

The Reality of Angels

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Scripture References

Hebrews 1:14	Luke 15:10, NKJV
Matthew 18:10	Revelation 14:6, NLT
Revelation 5:11	Psalms 104:4, NKJV
Genesis 2:1, NKJV	Revelation 19:10, NKJV
Colossians 1:16, NIV	1 Peter 3:22, NKJV
Luke 20:36, NKJV	Matthew 25:41
Job 38:1-7, NIV	Isaiah 14:12-14, NIV
Matthew 22:30, NIV	Jude 1:6, NIV
2 Samuel 14:17, NKJV	Luke 15:10
Daniel 9:21, 22, NIV	1 Peter 1:12, NIV
Daniel 10:14, NIV	

Summary

Although the world may be completely uninformed about things of the spirit, angelic presence in the lives of believers is real. When we get born again, God assigns guardian angels to minister to each one of us. They surround and protect us from every side; their existence is documented in numerous places throughout the Bible. Angels have our well-being at heart; they guard us against evil and are deeply interested in our daily lives. Although some of them look human, heaven also has winged cherubim and seraphim that God dispatched to work on our behalf. Like us, angels experience emotions and have been made free moral agents able to make their own decisions. We are well cared-for under the supervision of these supernatural beings.

A. Believers have supernatural protection and guidance that comes directly from heaven.

1. Angels are given the job of serving those who have been born again; they are always in God's presence ready to do His bidding. God assigns not just one, but a team of angels to watch over us; there will never be a shortage of angels.
 - a. Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? (Hebrews 1:14).
 - b. 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 (Matthew 18:10).
 - c. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands (Revelation 5:11).

B. There are some facts we must know about angels:

1. God, Himself, created angels. He made them when He created the earth, even before He created mankind.
 - a. Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished (Genesis 2:1, NKJV).

- b. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him (Colossians 1:16, *NIV*).
- 2. Angels were created to live for all eternity; they do not die.
 - a. Nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection (Luke 20:36, *NKJV*).
- 3. Angels were present when God created the world; they helped in the process of creation.
 - a. Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said: "Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?" (Job 38:1-7, *NIV*).
- 4. Angels do not marry. In heaven, people will be like angels who do not marry or reproduce.
 - a. At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven (Matthew 22:30, *NIV*).

C. Angels can give us godly insight, are interested in us, and exist in the supernatural realm.

- 1. Angels are wise and intelligent. They are able to discern good and evil, and give insight and understanding.
 - a. Your maidservant said, "The word of my lord the king will now be comforting; for as the angel of God, so *is* my lord the king in discerning good and evil. And may the LORD your God be with you" (2 Samuel 14:17, *NKJV*).
 - b. He instructed me and said to me, "Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding" (Daniel 9:22, *NIV*).
- 2. Angels take an interest in human affairs.
 - a. Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come (Daniel 10:14, *NIV*).
 - b. Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10, *NKJV*).
- 3. Angels are faster than humans. Some of them have wings; they are able to take us where we need to go after we die.
 - a. While I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice (Daniel 9:21, *NIV*).
 - b. And I saw another angel flying through the sky, carrying the eternal Good News to proclaim to the people who belong to this world—to every nation, tribe, language, and people (Revelation 14:6, *NLT*).
- 4. Angels are spiritual, not physical, beings.
 - a. Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire (Psalm 104:4, *NKJV*).

D. We must not worship our heavenly guardians; they serve God but watch over us.

- 1. Angels are not meant to be worshipped.
 - a. And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See *that you do not do that!* I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" (Revelation 19:10, *NKJV*).

2. Angels are subject to Christ and serve Him.
 - a. Who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him (1 Peter 3:22, *NKJV*).
3. Angels have their own free will.
 - a. This was evidenced by the decision some of them made to rebel against God. They were subsequently cast out of heaven; hell was expressly created for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41).
 - b. How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, "I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High" (Isaiah 14:12-14, *NIV*).
 - c. And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day (Jude 1:6, *NIV*).
4. Angels express emotions.
 - a. They rejoice over even one person who gets born again (Luke 15:10).
 - b. While the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? (Job 38:7, *NIV*).
 - c. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things (1 Peter 1:12, *NIV*).
5. Angels are not omnipresent, omnipotent, or omniscient; they have limitations.
 - a. Unlike God, they cannot be everywhere at the same time; neither are they all-knowing or all-powerful.

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