



# TEEN TREE OF LIFE THE DOCTRINE OF ANGELS

Part 6

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**BEFORE** we begin, if you are a believer in Jesus Christ, take a moment to name your sins to God the Father. This will allow you to be filled with the power of The Holy Spirit as you read this booklet (EPH 5:18 & 1JO 1:9). **IF YOU HAVE** never believed in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you have that opportunity right now. Simply tell God the

**Father that you are believing on His Son Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. If you make that decision, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God! When you die, you will spend eternity with Him forever in heaven! (JOH 3:16 & ACT 16:31).**

Last week, we ended our study looking at the many times angels had protected the saints, including a great story of Daniel in the lions' den which taught us how angels protect us. The angels also offer encouragement as we learn in **GEN 16:7-16: Now the angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from and where are you going?" And she said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai." Then the angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself to her authority." Moreover, the angel of the Lord said to her, "I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they will be too many to count." The angel of the Lord said to her further, "Behold, you are with child, And you will bear a son; And you shall call his name Ishmael, Because the Lord has given heed to your affliction. "He will be a wild donkey of a man, His hand will be against everyone, And everyone's hand will be against him; And he will live to the east of all his brothers." Then she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, "You are a God who sees"; for she said, "Have I even remained alive here after seeing Him?" Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered. So Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to him.**

In **EX 14:19-20 (The Message Bible)**, we see that angels also offer guidance: **The angel of God that had been leading the camp of Israel now shifted and got behind them. And the Pillar of Cloud that had been in front also shifted to the rear. The Cloud was now between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel. The Cloud enshrouded**

**one camp in darkness and flooded the other with light. The two camps didn't come near each other all night.**

In **ZECH 1:7-11**, we see that the angels patrol the earth, keeping an eye on things: **On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zechariah the prophet, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, as follows: I saw at night, and behold, a man was riding on a red horse, and he was standing among the myrtle trees which were in the ravine, with red, sorrel and white horses behind him. Then I said, "My lord, what are these?" And the angel who was speaking with me said to me, "I will show you what these are." And the man who was standing among the myrtle trees answered and said, "These are those whom the Lord has sent to patrol the earth." So they answered the angel of the Lord who was standing among the myrtle trees and said, "We have [b]patrolled the earth, and behold, all the earth is peaceful and quiet."** Very, very cool!! This is also taught in **ZECH 6:7**: **When the strong ones went out, they were eager to go to patrol the earth." And He [The Lord] said, "Go, patrol the earth." So they patrolled the earth.**

In **REV 20:1-3 (The Message Bible)**, we see angels fighting the forces of evil: **I saw an Angel descending out of Heaven. He carried the key to the Abyss and a chain—a huge chain. He grabbed the Dragon, that old Snake—the very Devil, Satan himself!—chained him up for a thousand years, dumped him into the Abyss, slammed it shut and sealed it tight. No more trouble out of him, deceiving the nations—until the thousand years are up. After that he has to be let loose briefly.**

In **MAT 4:8-11**, we see the angels ministering to Jesus: **Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and \*showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and [c]worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only." Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him. The Message Bible translates verse 11 this way: *The Test was over. The Devil left. And in his place, angels! Angels came and took care of Jesus' needs.* That's a good way to put it! It means the angels were making sure Jesus had everything He needed.**

As we learned, there is a group of angels called Guardian Angels. For example, an angel guided Joseph and His family when they escaped to Egypt: **Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him." So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. He remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called My Son." (MAT 2:13-15)**

This angel of The Lord appears again in **MAT 2:19-23**: **But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said, "Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child's life are dead." So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in**

**place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned by God in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, and came and lived in a city called Nazareth. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: "He shall be called a Nazarene."**

An angel strengthened Our Lord when He was in torment over the prospects of The Cross: **And He came out and proceeded as was His custom to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed Him. When He arrived at the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."** Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground. When He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow, and said to them, **"Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not enter into temptation."** (LUK 22:39-46) Further on in LUK 26:43-44, we read: **Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. <sup>44</sup>And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.** Can you begin to imagine what the angel felt seeing Our Lord sweating blood??!!

Legions of Angels could have been called by Our Lord, in the Garden of Gethsemane, to help Him fight: **Then they came on him—grabbed him and roughed him up. One of those with Jesus pulled his sword and, taking a swing at the Chief Priest's servant, cut off his ear. Jesus said, "Put your sword back where it belongs. All who use swords are destroyed by swords. Don't you realize that I am able right now to call to my Father, and twelve companies—more, if I want them—of fighting angels would be here, battle-ready? (MAT 26:53) (The Message Bible)** But He didn't need to: He used God's Word and Divine power!! And so can you!!!

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