

## Angels and Us

### Angels love the work of God among humans

1 Peter 1:10-12

<sup>10</sup>Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, <sup>11</sup>trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. <sup>12</sup>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.

Luke 15:8-10

<sup>8</sup>“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ <sup>10</sup>In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

### The family we have become part of

Hebrews 12:18-24

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; <sup>19</sup>to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, <sup>20</sup>because they could not bear what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.” <sup>21</sup>The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.” <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, <sup>23</sup>to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

### Angelic ministers

Hebrews 1:14

Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

Matthew 4:11

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Luke 22:42-43

<sup>42</sup>“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” <sup>43</sup>An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.

### Angels help us in the spiritual realm

Daniel 9:20-23

<sup>20</sup>While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the Lord my God for his holy hill— <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>He instructed me and said to me, “Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding. <sup>23</sup>As soon as you began to pray, a word went out, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed. Therefore, consider the word and understand the vision:

Daniel 10:12-14

<sup>12</sup>Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. <sup>13</sup>But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. <sup>14</sup>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."

### **Angels help us in the physical realm**

Matthew 28:1-7

<sup>1</sup>After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. <sup>2</sup>There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup>The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

Psalms 91:10-12

<sup>10</sup>no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. <sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; <sup>12</sup>they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

Daniel 6:22

My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions...

### **Angelic Intercession**

Zechariah 1:7-17

<sup>7</sup>On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, the month of Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Zechariah son of Berekiah, the son of Iddo. <sup>8</sup>During the night I had a vision, and there before me was a man mounted on a red horse. He was standing among the myrtle trees in a ravine. Behind him were red, brown and white horses. <sup>9</sup>I asked, "What are these, my lord?" The angel who was talking with me answered, "I will show you what they are." <sup>10</sup>Then the man standing among the myrtle trees explained, "They are the ones the Lord has sent to go throughout the earth." <sup>11</sup>And they reported to the angel of the Lord who was standing among the myrtle trees, "We have gone throughout the earth and found the whole world at rest and in peace." <sup>12</sup>Then the angel of the Lord said, "Lord Almighty, how long will you withhold mercy from Jerusalem and from the towns of Judah, which you have been angry with these seventy years?" <sup>13</sup>So the Lord spoke kind and comforting words to the angel who talked with me. <sup>14</sup>Then the angel who was speaking to me said, "Proclaim this word: This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'I am very jealous for Jerusalem and Zion, <sup>15</sup>and I am very angry with the nations that feel secure. I was only a little angry, but they went too far with the punishment.' <sup>16</sup>"Therefore this is what the Lord says: 'I will return to Jerusalem with mercy, and there my house will be rebuilt. And the measuring line will be stretched out over Jerusalem,' declares the Lord Almighty. <sup>17</sup>"Proclaim further: This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'My towns will again overflow with prosperity, and the Lord will again comfort Zion and choose Jerusalem.'"

Job 33:14-18,19-28

<sup>14</sup>For God does speak—now one way, now another—though no one perceives it. <sup>15</sup>In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on people as they slumber in their beds, <sup>16</sup>he may speak in their ears and terrify them with warnings, <sup>17</sup>to turn them from wrongdoing and keep them from pride, <sup>18</sup>to preserve them from the pit, their lives from perishing by the sword.

<sup>19</sup> "Or someone may be chastened on a bed of pain with constant distress in their bones, <sup>20</sup> so that their body finds food repulsive and their soul loathes the choicest meal. <sup>21</sup> Their flesh wastes away to nothing, and their bones, once hidden, now stick out. <sup>22</sup> They draw near to the pit, and their life to the messengers of death. <sup>23</sup> Yet if there is an angel at their side, a messenger, one out of a thousand, sent to tell them how to be upright, <sup>24</sup> and he is gracious to that person and says to God, 'Spare them from going down to the pit; I have found a ransom for them—<sup>25</sup> let their flesh be renewed like a child's; let them be restored as in the days of their youth'—<sup>26</sup> then that person can pray to God and find favor with him, they will see God's face and shout for joy; he will restore them to full well-being. <sup>27</sup> And they will go to others and say, 'I have sinned, I have perverted what is right, but I did not get what I deserved. <sup>28</sup> God has delivered me from going down to the pit, and I shall live to enjoy the light of life.'

## End time harvest

Matthew 13:37-39

<sup>37</sup> He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

Revelation 14:6-7

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. <sup>7</sup> He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

## Angels are going to start showing up

Acts 12:5-17

<sup>5</sup> So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. <sup>6</sup> The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. <sup>7</sup> Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists. <sup>8</sup> Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. <sup>9</sup> Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup> They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him. <sup>11</sup> Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen." <sup>12</sup> When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. <sup>13</sup> Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer the door. <sup>14</sup> When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!" <sup>15</sup> "You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel." <sup>16</sup> But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. <sup>17</sup> Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the other brothers and sisters about this," he said, and then he left for another place.