

50+ Ministry

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60+ *Legacies*

Sunday Class

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All Saints Presbyterian Church
Austin, TX

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Because You Asked

*Answering Your Questions,
According to Scripture*

All Saints Presbyterian Church

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Austin, TX

Winter-Spring 2026

Taught by Rev. Craig Chapman

50+60+ Schedule – 2026

Songs of Praise

Prayer & Scripture

“Because You Asked”

Dinners for 7+

Register NOW

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Deadline:
TODAY 2/8

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THIS Friday,
February 13
6:30 pm

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"Covered Dish"
in
Various Homes





**Dinners
for 7+**



50+ Special Events

- March 28 (Sat) – Indoor Pickleball Round Robin
 - 2 – 4 pm – Hill Country Sport & Fitness
- April 17 (Fri) – Painted Churches Tour & Lunch
 - 8:30 am – 4:30 pm – Schulenberg, TX
- May 7 (Thu) – Texas Capitol & Governor's Mansion Tour
 - 9:45 am – 3 pm – Lunch at Capitol Grill
- May 29 (Fri) – Summer Social
 - 6:30 – 9 pm – Betsy & Dave Willis' home.
BYOB & Appetizer or Dessert.
- July 4 (Sat) – Patriotic Pool Party
 - 6 – 9 pm – Location TBD. BYOB & Appetizer or Dessert.
Burgers & Hot Dogs provided.

"SMART, SIZZLING ENTERTAINMENT!"

– CHICAGO SUN-TIMES

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Sunday
April 12, 2026
3 pm

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Bass Concert Hall
in
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Israel 2026 Study Trip

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Oct 31 – Nov 9

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*Optional
3-Day
Jordan
Extension*

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- *Renew Baptismal Vows at the Jordan River*
- *Celebrate the Eucharist in the Garden of Gethsemane*
 - *Share a Traditional Shabbat Dinner
hosted by a native Israelite*

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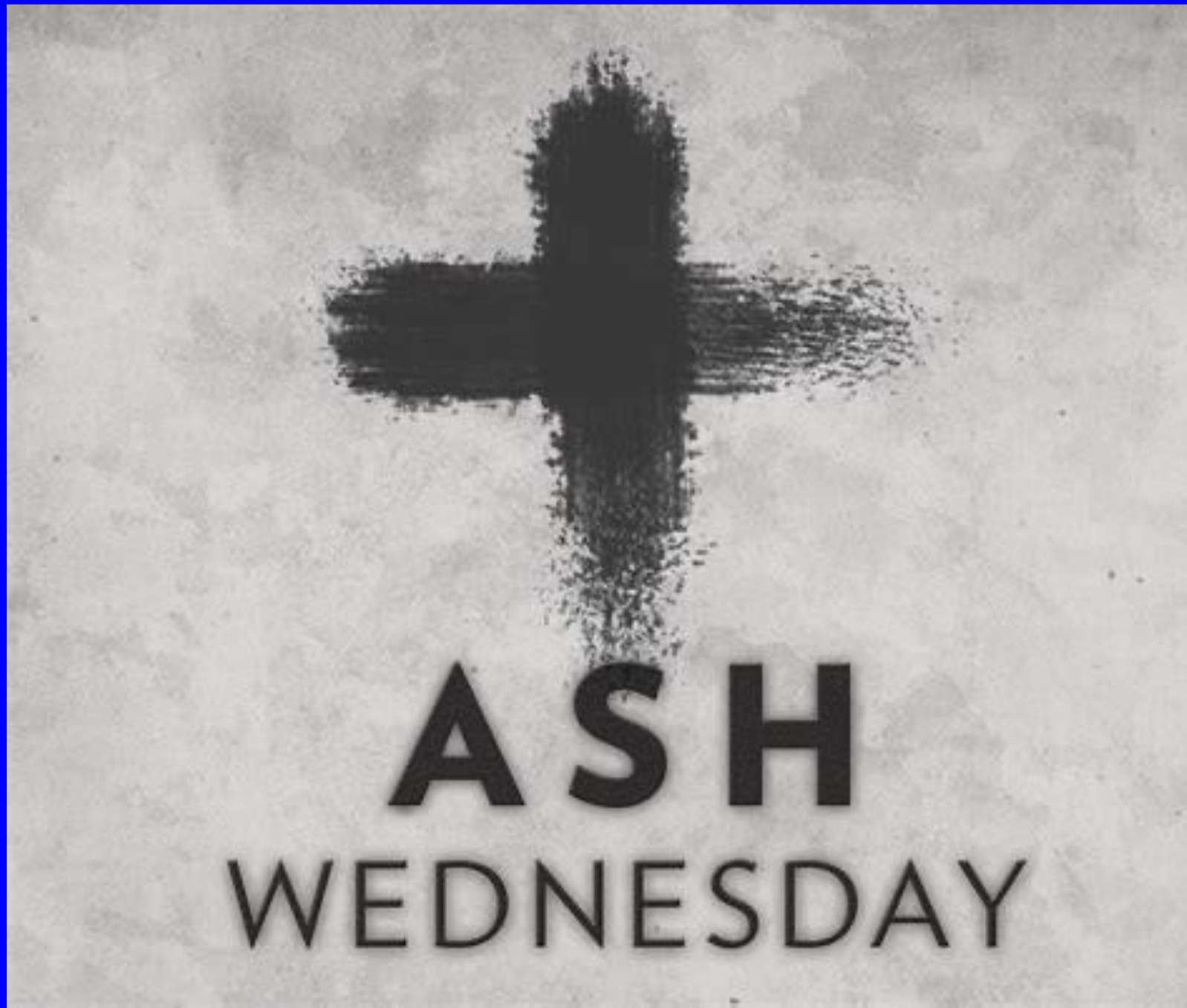
All are Welcome

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Services THIS Wednesday, February 18

7 am | Noon | 6:30 pm

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Epiphany



PRAISE MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

Henry Francis Lyte (1834)



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*Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; to His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing:
Praise Him, praise Him. Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise Him for His grace and favor, to our fathers in distress.
Praise Him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him, praise Him. Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.*

*Fatherlike He tends and spares us, well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him, praise Him. Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.*

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*Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone.
But while mortals rise and perish, our God lives unchanging on.
Praise Him, praise Him. Alleluia! Praise the high Eternal One!*

*Angels, help us to adore Him. Ye behold Him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him, praise Him. Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.*

50+60+ Schedule – 2025

Songs of Praise

Prayer & Scripture

“Because You Asked”

Psalm 71:5-8

*You are my hope;
Lord GOD, You are my confidence from my youth.
I have leaned on You since my birth;
You are He who took me from my mother's womb;
my praise is continually of You.
I have become a marvel to many,
for You are my strong refuge.
My mouth is filled with Your praise
and with Your glory all day long.*

(NASB)

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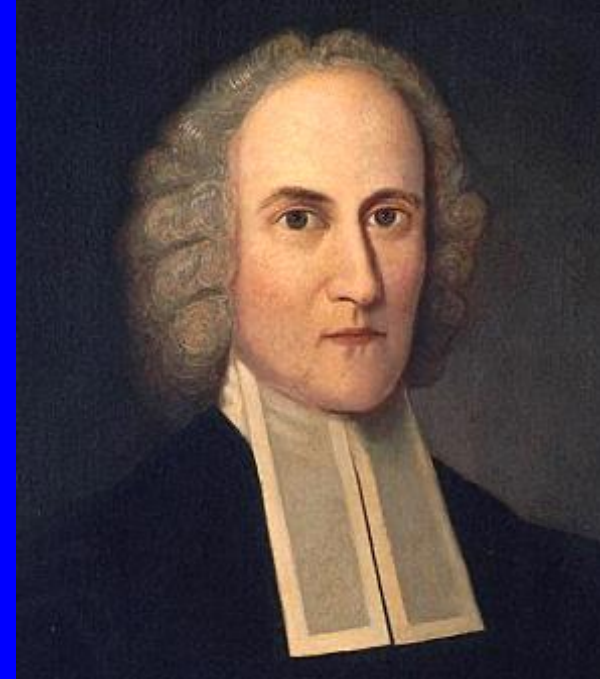
Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

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But is there any thing which Christians can find in heaven or earth, so worthy to be the objects of their admiration and love, their earnest and longing desires, their hope and their rejoicing, and their fervent zeal, as those things that are held forth to us in the gospel of Jesus Christ? In which not only are things declared most worthy to affect us, but they are exhibited in the most affecting manner. The glory and beauty of the blessed Jehovah, which is most worthy in itself to be the object of our admiration and love, is there exhibited in the most affecting manner that can be conceived of, as it appears, shining in all its lustre, in the face of an incarnate, infinitely loving, meek, compassionate, dying Redeemer. All the virtues of the Lamb of God, his humility, patience, meekness, submission, obedience, love and compassion, are exhibited to our view in a manner the most tending to move our affections of any that can be imagined; as they all had their greatest trial, and their highest exercise, and so their brightest manifestation, when he was in the most affecting circumstances; even when he was under his last sufferings, those

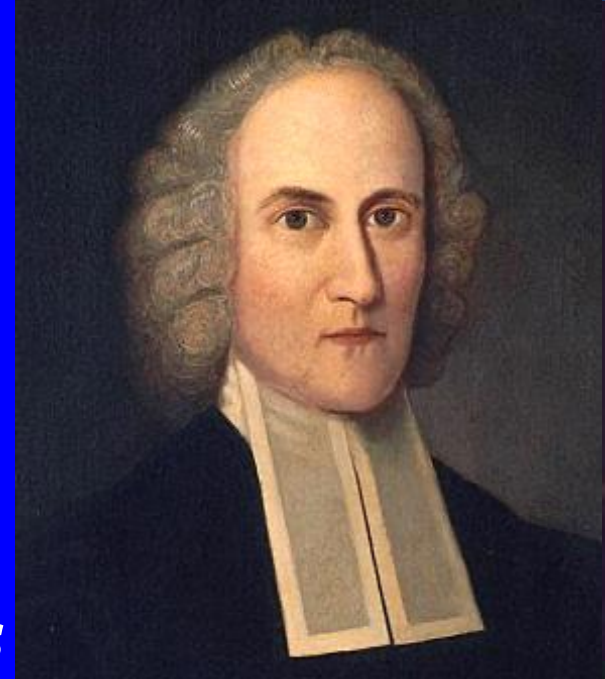


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unutterable and unparalleled sufferings he endured from his tender love and pity to us. There also, the hateful nature of our sins is manifested in the most affecting manner possible; as we see the dreadful effects of them in what our Redeemer, who undertook to answer for us, suffered for them. And there we have the most affecting manifestation of God's hatred of sin, and his wrath and justice in punishing it; as we see his justice in the strictness and inflexibleness of it, and his wrath in its terribleness, in so dreadfully punishing our sins, in one, who was infinitely dear to him and loving to us. So has God disposed things in the affair of our redemption, and in his glorious dispensations, revealed to us in the gospel, as though every thing were purposely contrived in such a manner as to have the greatest possible tendency to reach our hearts in the most tender part, and move our affections most sensibly and strongly. How great cause have we therefore to be humbled to the dust that we are no more affected!



Lesson Series

- 1/11/25 – *Because You Asked* – Infant Baptism
- 1/18 – Guest Teacher: Bill Laughlin—*Barnabas: Son of Encouragement*
- 1/25 – (No class due to weather)
- 2/1 – *Because You Asked* – *Angels & Their Abilities*
- 2/8 – *Because You Asked* – *Angels & Their Abilities* – 2
- 2/15 – ***Because You Asked* – *Angels & Their Abilities* – 3**
- 2/22 – *Because You Asked* –
- 3/1–
- 3/8– Guest Teacher: Bill Walker
- 3/15 – Spring Break (no class)
- 3/22 –
- 3/29 –
- 4/5 – Easter (no class)
- 4/12 –
- 4/19 –
- 4/26 –

Lesson Series

- 5/3–
- 5/10 – (Mother's Day) – Guest Teacher:
- 5/17 –
- 5/24 – Memorial Day Weekend (No Class)
- 5/31 –

- 6/7 – (Craig away) Guest Teacher:
- 6/8 –
- 6/14 –
- 6/21 –
- 6/28–

- 7/5 - 8/9 – Summer Break

- 8/16 – Guest Teacher:
- 8/23 – Guest Teacher:
- 8/30 – Guest Teacher:

Because You Asked – Angels & Their Abilities

- Question

*“Are the angels who did not rebel with Lucifer able or unable to not sin? The Bible teaches that angels can sin (see Lucifer and his horde of fallen angels). My question is whether the **remaining angels** are able to be free of sin. They are not tainted by original sin, so are they **still able to not sin**? Is there a church position on this and, if so, what scriptures is it based on?”*

- Context

- Creation

- Able not to sin ... Able to sin

- Fall

- Not able not to sin

- Redemption

- Able not to sin ... Able to sin

- Glory

- Not able to sin

Because You Asked – Angels & Their Abilities

- Scripture presents *Angels* (Greek: *angelos* = *messenger*) as one of the two types of personal, intelligent, moral beings whom God has created, other than humans.
- **Like humans**
 - angels were apparently **created under probation:**
 - able to sin; able not to sin
- **Unlike humans**
 - many remained faithful
 - but some fell

Because You Asked – Angels & Their Abilities

- Isaiah 14:12-15

*How you are fallen from heaven, **O Day Star, son of Dawn!***

How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! ¹³ You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' ¹⁵ But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit.

- **O Day Star, son of Dawn**

- Hebrew: *helel ben sahar* = shining one son of morning star

- Latin Vulgate: **lucifer** = 'light bearer' or 'morning star'

- Because '**Lucifer**' aspires to 'be like the Most High' he falls or is 'brought down to Sheol'

Because You Asked – Angels & Their Abilities

- Ezekiel 28:12-17

*Son of man, raise a lamentation over the **king of Tyre**, and say to him, Thus says the Lord GOD: “You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. ¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God; **every precious stone** was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were created they were prepared. ¹⁴ You were an anointed **guardian cherub**. I placed you...on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked. ¹⁵ You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you. ¹⁶ In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence in your midst, and **you sinned**; so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁷ Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground....*

Because You Asked – Angels & Their Abilities

- Revelation 12:3-10

*... in heaven: behold, a great red **dragon**.... ⁴ His tail swept down **a third of the stars of heaven** and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. ⁵ She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule [shepherd] all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, ⁶ and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days [3 yrs 3 mos].*

⁷ Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but he was defeated.... ⁹ And the great dragon ... that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down...

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- Revelation 12:11-13, 17

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹² Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

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Other references to the fall of Lucifer / Satan / the great dragon

- Luke 10:18
Jesus: *"I saw **Satan** fall like lightning from heaven"*
- 2 Peter 2:4
God *"did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell... to be kept until judgment"*
—confirms angels' ability to transgress
- Jude 1:6
angels *"did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling"*
—free will to choose disobedience, with resulting judgment

Because You Asked – Angels & Their Abilities

The many **holy/faithful angels** who passed God's test now seem confirmed in a state of holiness and immortal glory, where they dwell in heaven...**worshipping & serving** God in His presence...

- Psalm 103:20—“...you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!”
- Matthew 25.31—“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him...”
- Mark 8.38—“...when [the Son of Man] comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”
- 1 Timothy 5:21—“In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels...”
 - seems to indicate their faithfulness is now confirmed

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From heaven they go out to **serve & protect believers** ...

- Psalm 34.7—*“The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.”*
- Psalm 91.11—*“...[the Lord] will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up”*
- Hebrews 1:14—*“Are [the angels] not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?”*
- Acts 10.22—*“Cornelius, a centurion...was directed by a holy angel to send for [Paul]...”*

... particularly **children**...

- Matthew 18:10—Jesus: *“do not despise one of these little [children]. For I tell you that in heaven **their angels** always see the face of my Father...”*

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... especially **at death**...

- Luke 16.22—“*The poor man [Lazarus] died and was carried by angels to Abraham’s side.*”

From heaven ...

- 1 Peter 1:10-12—“*angels long to look*” into this salvation (good news) preached to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven...

Therefore, because they are in our midst . . .

- Hebrews 13.2—“*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*”
 - Genesis 18-19 (Abraham & Lot) ... Other Examples
- Although Angels serve under God’s command, they do not replace Christ’s presence in our lives, or his Holy Spirit’s work, or become the focus of our devotion

Angels (by Amy Grant)

Angels watching over me, every move I make
Angels watching over me, every step I take

God only knows the times my life was threatened just today
A reckless car ran out of gas before it ran my way
Near misses all around me, accidents unknown
Though I never see with human eyes the hands that lead me home

But I know they're all around me, all day and through the night
When the enemy is closing in I know sometimes they fight
To keep my feet from falling, I'll never turn away
If you're asking what's protecting me then you're gonna hear me say

Got His Angels watching over me, every move I make
Angels watching over me, every step I take

—Michael W. Smith, Amy Grant, Brown Bannister, Gary Chapman

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Other Distinctives of Angels

... **Numerous** ... Moveable & Can be Concentrated ...

- Revelation 5:11—... *I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands* ...
- Matt 26:53—*Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve **legions** of angels?*
 - Legion = 4000-6000 ... thus, > 72,000
- Luke 8:30—Jesus casts out “Legion” from a Gerasene demoniac into “a large herd of pigs...on the hillside”

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Other Distinctives of Angels

... **Don't Marry or Die** ...

- Luke 20.35-36—Jesus: “...*those who...attain to...the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.*”
- Matt 22.30—Jesus: “*in the resurrection [believers] neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven*”

... **Disembodied, Invisible, but May Manifest** ...

- Gen 18 & 19—“3 men” tell Abraham he and Sarah will have a child next year ...”2 angels” warn Lot to flee Sodom before its destruction
- John 20:12-13—2 angels sitting where the body of Jesus had lain
- Acts 12:7-10—an angel frees Peter from prison and escorts him out

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- Job 38.4,7—“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? ... when the **morning stars sang** together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”
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- Luke 2:13-14—[at Jesus’ birth:] “... suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and **saying**, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!’”
 - ‘**saying**’ (Grk: *legontōn*, from *lego* = ‘to say, speak, tell, declare’)
 - not ‘singing’ (Greek: *adō*, *humneō*, or *psallō* = ‘to sing’)
 - Some translators interpret this poetic praise as melody ... thus: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

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Scripture is not definitive, but it seems to imply either singing or joyful proclamation by angels

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- Daniel 10:13, 21 [an Angel to Daniel, regarding spiritual battle:]
*“I have come because of your words. ¹³ The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but **Michael**, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia”*
 - Michael is a high-ranking angelic warrior for God’s people
- Daniel 12:1
“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people.”
- Jude 1:9
*“But when **the archangel Michael**, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses ...”*
 - This is the clearest basis for the term ‘archangel’ in Scripture.

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- 1 Thessalonians 4:16

*“... the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of **an archangel**, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.”*

- Revelation 12:7–9

*“Now war arose in heaven, **Michael and his angels** fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.”*

- Scripture presents the **Angel Michael** as the commander of God’s heavenly armies in spiritual warfare

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Who or What are Arch Angels?

Gabriel is never directly called ‘archangel’ in Scripture, but he clearly functions as a leading messenger of God who stands in His presence

- Daniel 8:15-16—A voice calls, “***Gabriel**, make this man understand the vision,*” and Gabriel explains Daniel’s vision
- Daniel 9:20-21—“*the man **Gabriel**”* came to Daniel “*in swift flight*” to give him insight into his prayer and the future
- Luke 1:11-20—Gabriel appears to Zechariah the priest in the temple and announces the birth of John the Baptist, saying: “*I am **Gabriel**. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you....*”
- Luke 1:26-38—“*In the sixth month the angel **Gabriel** was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth...*” to announce to Mary that she will conceive and bear Jesus, the Son of the Most High

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Raphael and the “seven angels”

- The apocryphal book of Tobit 12:15 says:
*“I am **Raphael**, one of the seven holy angels who present the prayers of the saints”*
 - Thus, some Christian traditions speak of Raphael as an archangel
- Revelation 8:2 mentions “*the seven angels who stand before God*”
 - Some Christian traditions connect this reference with Tobit’s seven angels; however, their names and the term “archangel” are not given in the canonical text
- Non-canonical Jewish & Christian writings and tradition . . .
 - E.g.: ... 1 Enoch ... 2 Esdras ... 4 Ezra ... other apocrypha
- ... list other names of Angels:
 - Uriel ... Raguel ... Sariel ... Remiel

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- Revelation 12:11-13, 17

And [our brothers in Christ] have conquered [the dragon] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹² Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

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- Genesis 3:15—*I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall [crush] your head, and you shall bruise his heel.*
- Deuteronomy 7:6—*you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.*
- Zechariah 12:10—*I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.*

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Looking back in History, we can now see evidence . . .

- Thru Israel, God' Written Word, Living Word, & Applied Word comes to execute his Redemptive Plan for Humanity & the World
- Satan seeks to prevent fulfillment of God's promises and to destroy and thwart any future believing remnant
- Exodus 1:22—*Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."*
- Matthew 2:16—*Then Herod ... sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under*

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- Satan seeks to avert his own destruction by eliminating Abraham's spiritual and physical line so as to nullify Genesis 3:15
- From 70 AD, post-Biblical Jewish history is a series of satanic spikes of persecutions and dispersions, culminating with The Holocaust
- History shows us that Satan will continue to oppose God's Redemptive Plan thru Israel—Old & New

Because You Asked – Angels & Their Abilities

1 Peter 1:3-12

... According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully,
¹¹ inquiring what time or circumstances the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which **angels long to look**.

Because You Asked – Modern Israel

How should we Christians view the modern day nation of Israel? Have the Old Testament promises to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob been “transferred” to the Church, or are those promises to the ethnic Jewish people and thus are yet to be fulfilled, especially the end time prophecies?

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Prayer