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Episode 4 – Angels

What do Angels Do?

Praise and _____ - The primary activity of angels is the praise and worship of God.

Revelation 5:11-12 NIV

“Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.

In a loud voice they were saying: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!”

Revelation 7:11 NIV

“All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God.”

The praise and worship of God goes on continually in heaven.

Revelation 4:8 NIV

“Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: “ ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,’ who was, and is, and is to come.”

It is a wonderful thing to know that the praise and worship of God is going on all the time, it never ceases. Even when we as the church on earth are not gathered to worship, it continues nonetheless. Equally wonderful is the knowledge that when we gather together to worship God, we unite with the choirs of angels in joyful celebration of His magnificent glory.

_____ - Angels are used in the communication of God’s words, or His message. According to the New Testament, God’s Law was communicated through angels.

Acts 7:53 NIV

“You who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it.”

(Galatians 3:19, Hebrews 2:2)

Sometimes angelic communication came in the form of interpretation as in the case of Daniel.

Daniel 8:16,19 NIV

“And I heard a man’s voice from the Ulai calling, “Gabriel, tell this man the meaning of the vision.”

He said: “I am going to tell you what will happen later in the time of wrath, because the vision concerns the appointed time of the end.”

The book of Revelation, which is in fact the revelation of Jesus, and was imparted to John through an angel.(Revelation 1:1)

At other times angelic communication came as an announcement. The angel Gabriel spoke to Mary and Zachariah announcing the birth of their sons. And to Joseph,

Matthew 1:20-21 NIV

“But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.”

It was by angelic announcement that the women at Jesus’ tomb were informed of His resurrection.

Matthew 28:5-6 NIV

“The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for



Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay.”

At other times angelic communication came in the form of direction.

Acts 8:26 NIV

“Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road, the desert road, that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.”(also Acts 5:19-20, 10:4-6)

A messenger is a communicator, whether to interpret, announce, or to show the way.

_____ - Ministering to the needs of God’s people. Angels cannot bring about salvation, but they do minister to those who are already saved.

Hebrews 1:14 NIV

“Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?”

Angels even ministered to Jesus on at least two occasions; after His temptation(Matthew 4:11) and in the Garden of Gethsemane.(Luke 22:42-43)

Psalms 34:7 NIV

“The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.”

Psalms 91:9-12 NIV

“If you say, “The Lord is my refuge,” and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.

For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

Even though God uses His angels to minister to us by strengthening, encouraging and protecting us, we don’t look to angels for our needs. We pray to God alone, and look to Him alone for everything we need.

Execute Divine _____ - Angels have been instrumental in the execution of God’s judgement upon evil throughout the Bible.

2 Kings 19:35 NIV

“That night the angel of the Lord went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning, there were all the dead bodies!”

Acts 12:23 NIV

“Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died.”

The scripture also teaches us that angels will be involved in the final judgement.

Matthew 13:41-42 NIV

“The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will weed out of His kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.

They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”(also 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8)

Angels are undoubtedly powerful beings and are fierce in their execution of the righteous judgements of God.(Revelation 9:15,8:7-12, 16:1-11)

Action God’s _____ - Angels accomplish the will of God, they obey Him and bring about His will.

Psalms 103:20-21 NIV

“Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.”

The Different Kinds of Angels and Their Numbers

We know from different passages of scripture that there are a lot of angels in heaven.



Daniel 7:10 NIV

"A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before Him. Thousands upon thousands attended Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened."

Hebrews 12:22 NIV

"But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly,"

Revelation 5:11-12 NIV

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_____ - Gabriel and Michael as distinct from all the others are mentioned by name. Gabriel, in Daniel 8:16, 9:21 and Luke 19:26, and Michael in Daniel 10:13,21, Jude 1:9, and Revelation 12:7. Gabriel is called "one of the chief princes" and Michael is called an "archangel". This would seem to imply a level of seniority, and that there may be other archangels that we don't know about.

Paul also uses the term archangel.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 NIV

"For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first."

_____ - These angels are referred to often in scripture, ninety times in the Old Testament and only once in the New Testament. They seem to be tasked with guarding the holiness of God. They hold the flaming sword at the east of the Garden of Eden in Genesis 3:24. They are also depicted as carved figures of gold facing each other with open wings covering the Ark of the Covenant in Exodus 25:18-22. Cherubim are also tasked with being throne bearers of God.(Ezekiel 1, Revelation 4) and serve as His chariot.(2 Samuel 22:11, Psalm 18:10)

_____ - These angels are mentioned only in Isaiah 6:2,6. They stand as servants around about the throne of God, they declare His holiness and sing His praises, and are always ready to do His bidding. They act as emissaries of God's forgiveness, concerned with the whole earth being filled with God's holiness and glory.

Angels in General - Thrones, powers, rulers and authorities,(Ephesians 3:10, Colossians 1:16)

These seem to be different classes or ranking of angels which occupy places of authority in the angelic world.

Memory Verse

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