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ANGELS AND THEIR ROLE IN YOUR LIFE

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Today we want to take our scripture text from **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 to them who shall be the heirs of salvation?**"

Without a doubt, angels have played a significant role throughout the Word of God and especially God's elect. I want you to understand that unlike God, angels are neither all-powerful nor all-knowing. Angels are members of a divine order of heavenly beings who are superior to humans in power and intelligence. However, they are limited in their power and in their knowledge. We can more easily understand this when we study the angels that Jehovah sent to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah and how they engaged Lot in their conversation. Look with me please at **Genesis 19: 10-13**, "**But the men (the angels) put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door. And they (the angels) smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they (the sodomites) wearied themselves to find the door. And when the men (the angels) said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place: For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before**

the face of the Lord; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it." Let's observe this passage of scripture and behold their power and yet their lack of knowledge. We see that the angels had the power to blind the sodomites as they pressed adamantly upon Lot's house. Then we see as the angels questioned Lot asking him: do you have any more son-in-law, sons, or daughters? We are able to witness the angels and their great power: yet they still lacked knowledge concerning who was in Lot's family. It was Elohim who dispatch the angels in Lot's behalf because of the unrelenting intercessory prayers of Abraham. This helps us to understand **Psalms 103:20**, "**Bless, the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.**" Angels are always at Jehovah's disposal to obey His every command. Never underestimate the power of our King when dispatching His angels in the time of your need. Solomon declared in **Eccl.8:4**, "**Where the word of a King is, there is power!**" Admittedly, we never know when God is going to use angels or if He will use the power of the Holy Ghost when delivering us. In Acts chapter 12 it was an angel that delivered the apostle Peter when he was in prison bound with two chains along with keepers before the prison doors. Then in Acts chapter 16 it was the power of the Holy Ghost that swung open the prison doors in behalf of

Paul and Silas. I surmise an angel was sent in Peter's behalf so as to set him free from the chains and prison doors of captivity. I suppose the Holy Ghost was probably used to not only swing open the prison doors for Paul and Silas but to save the jailer, because he was lost and needed Jesus. The point is God is all-powerful when it comes to delivering His people. Without a doubt angels played an active role in the events surrounding Jesus' birth, resurrection, and ascension. But what about our lives, you ask? How many times have angels impacted our lives knowingly or unknowingly? We see how an angel counseled Joseph to be obedient and to wed Mary the mother of Jesus: **Matthew 1:20-21**, "**But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.**" It would not be long following the birth of Jesus that an angel would be needed to warn Joseph to flee to Egypt with Mary and the young child. Reading from **Matthew 2:13-14**, "**And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and**

flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt. As always, this demonstrates the sovereignty of God in that He is always a step ahead of the enemy. The fact that God is all-knowing He discerns what Satan will do when attempting to destroy His plan for our lives. This is why it is imperative that we are sensitive to the leadership of the Holy Ghost; because God may use the power of the Holy Ghost or a powerful angel to deliver us at any time. It would not be very long after Joseph took Mary and the young child to Egypt that an angel would instruct him to return with his family to Palestine: reading from ***Matthew 2:19-20, "But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life."*** I never fail to be amazed at the sovereignty of God when He navigates His people through the perils of life. It would be an angel that would appear before the altar of incense and tell Zacharias about the coming birth of John the Baptist. In spite of his and Elizabeth's old age, coupled with her barrenness, they too were promised a man child. Look with me please at, ***Luke 1:11-14, "And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elizabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth."*** Many of us unknowingly have entertained an angel at some time

and we were not aware of it. Look with me please at ***Hebrews 13:2, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."*** Let me share a personal experience I had in the winter of 1980. I had just closed out a revival at a particular church near Hickory, North Carolina. It began to snow profusely following the Sunday night service: however, I was adamant to go to Cleveland, TN. To visit a young lady at Lee University. You might say I was young and dumb! Everyone tried to discourage me from going because of the weather, but I would not be denied. Having left anyway and now been on the interstate for over an hour, the weather became extremely worse and I became somewhat uncertain and regretted my decision. It was after midnight and there was absolutely no traffic on the interstate whatsoever. I begin to pray and admitted my error and ask God to forgive me for my foolishness and to let me pick up someone thumbing, trying to catch a ride. I had no sooner prayed that prayer and suddenly there stood a man on the side of the interstate with his thumb out while seeking a ride in the pelting snow. Needless to say, I pulled over to the side of the interstate and picked him up. As soon as he got into the car he asked me one question: where are you going? I said, "I am going to Cleveland, TN." He responded: you will never get across the mountain, it's too bad." My heart sank when I heard those words. He then said to me, do you have any snow chains: if so I will put them on for you. Fortunately, I had just brought a set of snow chains and they were in the trunk of the car. I pulled over and we both got out of the car. I opened the trunk and retrieved the chains. He immediately jacked up the car and put the chains on; I didn't have to do anything. I was still wearing my vest and tie all the while. We both got back into the car and started up

the interstate. I then turned and asked him this question: where are you going? His reply was stunning: ***"to the next exit."*** Here I had just picked up a man out of nowhere; with 6 to 8 inches of snow already on the ground and he was only going to the next exit. You got to be kidding: I thought to myself? Nevertheless, when we got to the next exit I stopped the car and let him out. I drove most of the night and got into Cleveland, Tn. about 4: 00 a.m. that morning. When I checked into my room and laid down across the bed the spirit of God spoke to my heart and said: ***"you just entertained an angel unawares."*** Looking back, it had to be God who helped me in spite of my headiness and foolishness. Don't ever underestimate the power of God to help you in a crisis no matter how great the peril or the danger. Our Father is faithful in all things. He can still move the mightiest of mountains. Thank God for His mercy!! If you haven't already registered for the upcoming conference **"The Age of Deception"** scheduled for **April, 5-7, 2019** please go to our website and do so. We have been fasting and praying, thus we are expecting a move of God. Needless to say, you will see and hear some of the best speakers ever. We are all going to need a fresh touch of God in the coming days. The warfare will only intensify and become more heated in these last days. Do not waiver nor become discouraged, but ever enduring. As always we love you and we humbly thank you for your love and support for the ministry.

Serving With You All,

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