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We aren't really sure we want to know any more than we already know, and we're probably not sure we believe what we've already heard. I'm talking about angels, those invisible agents of God's mercy who were created in eternity past to be a bridge between God's heart and God's people, ambassadors in an unseen spirit world, who do His bidding and who respond to His heart's desire.

I think we don't want to know any more because we have been programmed to only believe what we can see, and we can't see these guys; we can't even know for sure that what they have done has been done by them. We're semi-interested skeptics, for the most part. And even if the more than 100 appearances of these winged creatures in Scripture are exactly true (and of course they are), why do we need them today? Why does God need them today? We have the Holy Spirit, and God is omniscient and omnipotent. Why would He need angels to do His bidding?

Beloved, *God has always been omniscient and omnipotent.* He does not *need them* anymore than He did when He created them in eternity past. They have a purpose. That's why He created them. And if we are willing to make the "spiritual switch", that purpose begins to come alive and make sense. That is our goal in this series of studies: to better understand the nature of God by better understanding the reason that God made angels.

We have been walking through the Scriptures trying to determine just who they are and what they do all day. After a somewhat lengthy side trip looking at their fallen counterparts, the demonic host, we have turned back again to Scripture to see what we can learn about the "good" angels, the ones who refused Lucifer's offer of rebellion and remained at the feet of the Holy One.

Some, we learned are cherubim. They guard the way into the presence of God. Some are seraphim. They stand above the throne of God and lead the hosts of heaven in worship and praise. Some are archangels. We know of at least one. His name is Michael. They are the generals who lead the kingdom's army into battle, both

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physically and spiritually. And there are apparently the “living creatures”, those special ones called to mete out the judgments of God in the last days.

But there seem to be millions more. They are just referred to as “angels” or “sons of God”, and they live to meet the needs of the saints according to the will of God. In our last study, we began to look through Scripture to see what kinds of things these heavenly messengers do all day. We learned that:

1- They are a heavenly road crew that puts up signs along life’s highways that say: “YOU turn: Go back and face the music.” We learned that from watching the Angel of God stop Hagar and send her back to Abram and Sarai. Why? Because God had a plan, that’s why, and running from circumstances usually makes God shoot at a moving target, or else causes Him to have to place another boulder in your way, so He can get your attention. So He sends angels into your life (oh, you don’t see them, but they’re there) to keep you from speeding off into the sunset, going the wrong way on the freeway of life.

2- They also are a heavenly helicopter SWAT team that swoops down and delivers God’s own from impending disaster, as they did Lot and his family in Sodom. We get so enmeshed in the world we live in, that we often don’t realize just how close to the edge we are. So God sends angels to rescue us, lest we needlessly suffer defeat at the hands of the enemy. We saw that this is a beautiful picture of what God’s angelic host will do *at the rapture of the church, as well.*

3- They guard our relationships and bring people into our lives in answer to prayer who can minister to us; and they bring God’s man or woman to us in answer to prayer, when we seek His life partner for us. He gave us a living demonstration in the life of Isaac and Rebekah. But don’t pray that prayer and expect an answer, if you are living in immorality. God is looking for holy vessels. So often, young people will pray for God’s will while engaging in behavior that is in direct contradiction to God’s will. The Scripture says,

...if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us”

(I John 5:14b)

4- They have an elite team of warriors who engage in direct conflict with the principalities and powers of darkness. They fight for us, even as they promised the children of Israel in Exodus 23.

They do all those things for us, *and we don’t even know they’re there.* That’s why we must read the Scriptures. The unseen, spirit

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world is not visible to the naked eye, and we do not have the license to take the things of the spirit and, using our imaginations, try to paint pictures of what they do. Our only measuring stick is the Word of God. But the Word of God gives us picture after picture of these precious creatures, so that we, by seeing them, might better understand the love, the grace, and the mercy of our God.

We continue our journey into the world of the angelic host. We are not pursuing this information to place our focus on them, but on God. He made them, and He did so to bring glory to His Name. Thus, we board the “Angel Bus” once more and head for Gloryville to see *just what these angels do all day*. One thing is for certain. They aren’t just sitting around eating angel food cake and watching “Touched by a Human” on television. These guys are busy doing the Master’s bidding. We, Beloved, must learn from them just how important that is.

GOD’S ANGELIC TESTING CREW

As our journey continues, we find ourselves on top of a mountain, not just any mountain, mind you. This is a mountaintop where God is conducting business with His man of the hour. His man has been given a promise, and then put on hold for what seems like a lifetime. God had promised him a son, and that son took forever to arrive. At last, the great moment came. Abraham was old enough to have been on Social Security for more than thirty years. His AARP card was worn out from use. They had taken away his chariot driver’s license because he was too old to be allowed on the freeways anymore.

And then it happened. The promised seed came true. Isaac was born. We read in our last study how God used an angel to bring Isaac a wife. But the miracle is that Isaac ever lived long enough to need a wife. For God had told Abraham to take this only son he had waited so long for, and take him up to a mountain to make a sacrifice to the Lord. The key was, of course, that the sacrifice was to be none other than Isaac. You know the story, but listen again and see the role the Angel of the Lord played in the process in Genesis 22,

And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here *am* I.

And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son* from me.

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And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said *to* this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son* :

That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which *is* upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. (Genesis 22:10-18)

What an incredible story. God provided Himself, the Lamb. It was the Angel of the Lord, Jesus Himself, in this case, doing the work of the angelic host. God was testing His saint, and this was a final exam. There would be no make-ups if you failed. It was all or nothing. God allowed His man to make it all the way to the knife-plunging stage before His angel spoke. The knife was on the way down into Isaac's heart. Only then did the voice of God's angelic rescue squad intervene. Only then. But never ever forget that *he was not one millisecond late*.

Why an angel? Why this whole scenario of testing anyway? If God didn't want Isaac killed, why did He bother to send Abraham on this long, difficult journey up that mountain? Why cause Isaac to doubt his father's love by watching that knife come down towards his heart? Why didn't the servants try to stop him? Why would God create this whole scenario, and then abort it at the last minute at the hands of an angel? And what does this have to do with you and with me? God hasn't told us to slay our children lately. Satan may have tempted us a time or two, but God has told us to love them. What is the meaning of this whole thing? We need to ask that, or we'll miss the reason for the angel's presence.

Remember *these things were written for our admonition*. This whole drama was enacted on the stage of eternity so that you and I, in these last days, might be able to better understand the mind of God and the plan of God, and thus be better equipped to live according to the will of God.

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So God, thinking of us, sent Abraham and the promised seed to a mountaintop to have a time of sacrifice. What were His goals? We know at least some of them.

1- To depict the death of Christ, when the Perfect Father would take His only begotten Son and allow Him, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, to be the perfect sacrifice for sins.

2- To test Abraham's faith. We read in Romans 4:20 about his faith. "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but being strong in faith, giving glory to God, being fully persuaded, *that what He had promised, He was able also to perform.*" Only faith tested is faith revealed.

3- To let Abraham experience once more the "death of a vision" that we might understand that all things belong to God, and our children are no exception.

4- To understand that God's greatest men and women will be tested in a greater measure.

To whom much is given, much will be required. (Luke 12:48)

5- To understand that one thing God does with angels is use them to bless us at precisely the right moment, when we are acting by faith.

I believe they still do that. I believe that God still tests us to see if we are willing to give up the very things we believe to be God's answer to prayer, and trust Him to make something eternally good out of even the loss. And I believe that when we respond by faith and give up the things we cling to as God-given rights, God often sends angels *at the very last minute*, and either substitutes something He has provided instead, or gives us something even better than we gave up.

That job you just knew God gave you was the central point of your testimony. Then the company went bankrupt. Your faith had been in what God had done. Now it had to be in who God is. And just when you were testifying that God knows best, *He sent an angel to your phone with a job offer that you never would have considered had He not taken from you the one you thought you had for life.*

That loved one He took. That mentor that moved away. That church situation that was so perfect. All of these were gifts from God that seemed to evaporate before your eyes. And you thought, "Life can never be the same again." The same? Maybe not. Better? Definitely. Because, even if God did not see fit to reverse His plans,

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He had a better plan, didn't He? He planned to reveal His love by filling the void in your life with Jesus.

You may never know what part the angels played in bringing that scenario to pass. You don't need to. You know from the story of Abraham and Isaac that one thing these winged wonders do all day is stand guard for God at the doorpost of His anointed ones, seeking to rescue them when they are doing the will of God by faith.

There are so many other Old Testament illustrations of angelic intervention. You may be saying, "But that was before the Holy Spirit came to indwell believers." Yes, Beloved, it was; but we will proceed and see what God used these angels to do in New Testament times, and we will see what they are doing now; and what's even more exciting, we will see the role they will play as the final act of history is played out on the stage of Planet Earth and the curtain comes down on time, at last.

The last days will be times of great spiritual warfare and great spiritual victories. There will be summit conferences in the heavenlies, and God's army of angels will be stationed strategically to combat the death blows of the Satanic forces. They will serve as guardians, protecting the way into the presence of God, even opening the final scrolls of the Book of Life. They will act as worship leaders, calling the hosts of heaven into the greatest worship service in history. They will act as judges, meting out the final judgments of God in the courtroom of the King, and we will see General Michael and his angelic firing squad take aim at the devil's darlings and win a total victory. We will see the hosts of heaven at their best, as the ravages of time are finally swept up into the arms of eternity, and the promises of God become fulfilled without exception. The angels are not history, Beloved. They are as much a part of God's work today as they ever were. And we, who are the silent recipients of their obedience, need to worship God the more for the beauty of His plan and the magnitude of His love.

Don't you find it strange that so many who cannot relate to the reality of the angelic host in our generation are so quick to acknowledge the presence of Satan and demons? So many speak of spiritual warfare as the exclusive exercise of the hosts of hell, and forget that the skies above us are filled with the splendor of God's angelic armies, *and their greatest hour has not yet come*. We'll see it all in perspective in a week or so, but just look at what awaits them.

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of

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the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. (Revelation 20:1-3)

Now look at Revelation 21,

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God...

(Revelation 21:9)

But we won't steal any more from our look at the future. Just suffice it to say that to pawn these precious ones off as relics of Old Testament history defies their role today and in the tomorrows we so long to see unfold. What do angels do all day? Right now, they are the servants of God to protect and provide for us in ways that will most glorify His Name. In the future, their day will come, and when it does, Jesus will come, as well, and all of the jewels of God's intricate plan, including His plan for the angelic host, will all come together and form a crown that will adorn the head of the King of kings forever. Until then, pay close attention to the angels. They are very active, and we ought to be eternally grateful for what they do all day.

Let's quickly scan the rest of the Old Testament for incidents in which angels (or the Angel of the Lord) appeared to men and women, and let's ask ourselves why. Let's then see if the reason God used angels might apply even today, and whether it does or not, let's ask what that angelic appearance tells us about the nature of God.

GOD'S ANGELIC CALL TO MINISTRY

Our next stop will be in Exodus, chapter three. It, too, is a familiar passage.

Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, *even* to Horeb.

And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of

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fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed.

And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here *am* I.

And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy ground.

Moreover he said, I *am* the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

And I am come down to deliver them... (Exodus 3:1-8)

This was the Angel of the Lord. We know that. It was God in the form of an angel. We know that. Moses turned aside, and God spoke to him out of the bush. But we have already concluded that the work of the angelic host was sometimes carried out by the blessed second person of the Godhead, and at other times by angels He sent, and at still other times by both at the same time. So the angelic principles apply; in fact, *they are probably the more important of the angelic appearances, or God would not have sent His own Son.*

So why this angelic visitation from God? What was happening to Moses about this time? Moses had, from his own perspective, just about used his life up and, seemingly it had been wasted. He who was raised in the palace and destined for the throne had spent the last forty years on the back side of a desert, herding sheep that were not even his own. He had been humbled. He had been faithful. He had spent many hours worshipping the God he felt he had failed so many years before. His faith was intact, but his ministry seemed non-existent; and for all intents and purposes, his life was over. He had a wonderful awe of God and a terrible self-image. Incidentally, that's not a bad combination at all.

His visions of greatness had died, to be sure. He had learned to love his sheep and care for them, but his potential to lead God's people out of bondage was far, far behind him. From his vantage point, life was over, and he was a failure.

Then the angel came. In this case, he came in a most dramatic

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way. Moses looked around, and there were the makings of a forest fire. A bush was aflame, but there was something decidedly different about this fire. It was on fire, but it wasn't being burned. God wanted Moses' attention. He had it, Beloved, He had it. And once He had it, He turned to Moses and said, "Your life is just beginning. I have an assignment for you. You are about to begin your ministry." Now, I would like to address some of us who might be categorized as senior citizens, and others who are in a mid-life stage who just aren't sure whether or not they might have signed up for God's great voyage of destiny and missed the boat as it pulled out of the harbor. Maybe your dreams of greatness in the kingdom have turned into the day to day boredom of being a parent or a salesman or a secretary or a teacher, and those great visions of pastoring or teaching or being a missionary or even of being a great winner of souls has gradually faded into what man calls "the grind of everyday living".

There may have been a time when you gave everything to Jesus and prayed for a ministry that would make a difference. Now, like Moses, you see the end of your life at the edge of the horizon, and all you see are a bunch of dirty sheep and a tired body. Be careful, Beloved, *for only when your dreams have died, does God have a chance to really make something of your life; because once you are no longer able to share in the fulfillment of the dream, God can receive all the glory.*

Maybe you feel that as a parent or a husband or a wife or even as a minister, you have failed. You are lonely, discouraged, and just waiting for the bus to heaven to arrive and take your sad, weary body home for a not so joyous reception with the King.

Beloved, your greatest hour may yet be just before you. Your God may send an angel to get your attention. Oh, you won't recognize him. He may not set a bush in your yard on fire; he may just have someone call you tomorrow and ask you if you might be available to meet about a ministry need. He may just cause your heart to be captivated by a request for help in a ministry that is willing to use old folks who seem finished, to work until God is finished.

He may simply awaken you in the night so God's Holy Spirit can call to your mind Scriptures that burn within your heart until you can no longer live with yourself until you recommit your aging life to Jesus and give back to Him whatever time you have left. No matter how he chooses to do it, pay attention, Beloved. Most of you are not as old as Moses, and most of you are not as far removed

from the fray as he was.

Dear One, the race is not over until you cross the finish line, and the years you may have spent in anonymity have only prepared you to be used of God in a way that, through your humility, will bring Him great glory. Look for that angel. He may not look or sound like one, but ask God to send whoever or whatever He deems best into your life to call you to whatever He wants to do with the rest of your days. So often those who are retired and finally have time to be totally available to God, are sold the lie by Satan that their usability factor is down to zero, when, in reality, God is just about to light a bush in front of them, and call them. However, their heads are down with discouragement so they see it. Expect it, Beloved. It's what angels do all day.

THE ANGELIC ARTILLERY

Let us not leave this realm of Old Testament illustrations without remembering that God uses the angelic host, not only to minister to and rescue the saints, but angels are assigned to nations; and the war between battling nations are fought, not only on the battlefields of the world, but in the heavenlies, as well. So many angelic appearances in Scripture were related to the war between Israel and its enemies, or between two warring nations, when the result would affect Israel.

Do not think for a minute that the great wars that tiny little Israel have won in this generation since it returned to the land are the result of its great military might. There are great nations around the world with ten times the fire power of God's little country. With one nuclear explosion, the Jewish nation could have been blown into eternity, had God so willed. But God did not so will, and this persecuted, abused, and maligned people will one day soon be elevated again to their place as the focal point of God's great power. Until then, they think they are winning battles because of their might or their military wisdom. Dear Jewish friends, the angels of the Lord encamp round about Israel to deliver them. You are back in the land because God put you there. You have been victorious because God is setting the stage on earth for the one great battle to end all battles.

Tiny little Israel. They have no idea why they are so feared among the nations. I'll tell you why. God's holy angels have Israel surrounded, and they will only allow the enemy so much latitude. Be careful, Israel, about signing peace treaties with your enemies. They will turn on you, just as Jehovah warned. Oh, Israel, do not

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forget God's words to you,

Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because *they are* many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD! (Isaiah 31:1)

Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, *and* from the multitude of mountains: truly in the LORD our God is the salvation of Israel. (Jeremiah 3:23)

When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, *and* a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt (Daniel 20:1)

And do not forget for a moment that America's great victories in battles past were the result of two things:

- 1- Our friendship with Israel and
- 2- Our faithfulness to the gospel.

Those two distinctives are waning, and God's hand will as surely be lifted off this nation as it was against other nations who compromised and set up altars to the false gods of this world. If we are to sing "God Bless America" and mean it, we had better continue to bless Israel. And we, as a nation, had better realize that the wars we won were wars in which the hand of God was upon us, and the angels of God were running interference for us, because we were a nation founded on the Word of God and faithful to sending that Word around the world. America, beware. It is not by our might or our power, that we have been a nation feared and revered. It is the silent hand of God's approval that has won us the victories we have won.

That hand can be removed at any time. The angelic shield of protection that this nation has experienced may well be removed by an omniscient God, and our once great power will turn to ashes. We are not undefeatable, Beloved. God is. We can't see that host of angels, but we don't need to. Remember II Kings 6.

And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young

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man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

(II Kings 6:15-17)

And still it is so. As the nations gather round about Israel to deal her bitterness; and as the nations that defy God flex their nuclear muscles and dare God to intervene, remember this: *at the precise time in history that will most glorify His Name*, the heavens will open again, and chariots of fire will once again fill the heavens *and God will prevail*. The nations belong to God. There are angels assigned to certain nations, whose job it is to protect God's name and ultimately to bring the forces of the enemy to destruction.

Let not America take credit for bringing down the Iron Curtain. Beloved, the Iron Curtain was dissolved by the angelic curtain of God's armies in the spirit realm. The ultimate fate of the world order does not rest in the United Nations, but in the hand of the one who owns the nations, God Himself. He sets up one, and He puts down another. The kingdoms of this world are His to build up and to destroy.

And one day soon, tiny little Israel will experience one last time the glow of victory that the prophets and kings of old witnessed, when the heavens opened and God's army of angels moved, and enemies tenfold their numbers fell in utter defeat.

GOD'S ANGELIC LOCKJAW

One last angelic illustration before we close.

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask *a petition* of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing *is* true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.

(Daniel 6:10-12)

So Daniel's fate was sealed, or so they thought.

Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him.

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Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.
(Daniel 6:18-22)

“My God sent His angel...” and the big, bad lion had lockjaw. Those ferocious man-eating kings of the jungle couldn't so much as put a scratch on Dan. Why? God's angelic delivery crew intervened, that's why. This man was being offered as lunch to a roaring lion. We have another roaring lion who is looking to have us for lunch, Scripture says. His name is Satan. But, remember, unless God allows it, he is no more of a threat to us than a toothless kitty-cat. His teeth only touch God's anointed when God allows it to be so. And when you are being persecuted for doing the will of God, as Daniel was, it is true that “the angel of the Lord encampeth round about you to deliver you” (Psalm 34:7). It is no less true today than it was in Daniel's day. God only allows the enemy so much latitude. When he crosses that line, he becomes a toothless lion.

You may feel as though you are like Daniel today. Maybe your job is testing your faith, and you don't see any way out of the dilemma. It looks, humanly, like the enemy has you on the ropes. Let him. God may let you get *right down within inches of the canvas*, but before the referee starts his count, *an angel will come, and you will be lifted on wings of grace back into the fray once more.*

Don't let Satan intimidate you. He's a roaring lion, all right; but so are the lions in the zoo. As long as they aren't allowed to get at you, their roaring only makes them look like actors in a play. And your God is disguised as a dentist for the local demonic zoo. About the time the enemy thinks you are dead meat, Dr. Jehovah touches the enemy's mouth, and all he can do is gum, by gum. He is powerless to touch God's anointed unless God says he can.

We've touched on that several times in this series, but it must be repeated. Satan is nothing more than a pawn in God's hands. God's angels, His heavenly missionaries, can reach down *at any*

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time and stifle the work of the Satanic wrecking crew.

These angels are the victors, both immediately and ultimately. When we are being tested and in our obedience are walking close to the edge of the cliff, God often sends angels at the very last minute to rescue us from the perils that would accompany our obedience, were it not for God's grace. Angels do that sort of thing...all day long.

The angels are also there for us when God wants to call us into some form of ministry, even and especially as they were for Moses, at what seemed like the end of his life. But it was only the beginning. And it may very well be for you, as well. You may have put yourself on the shelf only to prematurely write your own death certificate, when God was just about to tap you on the shoulder and send you into the game as the first string quarterback. Your wisdom and experience make you fit for the Super Bowl of life. Let Moses be your example, and let the Angel of the Lord be the coach that sends you into the game to finish well. That's one of the things angels do all day.

The angels are God's heavy artillery, too. They are the ones who frame the heavens with unseen chariots, waiting for the Commander-in-chief to but blink an eye, and they will move into the fray; and the nations who defy God or who deny Israel its proper respect will go down in utter defeat as they always have. That's what angels do all day. Aren't you glad? And finally, when you are standing in the gap and the hand of persecution is upon you, God sometimes sends angels to give the enemy lockjaw. He may roar and pace, but he can't take a bite out of God's man or woman without God's permission. The bars of protection God places between you and Satan are eternal. He is powerless to touch God's anointed without God's approval. God's host of heaven will see to that. That, you see, is what angels do all day.

So what should we do all day? We should do what they do. We should spend *as much time as possible at His feet worshipping*. We should spend as much time as possible in His Word *listening for His every word of instruction*. And when we start to lose sight of that victory, we ought to but look to the heavens and ask God to open our eyes to those chariots of fire that ring the skies above. Yes, they are invisible to the human eye, but eyes of faith still see them. The question is: do you?

What Do Angels Do All Day? (Part 2)

In your life there seems to be
Storms a raging everywhere
Heavenward your eyes can focus
But to you there's nothing there.

"Where is God?" You cry in anger.
"Where is God? "I'm sinking fast."
Weary night and day I'm calling,
And the hours are rushing past.

Still though the voice of God seems silent
Will He never rescue me?
Heavenward my eyes are straining,
Still no rescue do I see.

"Oh, Beloved," Jesus whispers,
Do not fear; hope is not lost.
I will come in just a moment
I will come what ere the cost."

"I am seeking more than victory,
I could rid your world of strife,
Oh, my goals are so much deeper
My whole plan's to change your life."

"Now is the time," the Master beckons.
Now is the time, open your eyes
Do you see it, oh, Beloved,
See the angels rim the skies?

"There they are!" the Master shouts it,
"They have been there all along,
They're in place til just the moment
When I play the victor's song."

Though the world about Him miss it,
Child, you need but understand,
When God speaks the war is over,
Look, there's His angelic band.

Don't you understand, dear Christian?
All you need are eyes to see
God's great angels wait His trumpet
We will win the victory!

What Do Angels Do All Day? (Part 2)

Let's pray.

Our Father and our God,

Open our eyes that we may behold angels in chariots of fire simply waiting to rescue us, to rescue the nations and to bring down the curtains on history when You say it's so.

To the honor and glory of our Father, we praise You.

In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

For Focus and Application

1- When was the last time you stopped and thanked God for the angelic hosts of heaven that He has created? How often do you, as you come to an angel passage in Scripture, stop to thank Him that He chose to demonstrate His love to us by surrounding us with battalions of winged warriors whose every move is designed to meet our needs?

2- Can you imagine a scenario in today's world that could be likened to Abraham's trip up that mountain with Isaac? Have you ever come close, in an act of obedience, to what seemed like a "no-win" situation, when suddenly, out of nowhere, God intervened? Looking back, do you think God may have used angels to arrange that intervention? Why does God sometimes lead us up a road, only to stop just short of what we thought was the goal? What does Satan try to do then? How can we regain God's perspective at a time like that? Has God ever taken something from you that you thought you could not live without, only to give you back more of Himself in the process? Did you ever thank Him?

3- Do you think that once Jesus came, the angels became an unnecessary part of God's program? How, then, do you explain the work of the angelic host in the life of Christ? In the New Testament church? In the book of Revelation? Can you clearly define the difference between the work of angels and the work of the Holy Spirit?

4- What angel spoke to Moses from that burning bush? How do you know? Does that make this more or less important as an angelic visitation? See how many times in Scripture the "Angel of the Lord" appears. Make a list of the different kinds of visits He made.

5- If you had been Moses, what excuses would you have given

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the Angel, considering your age and past failures? Have you used those excuses with God? Can you find a Biblical basis for reaching a time in life when you are no longer of use to God? What qualities does a senior citizen have that no one else in the body of Christ might have?

6- Do you think the angels are involved in the wars between nations? Find Scripture to support your position. How did God use the angelic host in protecting Israel? What happens to a nation when *it thinks its power is in its own might*? Why do you think the whole world fears tiny little Israel today? Do the Jews understand the source of their power? Will they one day understand?

7- Reread the story of Daniel and his furry friends. Why did God send an angel? Give a modern illustration of how He might do that today.

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