

ANGELS: The Eyes and Ears of God – Recording Our Deeds!

When the Lord God created the earth, He had already created angels. The book of Job says this:

Job 38:5-7 “Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof; **When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?**”

So the angels sang for joy at the creation of the Lord. God created angels as His servants, with different types of angels for different purposes.

Psalm 148:5 tells us that the angels praise the Lord because He created them.

Psalm 103:19-22 “The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. Bless the LORD, **ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.** Bless ye the LORD, **all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his,** that do his pleasure. Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.”

Lucifer, who was the anointed cherub in the garden of Eden on the mountain of God, fell, after having exalted himself to be above God (see **Isaiah 14:12-20** and **Ezekiel 28:2-19**) and was cursed by God (see **Genesis 3:1-15**) for tempting Eve. Just as we as believers are expected to be obedient to God's commandments, so are His angels. As we know, in the beginning, some did not obey God and became fallen angels. In **Genesis 6** we learn this of rebellious angels:

Genesis 6:1-4 “And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That **the sons of God** saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and **they took them wives** of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. **There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them,** the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.”

This tells us that angels have free will and serve God out of obedience and love. Some angels are warriors (such as Michael, who we find out in **Jude 1:9** is an archangel and who in **Daniel 10:13-21**, **Daniel 12:1** and **Revelation 12:7** is shown to be a warrior angel), there are Seraphim described in **Isaiah 6**, which have six wings and are around the throne of God. The angel Gabriel appears to be a messenger angel, he helped Daniel to understand his vision and also brought news to Zechariah that he would have a son, and to Mary that she would bear the Son of God. Cherubim were those guarding Eden in **Genesis 3:24**, and in **Ezekiel 1** are described as having four faces (man, lion, ox and eagle), four wings, and wheels made up of turning rings covered with eyes, **Ezekiel 10** confirms they are called the Cherubim.

The Lord used angels to lead the Israelites to the promised land:

Exodus 33:2 “And **I will send an angel before thee;** and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite:”

Exodus 23:20 “Behold, **I send an Angel before thee,** to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.”

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Angels can also manifest as humans:

Hebrews 13:2 “Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby **some have entertained angels unawares.**”

They can also (as is clear from those that fell in **Genesis 6**) in their physical form, undertake human activities, in **Genesis 18**, the Lord and two angels appeared to Abraham, and they all ate together. Also in **Genesis 19**, two angels came to visit Lot before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, and again, they ate. But mostly, angels are unseen spirits, around us the whole time, watching, helping and sometimes performing miracles for the Lord, such as this:

Daniel 6:21-22 “Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. My **God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths**, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.”

When Herod put Peter in prison, an angel appeared to him, in response to the prayers of the brethren:

Acts 12:7-8 “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.”

When Paul was on the ship going to Italy to plead his cause to Caesar, an angel appeared to him also:

Acts 27:22-24 “And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. For **there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, Saying, Fear not**, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.”

After Jesus' 40 days temptation of the devil, angels came to His aid:

Matthew 4:11 “Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, **angels came and ministered unto him.**”

Before the priests and soldiers came to take Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, angels helped Him again:

Luke 22:43 “And **there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.**”

Angels are here now, supporting the brethren:

Hebrews 1:13-14 “But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all **ministering spirits**, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?”

Psalms 91:11 “For **he shall give his angels charge over thee**, to keep thee in all thy ways.”

And because there are fallen angels around us also, God's angels must be battling them on our behalf:

Ephesians 6:12 “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against **principalities, against**

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powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against **spiritual wickedness in high places**.”

As amazing as angels are, they seem to be our equals in terms of status, they are sons of God and believers are also children of God:

Revelation 22:8-9 “And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, **I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel** which shewed me these things. **Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant**, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.”

The aforementioned roles are not all that angels do however, angels are also **watching over** all mankind, not only believers, for the purpose of **recording our deeds**. The (extra biblical) book of Enoch describes the angels that fell, as “Watchers” and in **Daniel 4:13**, having described his predicament over his dream which he didn't understand, King Nebuchadnezzar said: “I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, **a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven;**” and in:

Daniel 4:17 “This matter is by **the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones**: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.”

This is further confirmed in the following scriptures:

Proverbs 15:3 “**The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.**”

Zechariah 1:8-11 “I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white. Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be. And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, **These are they whom the Lord hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth**. And they answered the angel of the Lord that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.”

1 Corinthians 4:9 “For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for **we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.**”

1 Timothy 5:21 “**I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels**, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.”

1 Corinthians 11:10 “For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head **because of the angels.**”

Hebrews 12:1 “Wherefore seeing **we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of**

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witnesses, let us 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,”

As they are recording things, there are official places that these things are recorded. The Lord keeps **books**. The Lamb's book of life is one (see **Psalm 69:28** which says this book is for **the righteous**, see also **Philippians 4:3**, **Revelation 3:5**, **Revelation 13:8**, **Revelation 17:8**, **Revelation 20:12**, **Revelation 20:15**, **Revelation 21:27** and **Revelation 22:19**) and there are 'life books' on each of us, about our deeds. **Daniel 7:10** prophesying of the end times, says “the **judgement** was set” and “the **books** (plural) were opened”. To have a judgement, there must be records to refer to. These records will contain our intentions, thoughts, words and deeds. **Romans 2:6**, **Matthew 16:27**, **2 Corinthians 5:10**, **Revelation 22:12** and other scriptures, tell us that God will **render to every person according to his deeds**. God is a God of law, justice and judgement, **everything** is noted and recorded.

It doesn't end there, as we know from scriptures, that until satan is cast down, he has access to the throne room of God:

Zechariah 3:1-5 “And he shewed me **Joshua the high priest standing before the angel** of the LORD, and **Satan standing at his right hand to resist him**. And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, **and stood before the angel**. And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.”

Job 1:6-7 “Now there was a day when **the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them**. And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then **Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.**”

Satan is constantly trying to lead people into sin, including believers, **especially** believers. And Jesus warned that offending children would mean their angels would report it to the Father:

Matthew 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.”

Satan is an angel still, even though he is fallen. And he's the prince of the power of the air, him and his evil cohorts are in control of the second heaven for now. His demons roam the earth enticing humans into sin, and believers are warned about this:

2 Corinthians 2:11 “**Lest Satan should get an advantage of us**: for we are not ignorant of his devices.”

And if satan can get an advantage, that means he has something with which to accuse believers before God, something they can be judged on:

Revelation 12:10 “And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength,

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and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for **the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.**"

So the holy angels are recording our deeds, because of course God has to have the truth with which to judge us all, when we stand before His judgement seat. If satan accused us of something, he is the father of lies, but God has the accurate records of the holy angels to either confirm or deny the accusation. However, as believers, we have the gift of repentance and confession, and, if we repent and confess our sins, they are forgiven and forgotten.

Matthew 4:17 "From that time **Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent:** for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Luke 5:32 "I came not to call the righteous, but **sinner**s to repentance."

Luke 13:3 "I tell you, Nay: but, **except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.**"

Matthew 3:8 "**Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:**"

1 John 1:9 "**If we confess our sins**, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to **cleanse us** from all unrighteousness."

In **Micah 7:19** it says that God will cast our sins into the "depths of the sea" (which means **erased from our life book**), which is done once we repent and confess them. If we do not repent and confess, **our sins remain to our charge, recorded in our books**. In Paul's epistle to the Roman church he warned:

Romans 2:4-5 "Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to **repentance**? But **after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;**"

Impenitent, means someone who **does not repent of their wrongdoing** and is not contrite. So, as the scripture shows, a believer who has **not** repented and confessed is **building up** God's wrath against them. All the sins that **the angels recorded** in the unrepentant person's life book will be before God when they stand before Him to be judged. **Romans 14:10** tells us that we will **all** stand before the **judgement seat** of Christ! If we have repented of our sins and they have been erased, we will not be standing there to be judged (if we were accounted worthy to be raptured before the great tribulation, we will be told "well done good and faithful servant"). If we are **not** raptured before the tribulation, this means we had unconfessed sins that we did not repent of, we were **not** accounted worthy, and without repentance, we will end up at the great white throne to be judged accordingly. So now you know that you are being watched by God's holy angels and what you do is documented, let this be a warning to walk with God as He intended us to walk. Remember, we are brethren of the angels, why would God expect obedience from His angels and not us? I hope this information helps someone, somewhere. Amen.

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