

The Mystery And Ministry of Angels (1)
(Hebrews 1:5:14)

⁵For to which of the angels did He ever say:
“*You are My Son,*
Today I have begotten You”?

And again:
“*I will be to Him a Father,*
And He shall be to Me a Son”?

⁶But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says:
“*Let all the angels of God worship Him.*”

⁷And of the angels He says:
“*Who makes His angels spirits*
And His ministers a flame of fire.”

⁸But to the Son *He says:*
“*Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;*
A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.
⁹*You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness;*
Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You
With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.”

¹⁰And:
“*You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth,*
And the heavens are the work of Your hands.
¹¹*They will perish, but You remain;*
And they will all grow old like a garment;
¹²*Like a cloak You will fold them up,*
And they will be changed.
But You are the same,
And Your years will not fail.”

¹³But to which of the angels has He ever said:
“*Sit at My right hand,*
Till I make Your enemies Your footstool”?

¹⁴Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

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The Mystery And Ministry of Angels (3)

(Heb. 12:22-24)

A. The Mission Of Angels (Con'd)

1. We have studied angels' mission in respect to God and Christ
2. Nations (Dan. 10:13,20)
 - a) As God's angels of good, so Satan's are of evil
 - b) Satan's character expressed through evil rulers (Isa. 12:4,12f.; Ezek. 28:11-15; Rev. 2:13; Eph. 6:11-13)
3. Israel – Commissioned Moses (Ex. 3:2); led (Ex. 23:20); rebuked (Jud. 2:1-5); called Gideon (Jud. 6:11f.); smote (2 Sam. 24:16-17); smote enemies (2 Kgs. 19:35); encamped (Ps. 34:7)

B. The Relation Of Angels To The Church And People

1. Angels and the church (Heb. 12:22)
2. Angels and the people: do not speak to us (Acts 9:5; 2 Cor. 4:7); help (Heb. 1:14; Matt. 18:10) conveys souls (Lk. 16:22); present at resurrection and judgment (1 Thess. 4:16; 2 Thess. 5:7-7); rejoice over saved (Lk. 15:7-10)

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**The Mystery And Mission of Angels (4)
(Zechariah 3:1-10)**

A. An Unusual Event

1. Those involved:

- a) Yahweh
- b) The angel of Yahweh
- c) Satan
- d) Joshua
- e) The Branch

2. The meaning of the vision

3. Two similar events: 1 Kgs. 22:19-23; Job 1:6-22

B. Agents Of Judgment And Blessings

1. Judgment (Gen. 19:13; 2 Kgs. 19:32-37; Ps. 78:43-51)

2. Blessing (Ex. 33:2; Num. 22:21f; 2 Kgs. 6:8-17; Ps. 91:9-12; Dan. 3:24-28; Rev. 14:14-20)

C. Angels' Ranks

1. Michael the Archangel (Dan. 10:13; Jude 9; Rev. 12:1f.)

2. Gabriel is only other named (Dan. 9:22f; Lk. 1:13, 26-27)

3. Cherubim (Ezek. 10:15,20); Seraphim (Isa. 6:1-7); Living Creatures (Rev. 4:1f.)

D. Angel Of The Lord (Hos. 12:3-5; Ex. 23:20-23; Jud. 13:1f.)

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The Mystery And Ministry of Angels (5)

Questions You Have Asked About Angels (1) (Psalm 34:4-7, 17-18)

A. "Are Angels Active Today?"

Answer: Yes (Ps. 34:7; Lk. 16:22; Lk. 15:10; Eph. 6:10-19; Heb. 12:22)

B. "Does Each Church Have Angels As In Revelation 2-3?"

Answer: 1. Angel means "Messenger"

2. Letters were written to Churches and Angels

(Rev. 1:11; 2:1 et.al.) – Those who delivered? Elders in churches? Hosts of home churches?

C. "Why Do You Think God Does Not Allow Angels To Roam The Earth Today?"

Answer: 1. Appearances after resurrection of Christ:

2. Angels are spirits (Heb. 1:14) and after the Apostolic Age miracles ceased.

3. "If we could see angels people would repent" (Lk. 16:27-31)

D. "Were Angels Used Differently In The Old And New Testaments?"

Answer: No – Always worship and serve (Ps. 148:2; Rev. 5:11-13; Dan. 10:1-21; Rev. 12:7-12)

E. "Should We Pray For God To Send Angels To Watch Over Us?"

Answer: 1. God sifts through our prayers and answers in keeping with his will and nature (see Rom. 8:26-27)

2. Never see this in Scripture

3. When we pray, what do we expect God to do? How? – Providence or Angels!

The Mystery And Ministry of Angels (6)

Questions You Have Asked About Angels (2)

(Psalm 103:15-22)

A. "Did Angels Appear In Physical Form?"

Answer: Yes

1. Angels are spirits (Heb. 1:14); Lk. 24:39)
2. Appeared as men (Gen. 18:1-33; Mk. 16:5; Lk. 24:1-4)

B. "A host applies to angels. Are there other references to a host?" (Lk. 2:13)

Answer: Yes

1. Host means "vast number"
2. Stars (Gen. 2:1); armies (2 Kgs 25:1), Israel (Num. 2:4); angels (Josh. 5:14; Ps. 84:1)

C. "Why Were Visions Involved With Angelic Appearances?"

Answer: One way God communicated

1. Joseph (Matt. 1:18-25)
2. Mary (Lk. 1:26-38)
3. Cornelius (Acts 10: 1-8); Peter (Acts 11:5)
4. Samuel (1 Sam. 3:1,15)

D. "Are Any Angels Female?"

Answer: Let's see

1. Named angels have masculine names
2. Appeared as men
3. One possible exception (Zech. 5; see also Lk. 20:34-36; angels are called "sons" of God)

E. "Does Hebrews 13:2 Relate To Us Today?"

Answer: Consider the context