



## ANGELS ON ASSIGNMENT

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#### PSALMS

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## IMPORTANT POINTS

1. Angels are all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation. - **HEBREWS 1:14**
2. "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven." - **MATTHEW 18:10**
3. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. - **HEBREWS 13:2**
4. The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them. - **PSALMS 34:7**

Angels are a spiritual species of beings which God created with purpose.

Angels were created by God as spiritual beings which all have:

- Differing Ranks
  - Differing Orders
  - Differing Duties
  - Differing Abilities
  - Differing Appearances
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- Daniel 10 & 12 speak of Michael as a Chief Prince of Israel
  - Near 100 times the Bible mentions Cherubs/Cherubim as angels which hover over and cover with their two wings (1 Kings 8:7; Ezekiel 10; Hebrews 9:5).
  - From Ezekiel 28 it seems Lucifer was created as an anointed Cherub who was given authority by God to rule over much of creation.
  - Isaiah 6 speaks of Seraphim which have six wings and acted in Isaiah's case as a messenger of God.
  - Angels have names and are sent on assignment by God (Luke 1:26).

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- There are angels who appear to us as mere men and yet we are unaware they are sent from heaven (Hebrews 13:2).
- Angels bring messages to people in dreams (Matthew 1:20).
- Revelation 12 speaks of warring angels.
- Daniel was informed concerning a fallen demonic angel prince who had power in the air and exercised authority over Persia and another one was over Greece. These were, no doubt, rulers of darkness.
- Mark 1:13 shows angels ministering to Jesus in the desert of Judah.
- Jesus said in Matthew 26:53 that He could presently call more than 12 legions of angels to defend and deliver Him. A legion numbers more than 6,000 each (6,100 footmen + 726 horsemen ~ Robertson's Word Pictures of the New Testament).
- Elisha saw the same willing warriors awaiting his command at Dothan in 2 Kings 6:17.
- The devil knows that God gives angels assignments to watch over His children (Luke 4:11).
- Angels care about souls and express joy and rejoicing over a sinner who repents (Luke 15:10).
- In Luke 16:22 angels escort the souls of saints from earth into heaven.
- According to Luke 20:36, angels never die.
- However, those angels who followed Satan in the rebellion against God will one day be cast into the eternal lake of fire which God has prepared specifically for them (Matthew 25:41).
- Rebel angels attempt to appear as angels of light, masquerading as those helping others to see the "real truth," but are rather angels of darkness and deceit (2 Corinthians 11:14).
- 1 John 4:1ff admonishes us to not believe every spirit but rather test each one with the Word of God as our standard.

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- Paul said if an angel, or a man for that matter, appears to you with some message which does not agree with the scriptures, let them be cursed (Galatians 1:8).
- Angels are everywhere, everyday used by God, listening for His Word to affect His will (Psalms 103:20) ~ Speak the Word!
- Angels are among those listening to the words we speak and are motivated by the prayers we pray (Daniel 10:12 ~ I have come because of your words).

When a person gets born again, they are born into the family of God and become a Child of God. The Spiritual Children of God are a brand new species, neither human nor angel nor spirit nor man. To be born again is to become a New Creation in Christ Jesus, eternally alive and predestined to be transformed into the image of God's dear Son.

There are many new realities and awesome benefits available to the Child of God. One such benefit is the attendance and dependence of Angels on Assignment. Upon the request of heaven or earth, angels are dispatched to assist the saint according to the will of God.

It is certain that angels have their work, but so do we. If we were to read the account of Cornelius and the angel in Acts 10 we would find an interesting limit to the angel's assignment. According to the angel, heaven had been moved by Cornelius' devotion to prayer and giving to the poor. However, when heaven responded with the dispatch of this angel, the angel did not tell Cornelius what to do to get born again, rather the angel merely pointed Cornelius to a saint, Peter in this case, who would tell him the story of Jesus.

In an earlier case in Acts 9 with the conversion of Saul of Tarsus, neither the angel nor the voice from heaven explained to Saul what he should do but rather pointed him to wait until a Child of God could respond and lead him to

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salvation in Christ. It took three days of heavenly voices and visions before Ananias worked up the courage and went to lead this man to Christ.

Angels were all created with the same purpose as man – to serve and glorify God. Unlike humans however, we generally understand that angels do not reproduce and therefore do not pass either death or life on to their offspring.

At one point an anointed high ranking cherub named Lucifer felt he no longer wanted to be known as God's servant or second in command. Rather Lucifer wanted to do his own thing and have his own glory. Lucifer began to talk his reasons among the angelic population and infected some with his side of the story. When Lucifer felt he had enough support to make it on his own, he rebelled against God and many of the heavenly hosts followed him. His fall was like lightning.

Today, these rebel angels are often seen as angels of light, but they are only working for their own goals, attempting to build their own kingdom and their own following, trying to make people dissatisfied with God, using every means to discredit Him and win people over to their side.

It started in a peaceful garden with a subtle and secret conversation this sneaky snake had with a woman. Seeds of distrust, dissatisfaction, and discontentedness were sown. Satan successfully divided her and everyone she affected from the good and loving God who had given so much, even given so much to the devil himself, that is, before he fell prey to his own pride and rebelled to begin his own kingdom (2 Corinthians 11:14).

Today, angels are at odds with one another divided between God and the devil. God expects for those who followed Lucifer and were ultimately cast out of heaven's embrace to be resisted by those who follow Him. God also knows that these rebels will continue trying to influence others, humans and angels

