



TEEN TREE OF LIFE THE DOCTRINE OF ANGELS

Part 7

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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).

As we end our study of the Doctrine of Angels, we learn that there are three categories of Guardian Angels. The first category is the Guardian Angels of children. All children have a Guardian Angel to protect them during their childhood. In **MAT 18:10 (The Message Bible)**, Our Lord says: ***“Watch that you don’t treat a single one of these childlike believers arrogantly. You realize, don’t you, that their personal angels are constantly in touch with my Father in heaven?”***

The second category of Guardian Angels is the Guardians of Church-Age believers. Remember, we as Church-Age believers are superior to angels. **HEB 1:13-14 (The Message Bible)** teaches us these two principles: ***And did he ever say anything like this to an angel? Sit alongside me here on my throne Until I make your enemies a stool for your feet. Isn’t it obvious that all angels are sent to help out with those lined up to receive salvation?***

In **ACTS 12:6-11**, we see an angel guarding and aiding Peter: ***On the very night when Herod was about to bring him forward, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and guards in front of the door were watching over the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter’s side and woke him up, saying, “Get up quickly.” And his chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, “Gird yourself and put on your sandals.” And he did so. And he said to him, “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.” And he went out and continued to follow, and he did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and second guard, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city, which opened for***

them by itself; and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I know for sure that the Lord has sent forth His angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

Another beautiful passage about Guardian Angels is **PS 91:7-14: A thousand may fall at your side And ten thousand at your right hand, But it shall not approach you. You will only look on with your eyes And see the recompense of the wicked. For you have made the Lord, my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place. No evil will befall you, Nor will any plague come near your tent. For He will give His angels charge concerning you, To guard you in all your ways. They will bear you up in their hands, That you do not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread upon the lion and cobra, The young lion and the serpent you will trample down. "Because he has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him securely on high, because he has known My name.**

When we view the angels in heaven and see their powers and abilities, we should truly be in awe of the true Glory of God. To see magnificent creatures, so honestly and humbly singing praise and worship to Him, should lead us to greater heights of prayer, worship, and Divine good for Our Lord. If the angels treat Him as such, we, who are currently lower than the angel, should treat Him with even more earnestness and vigor!

Angels are watching us intently! That's so interesting! This is taught in **1PE 1:10-12 (The Message Bible): *The prophets who told us this [salvation] was coming asked a lot of questions about this gift of life God was preparing. The Messiah's Spirit let them in on some of it—that the Messiah would experience suffering, followed by glory. They clamored to know who and when. All they were told was that they were serving you, you who by orders from heaven have now heard for yourselves—through the Holy Spirit—the Message of those prophecies fulfilled. Do you realize how fortunate you are? Angels would have given anything to be in on this!***

EPH 3:10 also teaches us that the angels are watching what we're doing: ***...so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.*** So, you see, the angels are learning God's Wisdom right along with us!

Now, let's look at **COL 2:18-19 *Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind...*** This verse teaches us that fallen angels are here to deceive us so that we will be defrauded of our prize, which is glorifying Christ and not angels!!

In closing, let's look at more facts about the angels. Angels don't have a human spirit. They were not baptized by God The Holy Spirit. They also do not have access to the Filling of The Holy Spirit, nor do they have the mentorship of The Holy Spirit. And angels were not given the gift of Pastor/Teacher.

The word angel is always in the masculine when it appears in the Bible, whether sent by God, by Man, or by the Devil. The Hebrew word for angel is MAL AK. The Greek word for angel, ambassador, and messenger is AGGELOS.

In **PSALM 103:20-2**, we are taught that angels have wisdom and strength: ***Bless the Lord, you His angels, Mighty in strength, who perform His word, Obeying the voice of His word! Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, You who serve Him, doing His will.***

On a personal note, I have been very moved and comforted by the Doctrine of Angels, as I hope you were. It's very reassuring to know that they are in our lives, watching (guarding) over us and protecting us. I find angels so incredibly fascinating – not only physically but also in their actions. I've thought a great deal about them over these past weeks of study – how they're watching us and helping us. When I almost back up into a car or drop of glass of cranberry juice and something unseen prevents it, I think about the guardian angels who very well might have stepped in to save me. The angels are going to add so much excitement to eternity! I know I'll want to thank them for their protection. I know I'll be watching them as they are watching me, right now!