

Topic: The Ministry of Angels

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Text: Hebrews 1:14; Psalm 103:20-22

*“Are not all angels **ministering** spirits **sent** to serve those who will inherit salvation? Hebrews 1:14
And of the Angels He says;”Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of Fire” Hebrews 1:7
“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Heb 13:2*

Introduction:

The ministry of angels are special as they are created to serve the needs of the heirs of salvation ; they are sent forth (greek;-*apostello*) ; *that is they are* dispatched on assignment; as representative of a high ranking power; they are highly organized; heavenly emissaries and who are empowered to do something specific.; to “minister” (Greek is diakonia) as high level sophisticated and highly trained servants to us, as one who waits on tables or specifically attends to the needs of their master in a noble or regal way. Our study tonight will discuss how the assignments of Angels and how we can activate them for service based on the word of God.

Points to ponder upon: How do you think Angels help people on a normal basis & how do we get angelic help (activation)?

Part One: The assignment: *What are the assignments of Angels?*

1. Angels meet physical needs. Mark 1:13—Matthew 4:11

After 40 days of fasting ; Jesus was ministered (diakonos) to by angels; They perform their tasks like deacons; (Act 2:16);— they took the role of servants to meet physical and tangible needs the people.

Question: Can you think of a time when you experience or encountered a scenario when your physical needs were met?

2. Angels provide strength . Luke 22:43-44

They strengthen the weary- “How does this show up? you may be feeling exhausted and all of sudden you get a wind of strength “- it recharges them- enischuo- a greek word means to impart strength, empower, give someone a renewed vitality in the garden of gethsemane Jesus received strength- “*And He was withdrawn from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and prayed, saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.” Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.”*Luke 22:41-43 NKJV

Question: Can you think of a time when you experienced this type of ministry?

3. Angels give supernatural guidance - Acts 27:22-24; Matthew 2:13-15;19-20; Acts 8:26-40

The angelic message for guidance is often delivered through dreams and visions. ¹³ When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.” Matthew 2:13-15; ¹⁹ After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰ and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.” Matthew 2:19-20

4. Angels provide protection and deliverance- from harm Acts 15:17-18; Acts 5:19-20; Acts 12:1-18 2 Kings 6:15-17 NLT

*“The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. Psalm 34:7
“If you make the Lord your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter, no evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your home. For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you up with their hands so you won’t even hurt your foot on a stone. You will trample upon lions and cobras; you will crush fierce lions and serpents under your feet!” Psalms 91:9-13 NLT
“Here he comes! The Commander! The mighty Lord of Angel Armies is on our side! The God of Jacob fights for us! Pause in his presence” Psalms 46:7 TPT*

“And David became more and more powerful, because the Lord God of Heaven’s Armies was with him.” 2 Samuel 5:10 NLT

5. **Angels perform superhuman acts** – Matthew 28:2.

For example Angel roll away the stone from the tomb The stone weighed a ton and it would have taken many people to move the stone, but the Angel was so powerful that they were able to remove it. For example; when a car is removed from someone or a miraculous event.

Can you think of a time when you had a such an angelic ministrations?

6. **Angels are sent to make special announcements and release divine judgement** Luke 2:10-12 NLT

“but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.”” Luke 2:10-12 NLT

7. **Angels are sent to worship** Luke 2:13-14; **Rev 5:11-13; Heb 1:6-7**

Angels and humans were made to worship. Any time we experience God in a mighty way, what comes out is admiration! After Jesus was born, “Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, “Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”” Luke 2:13-14 NLT

Part 2: Activation:

How do we activate the angels to this ministry? Psalm 103:20-22

We activate angels when we declare the word of God because they listen and respond to voice of God. “Bless the Lord, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, **Heeding the voice of His word**. Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, You ministers of His, who do His pleasure. Bless the Lord, all His works, In all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!” Psalms 103:20-22 NKJV
“The voice of the Lord divides the flames of fire.”Psalms 29:7 NKJV

Part 3: Cautions & Warnings

Angels stay within their realm of authority“And I remind you of the angels who did not stay within the limits of authority God gave them but left the place where they belonged. God has kept them securely chained in prisons of darkness, waiting for the great day of judgment. In the same way, these people—who claim authority from their dreams—live immoral lives, defy authority, and scoff at supernatural beings. But even Michael, one of the mightiest of the angels, did not dare accuse the devil of blasphemy, but simply said, “The Lord rebuke you!” (This took place when Michael was arguing with the devil about Moses’ body.)” Jude 1:6, 8-9 NLT

Warnings about worshipping Angels

Colossians 2:18- Paul warns about doctrines that focus on the angelic worship

In conclusion: Angels are messengers that are sent by God; to serve the heirs of salvations (believers); they hear and respond to the prayers that based on the word of God!