

OUR RELATIONSHIP TO ANGELS

In our current lesson, we want to understand our relationship to angels. Have you ever thought of angels and your relationship to them or with them? Angels are just as real as you are real. Even though we can't see angels we know that they are created beings serving our God and there are some common practices that we share with angels. So let us look our relationship with angels and then consider some warning in this relationship.

I. ANGELS INTERACTION WITH US.

It is important to understand that God clearly wants us to be aware of angels. As we noted in an earlier lesson there are over 400 Scriptures dealing with angels. So let us think together.

- **We both worship God.**

Both angels and man were created to worship God. Angels are seen in Scripture worshiping God. The same for man. When we gather on a Sunday morning we corporately worship God. Though we can't see this happening, we can however conclude that while we worship God, angels are worshiping God. I can think of only one instance where we see angels worshiping in front of man. Look at **Luke 2:8-15**. Write down this interaction.

Now look up **Hebrews 12:18-24** and notice who is gathered to worship God.

Though we do not ordinarily see or hear evidence of this heavenly worship, it certainly should enrich your life to know that angels are continuing to worship God just as you desire to do. It should give you a sense of reverence and awe to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

- **Angels reveal and communicate God’s message to us.**

As we noted in our first lesson, angels reveal and communicate God’s message to us. God has used them to serve us by giving them His message for us to understand. Look up the following scriptures and note the interaction of angels to man as they communicate God’s message to us.

--Luke 1:13-20:

--Luke 1:26-38:

--Acts 8:26:

--Acts 10:3-7:

--Acts 27:23-25:

- **Angels minister to Believer’s.**

We see in Scriptures that angels minister to believers. They help them and protect them. Look up the following examples:

---Acts 5:17-26:

--Acts 12:6-11:

Angels are also intrigued with us. They watch our lives. They take great interest in our spiritual welfare and our needs. Look at the following verses:

--Luke 15:10:

--Hebrews 1:14:

--1 Corinthians 4:9:

--1 Timothy 5:1:

--Luke 16:22:

- **Angels execute judgment upon the enemies of God.**

God uses angels to bring about judgment on His enemies. Notice this in the following passages:

--2 Kings 19:35:

--2 Samuel 24:16:

--Exodus 14:19-20:

--Acts 12:23:

--Revelation 16:1-17:

II. WARNINGS REGARDING OUR RELATIONSHIP TO ANGELS.

- **We need to beware of receiving false doctrine from angels.**

The Bible warns against receiving false doctrine from supposed angels. Look up the following verses.

--Galatians 1:8:

--2 Corinthians 11:14:

Let's put this in a common day application. The Mormons believe that an angel (Moroni) spoke to Joseph Smith and revealed to him the basis of the Mormon religion. What is wrong with this? Think with me about what the Bible says as compared to the Mormon books.

- **We never worship angels, pray to them, or seek them.**

We must understand that we never worship angels or pray to them. As a matter of fact this idea of worshiping angels was rebuked by the Apostle Paul in Colossians 2:16-18. Look up the following passages and note what it says and doesn't say about angels.

--Colossians 2:16-18:

--Revelation 19:10:

--1 Timothy 2:5: