

## ***Do Angels work today?***

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**Introduction:** Angels have played a crucial role in the work of God since the creation.

- A. In the Patriarchal age we read of *the Angel of the Lord*.
  - 1. The Angel of the Lord *helped Hagar* in her distress. **(Gen 16:7)**
  - 2. The Angel of the Lord *stayed Abraham from killing Isaac*. **(Gen 22:11)**
  - 3. Two angels *visited Lot to warn Him*. They were powerful beings. **(Gen 19:1, 11)**
- B. Angels played a role in *the leading and nourishing of Israel* in the wilderness.
  - 1. The Angel of the Lord *appeared to Moses in the burning bush*. **(Ex 3:2)**
  - 2. An angel was *associated with the pillar of fire* and cloud that led the people. **(Ex 14:19)**
  - 3. Manna was described *as coming from angels*. **(Psa 78:24-25)**
  - 4. Later *the conquering of the land* was attributed to an angel! **(Ex 23:20-24)**

### ***I. Some Facts about Angels***

- A. Angels *are created beings*. **(Col 1:16)**
  - 1. They are “messengers.” Look at the context *to see which kind!* **(2 Cor 8:23)**
  - 2. They are spiritual beings that have a beginning but *they will not die*. **(Lk 20:36)**
- B. Angels have for now, *a greater power and place than man*. **(Heb 2:6-7)**
  - 1. We have a great advantage over angels because *we have God’s help*. **(Heb 2:16)**
  - 2. We will have a greater place before God in eternity.
- C. Angels *are powerful*.
  - 1. They have *great strength*. **(Isa 37:36)**
  - 2. They have *great wisdom* and play a role in our salvation. **(1 Cor 13:1, Heb 1:14)**
  - 3. Can you imagine what *twelve legions of angels* could do? **(Mt 26:53-54)**
  - 4. What do these wise, powerful beings *consider valuable?*
- D. Angels *have a given place*.
  - 1. They are *not to be worshiped*. **(Col 2:18; Rev 22:8-9)**
  - 2. They can *leave their God given place* and thus sin. **(Jude 6)**
  - 3. Unlike us, *angels have no plan of salvation*.

### ***II. Angels worked in the ministry of Christ***

- A. Gabriel appears to *Zacharias and Mary*. **(Lk 1:19, 26-27)**
  - 1. Gabriel was in *a special place before God*.
  - 2. Later a host of angels *sing at his birth!* **(Lk 2:9-13)**
- B. An angel *appears in a dream to Joseph* on two occasions.
  - 1. Joseph *was informed later* about Mary’s being with child. **(Mt 1:20-21)**
  - 2. Later *he was warned* to leave and later return. **(Mt 2:13, 19)**
- C. Angels appear on two occasions *to aid Jesus*. **(Mt 4:11; Lk 22:43)**
  - 1. For the most part we do not see angels acting in His ministry.
  - 2. They do *play a role in his resurrection*. **(Mt 28:2, 5)**

### ***III. Angels worked in the ministry of the apostles and prophets***

- A. An angel opened prison doors and provided escort. (Acts 5:19; 12:7-11)
- B. Angels worked to get the preacher and the lost together.
  - 1. Phillip was sent to the Eunuch. (Acts 8:26)
  - 2. Cornelius was sent to Peter. (Acts 11:13)
  - 3. Angels never preached the gospel! (Gal 1:8)
- C. An angel executed Herod. (Acts 12:21-23)
- D. An angel gave comfort to Paul. (Acts 27:23-26)

### ***III. Angels do have a work in our lives***

- A. They serve as witnesses to our actions. (Heb 12:22, 25)
  - 1. Do not think that what you see is all that is here.
  - 2. If one chooses to repent and name the Lord today, there will be more that rejoice than just men. (Lk 15:10)
  - 3. Angels witness our actions as Christians. (Mt 18:10; 1 Cor 4:9)
- B. We may serve them without knowing it. (Heb 13:1-3)
  - 1. We should be looking to help others because of God's mercy in our lives.
  - 2. Has an angel born witness to your service?
- C. As faithful Christians we can know we will not be alone at death. (Lk 16:22)
- D. Angels will have a great work at the second coming of Christ. (2 Th 1:7; Mt 13:41)
  - 1. Where will the angels put you and me? (Mt 13:49)
  - 2. Can we see the unseen?
- E. Angels will be witnesses in our personal judgement.
  - 1. Will Jesus confess my name before angels? (Rev 3:5)
  - 2. Will Jesus be ashamed of me before angels? (Lk 9:26; 12:8-9)

### ***IV. Angels are Appealed to Concerning How We Live***

- A. God wishes women to wear a "symbol of authority" on her head. (1 Cor 11:10)
  - 1. We must recognize the God-given order of subjection. (1 Cor 11:3-4)
  - 2. This is not the only way angels teach us about subjection!
- B. We must have a deep respect for God's authority. (Jude 6)
  - 1. Jesus expects the angels to obey Him. (1 Pt 3:22)
  - 2. Disobedient angels will suffer the wrath of God. (2 Pt 2:4)
  - 3. Even though they are wise and have great power, they too can succumb to the allures of pride. Satan is likely a fallen angel!
  - 4. Angels, like men, can be an example in their disobedience. We must not be one!
- C. We should seek wisdom in this life because we will judge angels. (1 Cor 6:3)
- D. We must be careful how we use our tongues. (2 Pt 2:11-12)
  - 1. Foolish men ignore the wisdom of angels.
  - 2. How do we speak of others? "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread."

**Conclusion:** We have a salvation that no created thing can take from us! (Rom 8:38-39)