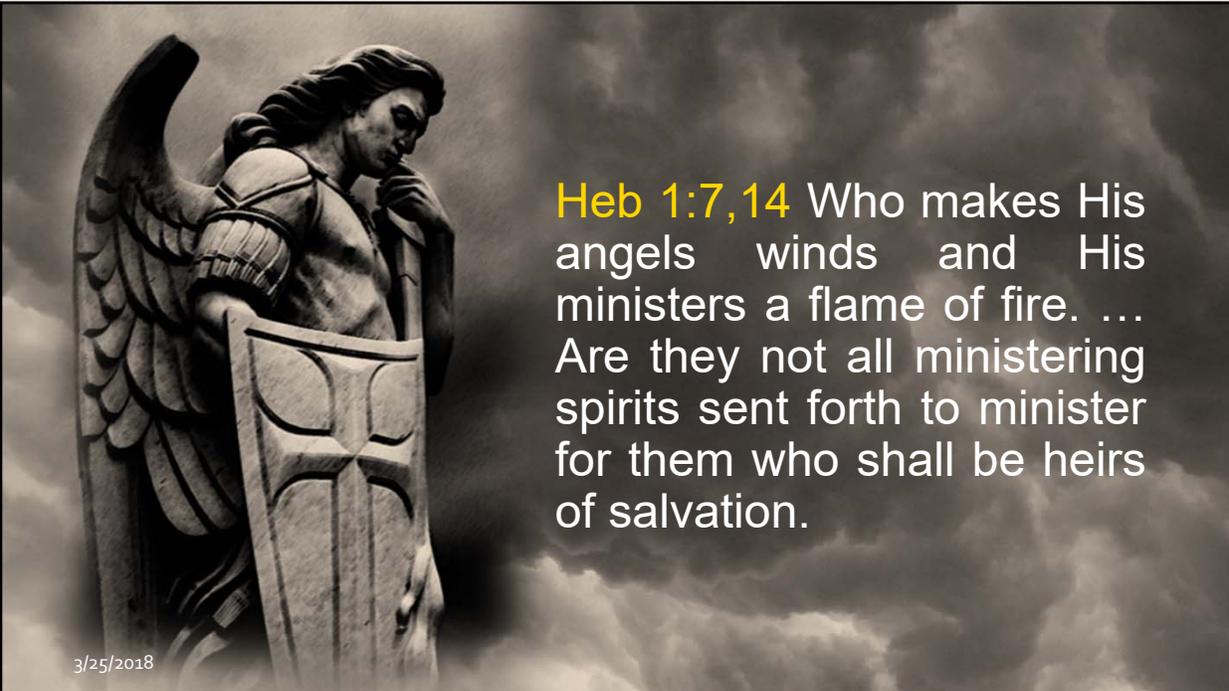




**Angels:**  
God's secret agents  
Lesson 6: "The present purpose of Angels"

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**Heb 1:7,14** Who makes His angels winds and His ministers a flame of fire. ... Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation.

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**1. We are greatly loved by the angels**

**Dan 10:11** And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling. <sup>12</sup> Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.

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**2. Angels minister to believers**

**Heb 1:14** ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation.

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**A. They watch us and watch over us:**

“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.”

**Mt 18:10**



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## B. They reveal God's word to us:

**Heb 1:1-2** God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

**2:2-3** For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, <sup>3</sup> how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him,

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### C. They guide us:

**Philip – Acts 8:26-27** Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, “Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is desert. <sup>27</sup> So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship,

**Cornelius – Acts 10:3-5** About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, “Cornelius!” <sup>4</sup> And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, “What is it, lord?” So he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. <sup>5</sup> Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter.

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### D. They provide for and protect us:

**1 Kings 19:5-8** Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, “Arise and eat.” <sup>6</sup> Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup> And the angel of the Lord came back the second time, and touched him, and said, “Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you.” <sup>8</sup> So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.

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**Dan 3:25-28** “Look!” he answered, “I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.” ... <sup>28</sup> Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king’s word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God!

**6:21-22** Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! <sup>22</sup> My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you.”

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**Acts 27:23-24** For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve, <sup>24</sup> saying, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.’

**Acts 5:19-20** But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup> “Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.”

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**12:7-11** Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands. <sup>8</sup> Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me." <sup>9</sup> So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup> When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. <sup>11</sup> And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people."

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## E. They aid in answering our prayers:

**Dan 9:21** yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.

**10:10-14**

**Rom 8:26-27** Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. <sup>27</sup> Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

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**Rom 8:34** Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

**Heb 7:25** Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

**1 Tim 2:5** For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

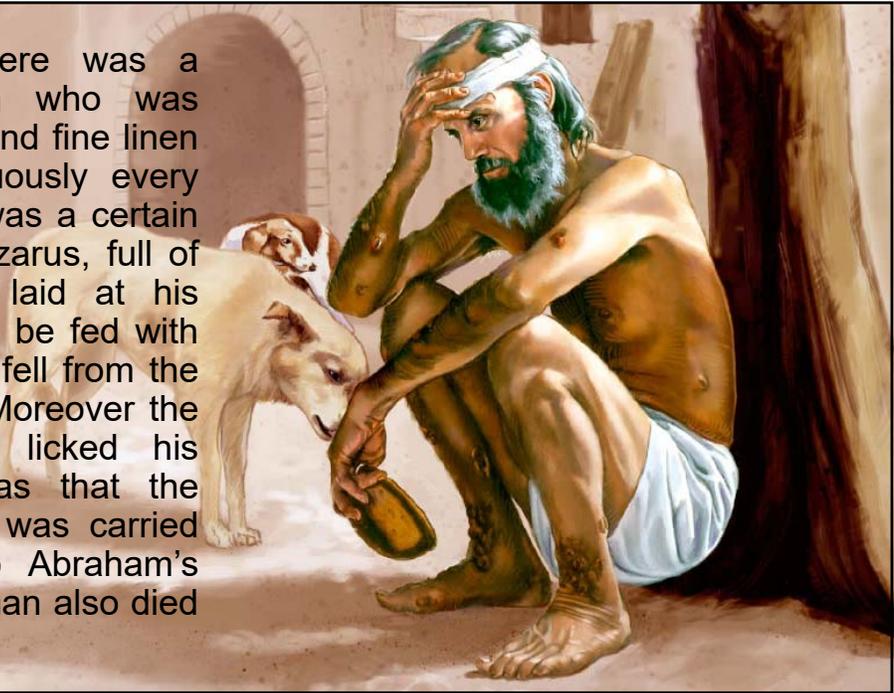
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**F. They assist us as we die:**

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**Lk 16:19-22** “There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, <sup>21</sup> desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.<sup>22</sup> So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.

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**Mt 16:27** For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.

**24:31** And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

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