

ANGELS: A BIBLICAL OVERVIEW: PART II

Under Christ, as the Head, angels are the guardians of the church. **John Calvin**

The Bible assumes, rather than asserts, the existence of angels, as it does the fact of God himself. **C.T. Cook**

According to Scripture, the angels praise God chiefly for two things: God's creation of the world and God's redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Let us follow the angels' example. **William Dembski**

I am convinced that these heavenly beings exist and that they provide unseen aid on our behalf. I also believe in Angels because I have sensed their presence in my life on special occasions...when the Christians die, an angel will be there to comfort us, to give us peace and joy at that most critical hour and usher us into the presence of God whom we shall dwell with, the Lord forever. **Billy Graham (Angels, 1975)**

Man lives in the middle of a supernatural world – everything that seems empty is

filled with the angels of God, and there is no place that is not inhabited by them. Angels do not only protect the soul, they continue through the whole course of our lives to protect us from the attacks of the devil, and to participate in the progress of our lives.

St. Hilary of Poitiers (315-368)

We rob ourselves of much joy if we forget the loving and caring presence all round about us of the angels of God. **Maurice Roberts**

Probably the most persistent sentiment with me is the watch of angel hosts in answer to the prayers of the numerous saints in the homeland. It seems to me as if this special watch of angels surround this boat, I seem to hear them in the rolling air and to feel their touches even through my whole body. **Oswald Chambers (from his letter to his mother aboard S. S. Baltic on his way to Japan, 1906)**

19The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules overall. 20Bless the LORD, you His angels, mighty in strength, who perform His word, obeying the voice of His word! 21Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, you who serve Him, doing His will. **Psalms 103:19-21 NASB**

19 The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all.
20 Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His commandments, hearkening to the voice of His word.
21 Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, all you His hosts, you His ministers who do His pleasure. **Psalms 103:19-21 AMPC**

Verse 20:

- "Bless the Lord you His angels, you mighty ones who do His Word...hearkening to the voice of His Word." **RSV**

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- ...(angels) “powerful beings, who execute His commands and listen to His utterances” ...
R.K. Harrison
- ...(angels) “heroes mighty to enforce His Word, attentive to His Word of command...**Jerusalem Bible**

Verse 21:

- ... “You servants who carry out His will...” **Moffatt**
- ...” Bless the Lord you who constitute His armies...to perform His will. **R.K. Harrison**
- “Bless the Lord all you His armies, you His servants who continually do what pleases Him. **The New Berkeley Version**

- Angels are mighty in strength.
- They perform His Word.
- They obey the voice of His Word.
- In prayer, we can call on the mighty strength of angels and give them the Word of God to perform, to act on and we can give voice to obey. Angels serve Him and us by doing His will according to His Word.

1. Old Testament Appearance

- a. To Moses – (to call a deliverer) – **Exodus 3:1-2**
- b. To Gideon – (to bring deliverance) – **Judges 6:11-24**
- c. To Manoah/wife – (to conceive a deliverer) – **Judges 13:1-21**
- d. To Elisha – (to provide support) – **II Kings 6:17**
- e. To David – (to bring judgement) – **II Samuel 24:15-17**
- f. To Balaam – (to bring judgement) – **Numbers 22:22-23**

2. New Testament Appearances

- a. Introduction: **John 1:51, Hebrews 12:18-24**
- b. To Zacharias – **Luke 1:11-20**
- c. To Mary – **Luke 1:26-38**
- d. To Joseph – **Matthew 1:18-25, Matthew 2:13-23**
- e. To the shepherds – **Luke 2:8-15**
- f. To Mary Magdalene – **Matthew 28:1-7**
- g. To the apostles – **Acts 1:9-11, Acts 5:17-20**
- h. To Cornelius – **Acts 10:1-5**
- i. To Peter – **Acts 12:5-16**
- j. To Herod – **Acts 12:20-23**
- k. To Paul – **Acts 27:22-25**
- l. To John – **Revelations 1:1-2, Revelations 22:12-16**
- m. To many unawares – **Hebrews 13:2, Judges 13:2-3, Judges 13: 11-22**