

THE MINISTRY OF THE ANGELS OF GOD

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Heb 1:10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

Heb 1:11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

Heb 1:12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

Heb 1:13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

1. When we talk about angels, first of all they are not to be worshiped; The Lord Jesus, at the head of all the bands of heaven, surrounds with his army the dwellings of the saints. Like hosts entrenched so are the ministering spirits encamped around the Lord's chosen, to serve and support, to defend and comfort them.

Psa 34:7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

2. The word “angel” properly means a “messenger,” The are commanded by God who has sent forth them as his “messengers” to mankind; who are appointed to communicate his will, to execute his commands; or to protect his people.

Encampeth - literally, “**pitches his tent.**” [Gen 26:17](#); [Exo 13:20](#); [Exo 17:1](#). Then the word comes to mean “to defend;” to “protect.” [Zec 9:8](#). The idea here is, that the angel of the Lord protects the people of God as an army defends a country, or as such an army would be a protection. He “pitches his tent” near the people of God, and is there to guard them from danger.

Mat 18:10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Mat 18:10 -

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones. ... - That is, one who has become like a little child, or a Christian.

For I say unto you ... - Jesus then proceeds to state the reason why we should not despise his feeblest and obscurest follower. That reason is drawn from the care which God exercises over them.

ELISHA

2Ki 6:15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, a host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

2Ki 6:16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that *be* with us *are* more than they that *be* with them.

2Ki 6:17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

2Ki 6:18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

1. Elisha found himself in a tight situation; the great host of the Syrian Army had come to take him captive.
2. When his servant saw the forces that was against them, he almost died from fear..
3. But, Elisha wasn't afraid, for he had his confidence in the Great God of Israel.

Faith Verses Doubt and Unbelief

1. Having Faith and Confidence in God will work wonders for you. On the opposite side of the coin, the spirit of fear is very destructive.

2. Faith sees God's hand and God's power in every situation of your life.
3. Fear "Binds" and "Destroys"; and will accomplish nothing in your life.
4. On the other had, Faith releases God to work miracles; but fear and unbelief, lack of trust ties the hands of God.

Mat 13:58 And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

THE THREE HEBREW CHILDREN

1. The Three Hebrew Children found themselves in a very real life-threatening situation.
2. The situation was that they refused to bow down and worship the Golden Image that King Nebuchadnezzar had put up.
3. Because of there refusal they were cast into a fiery furnace, that was heated seven times hotter than usual.
4. **Their faith in God brought them great deliverance:**

Dan 3:25 He answered and said, 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.

Dan 3:26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, *and* spoke, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come *hither*. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, came forth of the midst of the fire.

Dan 3:27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counselors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was a hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

PETER

1. Peter slept during his ordeal, leaving his situation in God's Hands.

2. Herod had already killed James with the sword, he had put Peter in jail and planned to take care of him after Easter.

3. **But as the Church Prayed, God Undertook.**

Act 12:5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

Act 12:6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, **the same night** Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

Act 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.

THIS WAS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT THE LORD HAD SENT HIS ANGEL TO HELP THE APOSTLES:

THE APOSTLES

(Acts 5:19-12)

1. The apostles were jailed for preaching, but the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth and said “Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people, all the words of this life..”

Act 5:18 And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

Act 5:19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

Act 5:20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

FACT: Until God gets through with you, the Devil cannot kill you!

Isa 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.

ELIJAH
(1 Kings 19: 4-9)

1. Elijah had become very weary, exhausted from his situation and he wanted to die. Jezebel had threatened to kill him.
(Verse 4) “...For it is enough; how O’ Lord, take away my life.”
2. However, God had other plans of Him
3. Isn’t strange the feelings that we can have when we get “Weary”, “Overwrought”, and Tired of it all?
4. **Thank God**: That God sees fit, not to answer all of our prayer and not to take us seriously when we feel that we have had enough, and cannot go any farther.

Elijah: Don’t Give Up...I will strengthen you for the Journey

1. (Verse 5-8) “...He slept...The angel awaken him and fed him...Not once, but twice...and he went in the strength of that meat 40 days and 40 night.
2. **It is amazing** how our perspective regarding the situations of life can change after a good night’s rest, and some quite time with the Lord.

HEZEKIAH
(2 Chron. 32:20-22)

2Ch 32:20 And for this *cause* Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.

2Ch 32:21 And the LORD sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valor, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword.

2Ch 32:22 Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all *other*, and guided them on every side.

ISRAEL

1. It was said of Israel, when they cried unto the Lord, the Lord undertook and brought them forth>

Num 20:16 And when we cried unto the LORD, he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and hath brought us forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we *are* in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border:

2. He also promised Israel the protections of an angel in the wilderness.

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

DIVINE STRENGTH PROMED FOR OUR DARK HOURS

Psa 91:9 Because thou hast made the LORD, *which* is my refuge, *even* the most High, thy habitation;

Psa 91:10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

Psa 91:11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Psa 91:12 They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Psa 91:13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet

Psa 91:14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

Heb 13:5 *Let your conversation be* without covetousness; *and be* content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Heb 13:6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.