child? By context we see he was referring to the disciples who were to be childlike, not the child in front of him.

<sup>6</sup>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.

These little ones who believe in me - footstep followers of Jesus. Jesus used the example of a child to compare adults being childlike in their humility and ability to be taught.

Jesus is clearly carrying the thought of his followers being like children:

10 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.

Based on the context, everyone does NOT have a guardian angel; only footstep followers of Christ.

Many people have the sense that everyone has a guardian angel, but the Bible does not say that. Satan is trying to attack footstep followers of Christ and they need protection.

(1))Aromas/dreams/eyes, How to Recognize Signs and Symbols From the Angels, Council of Light Metaphysical-Spiritual-Holistic

• Sometimes those that we've lost will remind us of their presence by surrounding us with a particular fragrance or smell that makes us think of them. So take note of any familiar aromas that waft your way. You never know, it might just be a sign from a deceased loved one. Dreams: angels and deceased loved ones will often come to us while we sleep, as this tends to be the time we are most relaxed and receptive. Generally speaking, these will be more vivid than your regular dreams and remain in your mind much fresher and much longer. Have you ever seen sparkles of light out of the corner of your eye or maybe something whiz by? Well, this is your angels. Depending on their color, the messages will usually be sent by the angel whose help you need the most at that time. If you've been going through a hard time for instance and keep seeing green sparkles everywhere you go it could be a sign from the archangel Raphael - the angel synonymous with healing.

This is a perspective of many people. Deceased loved ones are in their graves awaiting resurrection; they are not trying to make contact with the living. Also note, the Bible never describes an archangel named Raphael.

#### God's angels ARE watching over God's chosen:

<u>Psalms 91:11-13</u>: (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.

#### Here is a specific promise to followers of Jesus:

<u>Psalm 34:7</u>: (NASB) The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him and rescues them.



There were many individuals who had a love and reverence for God before Jesus was even on the scene. God's angels are active in ways we do not understand and protecting us in ways beyond our imagination. There is a spiritual battle going on. Satan is the ruler of this world for now and does not want anyone who reveres God and follows Jesus to be successful. We are given guardian angels but we do not know what they do. We do not know their names. We should be thankful to know battles are being fought on our behalf without our knowledge.

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?

These angels are ministering spirits sent for the sake of those who will inherit salvation - this is talking about those directly called out to follow Jesus. This means we have the greatest protection ever so the will of God can be done in our lives.

Fight for God's people, 4 Things Angels Will Do For You, Ted Shuttlesworth, Jr.

• The third thing that angels do is that they fight on behalf of God's people. I remember the story from 2 Kings chapter 6 where Elisha was surrounded by the enemy army in the city where he was staying, and his servant was nervous thinking that they were going to be captured and destroyed. But Elisha prayed and said, "God open up his eyes and let him see what I can see." And immediately the servant saw angelic armies surrounding their enemies. All throughout the Bible we can see angels fighting on behalf of God's people.

### How should we treat angels? Do we worship them? No:

<u>Matthew 4:10</u>: (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.

We are given the name of another angel, Lucifer. At some point Lucifer was known as Satan, the deceiver. Here he was asking Jesus to bow down and worship him. Angels should not be an object of our devotion or worship. (Also see <u>Colossians 2:18</u> and <u>Revelation 22:8,9</u>.) They are a tool of God on our behalf for which we are thankful.

### Do we ask them for help or favors? No:

<u>John 14:13-14</u>: (NASB) <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.

For those of us who want to get in touch with angels and make them a part of our everyday life and rely upon them, Jesus is saying we are to ask God through him. The process to go before the throne of heavenly grace does not involve working through an angel.



# Angel Observation We are simply not given



the wherewithal or authority to observe angels! They operate in a very focused and spiritual world we simply do not have access to.

If we cannot interact with angels and they do not even pay attention to most of us, then what's the point?

The point of this whole thing is that we as Christians need to understand what the guidelines are so we are not tempted to go down the wrong path. It is far too easy to fall into the temptation of (and this will probably sound bad) feeling like we are more special and more privileged than we are meant to be.



CQ Episode #1044 - "How Do Demons Influence Our World?" Next week we Influence Our World?" Next week we will study fallen angels, those who are not doing God's will and who may be trying to communicate with us, disguised as something good.

(1) Books/buildings/shapes, How to Recognize Signs and Symbols From the Angels, Council of Light Metaphysical-Spiritual-Holistic

> Books and magazines are another way that the angels can reach out to us. Next time a meaningful piece of writing grabs your attention, whether it's a book suddenly falling from a shelf as you walk by or words in a magazine that instantly catch your eye. Take a moment to read what they say. You'll be amazed at how often they'll relate in some way to your current situations. Buildings and advertising slogans could be something simple as asking archangel Michael to help and then notice a building named St. Michael's shortly after. It is a sure sign that he has heard the call and is there if you need him. Make sure you look out for any recurring slogans on billboards, shop names or roads that seem to strike a chord with you. Angel shapes never underestimate how clever angels can be. They're all around us and can physically appear in the form of an outline or shape, and in almost anything. From the clouds in the sky to the bubbles in your bath. Don't ever underestimate the power of the angels.

Naturally we look for answers to prayer in everyday life. We are seeking God's will, but are we receiving angelic messages? Her suggestion that we are calling on the archangel Michael for daily things takes biblical principles and turns them into a carnival of treats and fun. This is not what the Bible says.

Angelic care was evident for the apostles - they were not spared hardship but were delivered for the purpose of continuing to promote the gospel: 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.

The apostles were thrown in prison because of their preaching. The angel released them for the purpose of more preaching, which they immediately did.

We do not activate angels ourselves. God does, and only if necessary.

Protect God's children, 4 Things Angels Will Do For You, Ted Shuttlesworth, Jr.

• The final thing we see that angels are assigned to do in the Bible is to protect the children of God. The Bible says in Psalm 91 that He will order His angels to be with you and protect you wherever you go. So, the question we have to ask ourself is, how do we activate this angelic assistance? How do we get angels moving on our behalf? Well, the Bible teaches us very clearly that it is through our words in prayer that angels are activated on our behalf. In Daniel, chapter 10 when the angel arrives to speak to him, he says, "Your words were heard, and I am here in response to your words."

We do believe angels protect God's children, but we do not activate angels. Daniel was the most prolific time prophet in all of the Bible. God gave him such incredible insight into future events that as they unfolded, they became documented history. He was given insight into the timeline of God's plan that no one else was given. Daniel was so important that Satan was trying to crush him, and that is why the angel came. His work would stand as a pivotal piece for the promotion of the gospel later. Daniel helps us understand the timing of Jesus' first and second advents. When Daniel prayed for help, he got it in the form of the angel Gabriel. We, however, are not in that category.

# Angels showed up at key points when God's plan needed to be expanded - Peter and Cornelius:

Acts 10:1-5: (NASB) ¹Now there was a man at Caesarea named Cornelius... ²a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, and gave many alms to the Jewish people and prayed to God continually. ³About 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! ⁴And 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. ⁵Now dispatch some men to Joppa and send for a man named Simon, who is also called Peter;

# Angelic intervention was needed for Cornelius, for he did not yet have the spirit and needed clarity:

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.

Peter did not need an angel because he already had God's Spirit, God's power and influence working in his life. Angels were not just arbitrarily showing up. Both men were obedient to God's messages without question, as the gospel was about to transform into a message for the Gentiles.





# When did angelic interaction occur? At KEY POINTS when...

- God's plan would have been impossible to understand (Abraham, Mary, Zacharias)
  - God's plan required specific prophecies to be written (Daniel, Zechariah)
  - God's human messengers needed extra assistance (Elijah, Hagar, Gideon)
- God's plan was in danger of being thwarted (Apostles in prison)
  - God's plan was to be expanded (Peter and Cornelius)



# Angel Observation

God uses angels for the benefit of His plans and purposes and engages them in specific circumstances with specific people. Angelic activity is always an extension of God's will.

God uses angels to help His great plan of the ages come to fruition. According to scriptural principles, angels may be used behind the scenes to protect us as God deems necessary.

So, how do angels help us in real life?
For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions...
Think about it...!





Join us next week for our podcast on October 22, 2018: Ep. #1044: "How Do Demons Influence Our World?"

#### **Bonus Material!**

Angels shine from without because their spirits are lit from within by the light of God. — Eileen Elias Freeman

Whenever we claim insight into any spiritual realm, we need to be absolutely sure whose spiritual realm we are tapped into:

<u>2 Corinthians 11:13-14</u>: (NASB) <sup>13</sup>For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. <sup>14</sup>No wonder, for <u>even Satan disguises himself as an</u> angel of light.

How can he do this? He is spiritual, he is a messenger, he is powerful and he is deceptive!

Satan is disguised as an angel of light, yet his abode is darkness:

<u>Jude 1:6</u>: (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 and promotes the worship of the created (in this case angels) not the Creator:

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.

A few more examples of what angels were recorded to have done in Scripture:

### God's angels carry out God's judgments:

1 Chronicles 21:14-17: (NRSV) <sup>14</sup>So the LORD sent a pestilence on Israel; and seventy thousand persons fell in Israel. <sup>15</sup>And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it; but when he was about to destroy it, the LORD took note and relented concerning the calamity; he said to the destroying angel, Enough! Stay your hand. The angel of the LORD was then standing by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. <sup>16</sup>David looked up and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, and in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces. <sup>17</sup>And David said to God, Was it not I who gave the command to count the people? It is I who have sinned and done very wickedly. But these sheep, what have they done? Let your hand, I pray, O LORD my God, be against me and against my father's house; but do not let your people be plagued!



### God's angels foretold miraculous world-changing events:

<u>Luke 1:18-19</u>: (KJV) <sup>18</sup>And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. <sup>19</sup>And 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 angels announce/deliver God's messages:

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

### God's angels gave direction:

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.

# Remember, all spirit beings, demons included, know parts of God's plan but not all of the details:

<u>James 2:18-19</u>: (NASB) <sup>18</sup>But someone may well say, You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works. <sup>19</sup>You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.

<u>Matthew 25:39-41</u>: (NASB) <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick, or in prison, and come to you? <sup>40</sup>The King will answer and say to them, Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of mine, even the least of them, you did it to me. <sup>41</sup>Then he will also say to those on his left, Depart from me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;

#### Are angels at our beck and call?

#### Good angels are never at the call or service of men, not even Jesus:

<u>Matthew 4:5-7</u>: (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.



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