

Remnant Life Church
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Angels – pt. 3
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Job 38:4-7

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1. They worship God

- a. **Job 38:4-7** – the oldest and first book written speaks of angels glorifying and worshipping God in praise
- b. **Ps 103:20- 22** – God’s heavenly hosts praising Him.
- c. **Luke 2:13-14** – the choir of angels singing the announcement of Jesus’ birth
- d. That is why every Sunday our time together is all about worship

2. Angels protect us

- a. **Ps 34:7** - *The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them*
 - i. **Ps 91:11-12** - *For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.*
- b. Guardian Angels
 - i. The Scripture bears out the truth of their existence and function
 - ii. They come to aide those who fear God (**Ps 34:7**)
 - iii. BUT...we do not pray to them, or call out to them - they serve God and do only what He tells them to do – we only ever pray to God!

3. Angels help guide us through their actions and messages

- a. Only at the direction of God, not of their own good will or our efforts to engage them in our lives
- b. Examples of guidance provided by God’s messengers in the OT
 - i. **Gen 22:11**- Abraham on Mt. Moriah
 - ii. **Num 22:22** – Balaam
 - iii. **Judges 6:12** –Gideon
 - iv. **I Kings 19:5** –Elijah
 - v. **Dan 6:22** – Daniel
- c. Examples of messages brought in the NT
 - i. **Luke 1:19-20; 28-37** – Gabriel
 - ii. **Matt 1:20; 2:13, 19-20** –Joseph’s dreams
 - iii. **Matt 28:1-7** –the resurrection of Jesus
 - iv. **Acts 12** –Peter

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4. Angels Strengthen Us

- a. Again, not at there decision to come and help but under the direction and instruction of God

- b. When we find ourselves overwhelmed or tired to the point of exhaustion our prayer for strength is to God alone
- c. Three examples from the Bible of angels coming to give strength
 - i. Elijah
 - 1. Elijah had just been a part of a great victory at Mt. Carmel
 - 1. Called down fire from heaven
 - 2. Defeated the prophets of Baal and Asheroth
 - 3. Turned the hearts of the people (temporarily) back to God
 - 2. **READ - I Kings 19:1-9**
 - 3. Jezebel puts a contract out on Elijah
 - 1. Elijah's faith was replaced with fear
 - 2. Allowing a spirit of fear to enter will come against your faith
 - 3. How did it happen?
 - i. He believed the words of the queen rather than the words of God
 - ii. Giving your mind over to the things of the world will always lead you away from God
 - 4. Elijah was dealing with full on depression
 - 1. It clouds our thinking and distorts the truth – it clouded the truth to Daniel
 - i. Elijah reports that the nation of Israel had forsaken the covenant (19:14a)
 - ii. Really?!? - 18:38 - *When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!"*
 - iii. Elijah cries that he is all alone (19:14b)
 - iv. Really?!? – 18:4 – Obadiah has hidden 100 of God's prophets in caves
 - v. "Really?!?", God replies – 19:18 – 7000 who are faithful to Me
 - 5. Two marks of depression brought by the enemy
 - 1. Fear – Elijah fled from Jezebel in fear
 - 2. Isolation – I'm the only one left
 - 6. But then God sent an angel to minister to him and his strength allowed him to travel approx. 240 miles to Mt. Horeb (Sinai)
 - 1. This journey should have taken about 8 – 10 days if he was traveling both day and night
 - 2. There was some time of wondering in the desert (just like the Israelites) but for Elijah 40 days instead of 40 years
 - 3. Same reason – unbelief
 - 7. A ministering angel brings strength from God for what you are walking through – not a solution, not an answer, not a way out
 - ii. Daniel
 - 1. **READ – Dan 10:14-19**

2. This is the same passage that gives us the physical description of an angel
3. The message Daniel receives is so powerful and disturbing that he is too weak to continue and struggles to breathe
4. God will allow things to occur in our lives that would appear to be overwhelming
5. His ministering angels bring strength, not necessarily a solution or way out, but a way to continue

iii. Jesus

1. **READ** – *Matt 4:1-11*
 2. Jesus is tired, and Jesus is hungry
 3. Satan will most often come at time when we are most vulnerable
 4. Notice the timing of this angelic appearance – different than the others
 1. When did the angel come to minister?
 - i. Elijah – before the journey
 - ii. Daniel – so that he could finish the prophecy
 - iii. Jesus - after the temptation and Satan had left
 2. Your strength may come only **AFTER** you have walked through the challenge, the storm, or the temptation
 3. This teaches us to rely on God and God alone for what we need to sustain us
- Again - the strength given by God's angels are to help us win the battles, not avoid them