

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Grace and Peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;... 2 Peter 1:2

Angels Are Real and Working Among Us

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Psalm 103:19 The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all.

- We must never allow ourselves to forget this absolute truth – the Lord rules over all
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- Sovereignty means dominion, supreme power, authority and rule over a domain
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- God's domain encompasses all of creation and all of existence
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- Nothing exists outside of the Lords Domain, and He rules over it all
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- He rules over all angels, and He rules over all demons, including satan
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- We must not allow ourselves to be blinded by what we see or what we perceive
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- For nothing can change the truth that God is in control
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- And absolutely nothing happens without His allowing it, or for that matter causing it

Psalm 103:20 Bless the LORD, you His angels, Mighty in strength, who perform His word, Obeying the voice of His **word!**

Psalm 103:21 Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, You who serve Him, doing His will.

- Throughout the word of God, both Old and New Testaments, we see Angels working alongside man accomplishing God's redemptive work

Hebrews 1:13 But to which of the angels has He ever said, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET"? **14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?...**

Angel means messenger:

- And throughout the word of God, both Old and New Testaments, we see God using angels to bringing direction to the people of God:
 - Hagar
 - Lot
 - Joshua

- Gideon
- Manoah and his wife
- Elijah
- Daniel

All received direction and guidance directly from angels.

In the New Testament:

- Mary, Joseph (in dreams)
- Philip
- Peter
- Cornelius
- Paul - These New testament saints
- all received direction and guidance directly from angels...

Angels also provide divine protection for the people of God:

Psalm 91:10 No evil will befall you, Nor will any plague come near your tent. **11** For He will give His angels charge concerning you, To guard you in all your ways. **12** They will bear you up in their hands, That you do not strike your foot against a stone.

When Jacob was about to confront his brother Esau, who had promised him harm, God sent angels:

Genesis 32:1 Now as Jacob went on his way, *the angels of God met him*. **2** Jacob said when he saw them, "This is God's camp." So he named that place Mahanaim. **(two companies- we are never alone...)**

- David was instructed not to go into battle till he heard the sound of angel armies marching through the Balsom trees
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- Elisha had angel armies surrounding the army of soldiers sent to take him prisoner
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- Peter, twice had angels deliver him from prison
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- Paul had an angel protecting him on a storm-tossed ship

Testimony: car on way to church

- David Livingstone had a tribal chief send his warriors to kill Livingstone while he slept in his tent
- It never happened
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- Years later after that tribal chief converted to Christianity, he told Livingstone that he could not kill him because there were 39 giant warriors in shining armor surrounding the compound
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- Another missionary in the South Pacific Islands, John G. Paton, had a similar experience
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- When their camp was surrounded by hostile locals' intent on killing the missionaries, they instead fled after seeing hundreds of giant men in shining armor with drawn swords guarding the mission

God instructed Moses:

Exodus 23:20 "Behold, I am going to send an angel before you to guard you along the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.

Exodus 23:21 "Be on your guard before him and obey his voice; do not be rebellious toward him, for he will not pardon your transgression, since My name is in him.

- **Be on your guard before him...**

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Angels bring comfort and strength to God's beloved:

1 Kings 19:5-8 He (Elijah) lay down and slept under a juniper tree; and behold, there was an angel touching him, and he said to him, "Arise, eat." **6** Then he looked and behold, there was at his head a bread cake [baked on] hot stones, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank and lay down again. **7** The angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise, eat, because the journey is too great for you." **8** So he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God.

- **When the devil left Jesus in His temptation on the wilderness angels came and ministered to Him**

In the Garden before Jesus went to the cross:

Luke 22:41-43 And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and [began] to pray, **42** saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done." **43** Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, ***strengthening Him.***

- **Testimony Port Jefferson preaching**

Psalm 103:22 Bless the LORD, all you works of His, In all places of His dominion; Bless the LORD, O my soul!