

# Angel Messengers

With more than human eloquence and power, Paul presents the truths of the gospel. He points his hearers to the sacrifice made for the fallen race. He declares that an infinite price has been paid for man's redemption. Provision has been made for him to share the throne of God. **By angel messengers, earth is connected with heaven, and all the deeds of men, whether good or evil, are open to the eye of Infinite Justice.** {AA 494.3}

- John 1:51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.
- Matt. 18:6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.
- Matt. 18:7 Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!
- Matt. 18:8 Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.
- Matt. 18:9 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.
- Matt. 18:10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

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**By these angel messengers a faithful record is kept of the words and deeds of the children of men.** Every act of cruelty or injustice toward God's people, all they are caused to suffer through the power of evil workers, is registered in heaven. {COL 177.1}

"Shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily." {COL 177.2}

- **Light and power:**
- Acts 12:7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

- Psa. 103:20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.
- **Faithful record:**
- Eccl. 12:14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Every soul has a heaven to win, and a hell to shun. And **the angelic agencies are all ready to come to the help of the tried and tempted** soul. He, the Son of the infinite God, endured the test and trial in our behalf. The cross of Calvary stands vividly before every soul. When the cases of all are judged, and they [the lost] are delivered to suffer for their contempt for God and their disregard of His honor in their disobedience, not one will have an excuse, not one will need to have perished. It was left to their own choice who should be their prince, Christ or Satan. All the help Christ received, every man may receive in the great trial. The cross stands as a pledge that not one need be lost, that abundant help is provided for every soul. We can conquer the satanic agencies, or we can join ourselves with the powers that seek to counterwork the work of God in our world.... {1SM 96.1}

We have an Advocate pleading in our behalf. **The Holy Ghost is continually engaged in beholding our course of action.** We need now keen perception, that by our own practical godliness the truth may be made to appear truth as it is in Jesus. **The angelic agencies are messengers from heaven, actually ascending and descending, keeping earth in constant connection with the heaven above. These angel messengers are observing all our course of action. They are ready to help all in their weakness, guarding all from moral and physical danger** according to the providence of God. And **whenever souls yield to the softening, subduing influence of the Spirit of God under these angel ministrations, there is joy in heaven;** the Lord Himself rejoices with singing. {1SM 96.2}

- **Come to the help:**
- Genesis 19
- Matt. 4:11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.
- Luke 22:42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.
- Luke 22:43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.
- **Observing all our course of action:**
- 2Cor. 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.
- **Constant connection:**
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Will our brethren bear in mind that we are living amid the perils of the last days? Read **Revelation** in connection **with Daniel**. Teach these things. Let discourses be short, spiritual, elevated. Let the preacher be full of the word of the Lord. **Let every man who enters the pulpit know that he has angels from heaven in his audience.** And when **these angels empty from themselves the golden oil of truth into the heart** of him who is teaching the word, then the application of the truth will be a solemn, serious matter. The **angel messengers will expel sin from the heart**, unless the **door of the heart is padlocked and Christ is refused admission.** **Christ will withdraw Himself from those who persist in refusing the heavenly blessings that are so freely offered them.** {TM 337.2}

- **Empty from themselves the golden oil**
  - Zechariah 4:12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?
  - Zechariah 4:13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.
  - Zechariah 4:14 Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.
- **Christ is refused admission**
  - Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

But the Life-giver comes forth from the sepulcher. From above the rent sepulcher of Joseph there is heard a shout of triumph from the heavenly universe. Jesus is risen, and is again with His disciples, talking with them, opening to them the Scriptures, and testifying that Christ must needs have suffered, been crucified, and the third day have risen again. This Christ had told His disciples before, but they did not then want to hear it. The nature and character of His Kingdom they could not fully comprehend. But after His resurrection they were not left in darkness on these points. Christ Himself opened their minds that they might understand the Scriptures concerning Himself. And so when He led them out as far as to Bethany. "He lifted up His hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and **carried up into heaven.**" "And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is **taken** from you into heaven, **shall so come** in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." {ST, July 7, 1898 par. 9}

**These angel messengers had been commissioned to separate from the company who were escorting Christ to heaven**, and go and tell the disciples that the same Jesus whom they had loved on earth would come again. Then the disciples remembered the words of Christ, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." {ST, July 7, 1898 par. 10}

The experience of Cornelius should bring great encouragement to those who are seeking the Lord with an earnest purpose to do His will. **A heavenly messenger was sent to Cornelius for the express purpose of bringing him into touch with one who could teach him more about God.** Today **angels of God draw near** to those who in humility of heart seek for divine guidance. **Heavenly messengers are passing through the length and breadth of the earth, seeking to comfort** the sorrowing, to **protect** the impenitent, to **win the hearts** of men to Christ. **No one is neglected** or passed by. God is no respecter of persons, and He has an equal care for all the souls He has created. {ST, April 27, 1904 par. 1}

To the worker for Christ, also, the experience of Cornelius should bring strength and courage. **Angels of God are co-operating with His servants** in their efforts to bring to the full light of truth those who are walking in all the light they have. **They unite with men in sympathy and labor for the saving of the lost.** We can not see them personally; nevertheless **they are with us, guiding,** directing, protecting. {ST, April 27, 1904 par. 2}

Angels protected Lot, and led him safely out from the midst of Sodom. So they protected Elisha in the little mountain city. When the encircling hills were filled with the horses and chariots of the king of Syria and the great host of his armed men, Elisha beheld the nearer hills covered with the armies of God,--horses and chariots of fire round about the servant of God. {ST, April 27, 1904 par. 3}

**So in all ages, angels have been near to Christ's faithful followers.** The vast confederacy of evil is arrayed against all who would overcome; but **Christ would have us look to the things which are not seen, to the armies of heaven encamped about all who love God,** to deliver them. From what dangers, seen and unseen, we have been preserved through the interposition of the angels, we shall never know, till in the light of eternity we see the meaning of the providences of God. Then we shall know that the whole family of heaven was interested in the family here below, and that **messengers from the throne of God attended our steps from day to day.** {ST, April 27, 1904 par. 4}

**The very angels** who, when Satan was seeking the supremacy, fought the battle in the heavenly courts, and triumphed on the side of God; **the very angels** who shouted for joy over the creation of the world and its sinless inhabitants; **the angels** who witnessed the fall of man and his expulsion from his Eden home,--**these very heavenly messengers** are most intensely interested in the work of all who are seeking to restore the image of God in man. {ST, April 27, 1904 par. 5}

**Heaven and earth are no wider apart today than when the shepherds listened to the angels' song.** Humanity is still as much the object of Heaven's solicitude as when common men of common occupations met angels at noon-day, and talked with heavenly messengers in the vineyards and the fields. **Angels from the courts above attend the steps of those who come and go at God's command.** {ST, April 27, 1904 par. 6}

**Heavenly beings still visit the earth,** as in the days when they walked and talked with Abraham and with Moses. Amidst the busy activities of our great cities, amidst the multitudes that crowd the thoroughfares and fill the marts of trade, where from morning till evening people act as if business and sport and pleasure were all there is to life, where there are so few to contemplate unseen realities,--even **here heaven has its watchers and its holy ones.** There are **invisible agencies observing every word and deed of human beings. In every assembly for**

business or pleasure, in every gathering for worship, **there are more listeners than can be seen** with human sight. Sometimes the heavenly intelligences draw aside the curtain which hides the unseen world, that our thoughts may be withdrawn from the hurry and rush of life, to consider that **there are unseen witnesses to all we do or say.** {ST, April 27, 1904 par. 7}

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"Therefore let us also, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising shame, and hath sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." {ST, April 27, 1904 par. 9}

Jesus came as an infant of days, of poor parentage. But there were some who were willing to receive the heavenly Guest. For these the **angel messengers veiled their glory**, and the heavenly chorus rang over the hills of Bethlehem with hosannas to the newborn King. The humble shepherds believed Him, received Him, and worshiped Him. But the very ones who ought to have been the first to welcome Jesus did not discern Him. He was not the one their ambitious hopes desired. The false path they had entered, they continued to follow to the end. They became unteachable, self-righteous, and self-sufficient, fancying they possessed true light and that they were the only safe instructors of the people. {17MR 14.2}