

MINISTRY OF ANGELS

I. MINISTRY OF ANGELS.

- A. Can't believe any further than we have knowledge.
- B. Hos. 4:6 - "God's people destroyed for a lack of knowledge."
- C. Must believe that he is is and that he is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him.
 - 1. Believe in existence of angels.
 - 2. Bad as well as good.
 - a. Jude 6 - *"And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."*
 - b. II Pet. 2:4-5 - *"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment..."*
- D. Angels prevalent in OT.
- E. Angels prevalent in New Testament

II. NATURE OF ANGELS.

- A. Supernatural.
- B. Different from man.
 - 1. Inquire into salvation.
 - 2. Do not preach or bring revelation.
- C. Difference between ministry of angels and Holy Spirit.
 - 1. Holy Spirit lives in us--teaches, comforts and guides.
 - 2. Angels operate in natural realm moving circumstances, fight battles, do things supernaturally we can't do.
 - a. Do not teach or bring enlightenment.
 - b. If angel appeared and tried to explain scripture, would be suspicious.
 - c. Cult places undue emphasis on angels, demons, special revelations.
 - 3. Angels are to speak God's Word or things in line with God's Word.
 - a. Are to enforce God's Word or see that it comes to pass.
 - b. Beware of satanic enlightenment.

III. MINISTRY OF ANGELS.

- A. Ministers or servants to heirs of salvation.
 - 1. Heb. 1:7 - *"And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire."*

2. Heb. 1:14 - *"Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"*
3. Angels ministered to Jesus.
4. Angels ministered to Hagar.

B. Messengers.

1. Announced the birth of Jesus.
2. "He is not here, he is risen."
3. To Cornelius - call for Peter.
4. *"For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee." "Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me."*

C. Deliverer.

1. Three Hebrew Children - Dan. 3:25 - *"Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."*
2. Daniel from Lion's Den - *"My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me..."*
3. Peter from jail - Acts 12:7 - *"And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands."*
4. Ps. 34:7 - *"The Lord encampeth round about them that fear him and delivereth them."*

D. Protector.

1. Ps. 68:17 - *"The chariots of God are twenty thousand even thousands of angels."*
2. Ps. 91:11 - *"For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."*

IV. HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE IF WE NEGLECT SO GREAT SALVATION? (HEB. 2:3).

- A. Salvation is preservation, healing, soundness, and deliverance from temporal evils.
- B. Forget not all his benefits.
 1. Ministry of angels available to you.
 2. Just like any other provision--must believe and act on it.

V. ATTITUDE TOWARD ANGELS.

- A. Same as toward all signs, wonders, and supernatural manifestations.
 1. Should not be sought after.
 2. Should not be overemphasized.
 3. Should not become doctrine or object of worship.
 4. Col. 2:18 - *"Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind."*
 5. Should not accept teaching or revelation of angel (that's not their job description).

6. Gal. 1:6-9 - *"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."*

B. Appearance of angels.

1. To give a message.

2. To let you know you are protected in a dangerous situation.

3. Not to be sought after.

VI. HOW DO YOU RELEASE THE MINISTRY OF ANGELS?

A. Do angels stand idly by as you are being attacked?

B. Ps. 103:20 - *"Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word."*

C. If you are not speaking in agreement with God's word, then your words will not give them any assignment

D. Words of unbelief bind the angels

E. When speak in agreement with God's word, angels will go before you and prosper your way

F. Intercessory prayer

Allow angels to do the warfare

Removing obstacles

Dan. 10:12-14 - *"Fear not Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days; but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days..."*

Ex. 23:20-23 - *"Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared."*

Abraham to servant - *"He shall send his angel before thee..."*

Pray to God to send forth angels.

CONFESSION - THE ANGELS GO BEFORE ME--they direct me and prosper my way.

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