

People have a lot of questions about angels.

People do not become angels when they go to Heaven.

I'm not concerned that some of our ministers are having experiences with angels . . . I'm concerned that more have not!

What are the functions of angels?

1. They prepare the way for God's purposes and plan
2. They speak God's word to us
3. They bring deliverance
4. They bring direction from the presence of God
5. They execute judgment
6. They do the Father's bidding
7. They do the believer's bidding, under qualifying circumstances

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.

You don't lose "YOUR ANGEL" just because you grow up.

Angels in the Bible:

- Angel ministers to Hagar, gives her instruction and a prophecy about Ishmael
- Angel ministers to Hagar when she is thrown out of Abraham's house and runs out of food and water. He provides water and confirms the prophecy.
- Angel speaks to Abraham as he is about to kill Isaac.
- Angel moves to bring Isaac and Rebecca together.
- Angels warned Lot of judgment in Sodom.
- Angel speaks to Moses in the burning bush.

New Testament:

- Angel tells Mary about having a virgin born child
- Angel appears to Joseph (Mary's husband) and tells him to marry

Mary

- Angel tells shepherds about the birth of Jesus
- Angel tells Joseph to flee to Egypt after the birth of Jesus
- After Herod dies, an angel tells him to go back to Israel
- An Angel strengthens Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
- Angel rolls back the stone on the tomb of Jesus and sits on it
- Angel then tells the two Marys that Jesus has risen from the dead
- Angel delivers Peter from prison
- Angel speaks to Phillip and tells him to minister to the Ethiopian eunuch
- Angel speaks to Peter about ministering the Gospel to the Gentiles
- Angel delivers Peter from prison again
- Angel judges Herod and he dies
- Angel speaks to Paul aboard ship and tells him not to fear; he won't die

Much angelic ministry is done without our direct knowledge.

Hebrews 13:1-2 –

- 1 Let brotherly love continue.
- 2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained, lodged or hosted angels unawares.

WHAT ARE ANGELS?

Hebrews 1:13-14 –

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

14 Are not angels all ministering spirits sent forth to minister ***for the sake of, the account of, and for the benefit of*** those who ***are the heirs of salvation?***

Angels are "Ministering or Serving Spirits," sent *for* to serve us!

Angels work in conjunction with the Grace of God upon a person's life.

The Grace of God is activated when a person decides to BELIEVE, SPEAK, AND DO the Word of God!

Psalm 91:9-12 -

9 Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place,

10 No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

11 For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

12 In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.