

Real World Skit

Two students discuss how people and angels are different according to the Bible.

Student 1: What's wrong? You look a little sad.

Student 2: I'm just thinking about my grandmother. I dreamed about her last night.

Student 1: Really?

Student 2: Yeah. It seemed so real. It made me feel really sad when I woke up and remembered that she's gone. I can't believe it's been a whole year since she died.

Student 1: You still really miss her, don't you?

Student 2: I sure do.

Student 1: I've never lost a grandparent before. I can only imagine how sad you are being reminded of her.

Student 2: Thanks. But, in a way, having that dream made me feel good. It's a sign that she's watching over me.

Student 1: Watching over you?

Student 2: You know. From heaven. Now that she's an angel.

Student 1: Hmm, since your grandma trusted in Jesus to save her from her sins, she's in heaven now with God, which is comforting. But . . . I don't think the Bible says we will become angels when we die.

Student 2: *(Look a bit offended)* What do you mean? I always thought so. That's how it is on that TV show, *Angels Are Watching*.

Student 1: That's the show about people becoming angels then returning to help their friends and family with different problems, if I remember right. I've seen a few episodes. But we should believe what the Bible says rather than what other people tell us or what we see on a fictional TV show.

Student 2: But angels are in the Bible, aren't they?

Student 1: Sure. But people don't become angels. God created angels different from people. They're made to serve and worship God in heaven and to give people special messages. Remember Gabriel?

Student 2: Oh, yeah. The one who told Mary she was going to have a baby?

Student 1: Right. And remember some other things we've learned about angels at church? Usually people were really scared when they saw angels.

Student 2: *(Nod)* I remember. When we read about them in the Bible, they seemed really different from humans!

Student 1: Right. They're not made in God's image like we are.

Student 2: What does that mean?

Student 1: I'm not sure I understand all of it. I just know that being in God's image makes us different from everything else he created. We can talk and think and make things. And it means that we can know God through his Son and live forever with him in heaven when we die—but we won't turn into angels. So . . . I don't think your grandmother is an angel. But, just think, you can look forward to seeing her again someday in heaven!

Student 2: *(Look disappointed)* I know, but I was hoping she was watching over me. I still need her. While she was here, she helped me out a lot. I asked her all kinds of things, and she always knew what to say.

Student 1: But that's what God promises to do. He watches over us all the time. He was watching over your grandmother while she was still on earth—and he's watching over you, too. You can ask God any question and talk to him about anything. He'll help you know what to do. He's the only one who can help us anytime, anywhere. He's always with us. And he's all-powerful!

Student 2: *(Sigh)* I still miss my grandmother.

Student 1: *(Nod and pat Student 2 on the shoulder)* I'm sorry.

Student 2: Thanks. I guess I won't picture her as an angel anymore. Maybe they should redo that TV show as *God Is Watching*.

Student 1: *(Laugh)* That would be more accurate!