



## **The Help: The Word, the Spirit, and Angels**

### **Session 3: Angelic Help**

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#### **I. Review**

*God did not leave us without help. He has provided the help we need for every situation or circumstance relating to life. Too often, we are seeking help from above when the help needed has already been provided for us. This series is about accessing and engaging in the help that has already been provided for us as new covenant people.*

##### **A. Three Types of Help**

1. The Word
2. The Holy Spirit
3. Angelic Help (*The Ministry of Angels*)

#### **II. The help that comes from angels**

##### **A. The Ministry of Angels**

###### **1. Hebrews 1:13-14**

**NKJV** “But to which of the angels has He ever said: ‘Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool’? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?”

**Vs. 14 NIV** “Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?”

**AMP** “Are not all the angels ministering spirits sent out [by God] to serve (accompany, protect) those who will inherit salvation? [Of course they are!]”

**GNT** “What are the angels, then? They are spirits who serve God and are sent by him to help those who are to receive salvation.”

**PASTOR’S NOTE:** *Angels are ministering spirits sent to HELP all of those who have received salvation.*

- **Ministering Spirit** = One who executes the commands of another.



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*These angels are positioned for the purpose of ministering or rendering help and assistance to believers. The fact that the writer of Hebrews emphasized this by the direction of the Holy Spirit means that the ministry of angels did not cease in the New Covenant. Angels still have a role to play in HELPING believers today.*

#### 2. Scriptures in the Old Testament referencing the assistance of angels.

##### a. Psalm 91:11-12

**KJV** “For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.”

**AMPC** “For He will give His angels [special] charge over you to accompany *and* defend *and* preserve you in all your ways [of obedience and service]. They shall bear you up on their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.”

**NLT** “For He will order His angels to protect you wherever you go.”

**PASTOR’S NOTE:** *Angels have been given CHARGE (command/orders) to watch over you and protect you at all times! Understand that I do not travel alone! I always have assistance—ANGELIC HELP!*

##### b. Psalm 34:7

**KJV** “The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.”

**GWT** “The Messenger of the LORD camps around those who fear him, and he rescues them.”

**ISV** “The angel of the LORD surrounds those who fear him, and he delivers them.”

**PASTOR’S NOTE:** *We have an example of this angelic encampment in the life of Elisha:*



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**2 Kings 6:14-17 NKJV** “Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, ‘Alas, my master! What shall we do?’ So he answered, ‘Do not fear, for those who *are* with us *are* more than those who *are* with them.’ And Elisha prayed, and said, ‘Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.’ Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And **behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.**”

***Note: Although angels are not mentioned here—only chariots of fire and horses—it may be understood that in each of the chariots must have been an angel. Chariots don’t do anything on their own!***

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### 3. How powerful is angelic help?

- a. Sennacherib threatens Hezekiah and Israel in 2 Kings 19—**angelic help was God’s response.**

- **2 Kings 19:35**

**NKJV** “And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when *people* arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead.”

**CEV** “That same night the LORD sent an angel to the camp of the Assyrians, and he killed 185,000 of them. And so the next morning, the camp was full of dead bodies”



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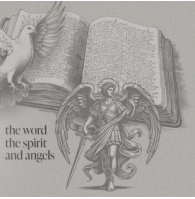
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**Vs. 36 NLT** “Then King Sennacherib of Assyria broke camp and returned to his own land. He went home to his capital of Nineveh and stayed there”

**PASTOR’S NOTE:** *When the enemy saw what ONE ANGEL could do, he departed / ran / retreated/ back home—and STAYED THERE! One angel can take care of your enemy and send him packing—and retreating—back to his place.*

#### 4. A summary of angelic activity and assistance as recorded in scripture:

- a. **Genesis 19**—the angels came to remove Lot and his family from Sodom.
- b. **1 Kings 19**—the angel fed Elijah and touched him, giving him strength for his journey.
- c. **Exodus 14:19**—an angel also accompanied Israel in the wilderness, not just the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night.
- d. **Genesis 18**—angels announced to Abraham and Sarah the birth of Isaac.
- e. **Genesis 22**—an angel stopped Abraham from slaying Isaac.
- f. **Genesis 28**—Jacob had a dream / vision of angels ascending and descending on a ladder into heaven.
- g. **Exodus 20:20-23**—the angel went before Israel.  
**NIV** “See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared. Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since my Name is in him. If you listen carefully to what he says and do all that I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies and will oppose those who oppose you. My angel will go ahead of you and bring you into the land of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites and Jebusites, and I will wipe them out.”



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- h. **Numbers 22**—an angel was in the path to slay Baalam because he was on his way to curse Israel.
- i. **Judges 2:1-4**—the angel rebukes Israel for breaking covenant.
- j. **Judges 6**—the angel delivered God’s call to Gideon.
- k. **Judges 13**—the angel announced Samson’s birth.
- l. **2 Samuel 24**—an angel stopped the plague from consuming Israel.
- m. **Matthew 28**—the angel was present at the empty tomb.
- n. **Matthew 4**—angels ministered to Jesus after His temptation.
- o. **Mark 16**—angels announced the resurrection.
- p. **Luke**—angels announced and celebrated the birth of Jesus.
- q. **Luke 22**—Jesus was strengthened by angels at the prayer in Gethsemane.
- r. **Acts 1:10-11**—angels confirmed the ascension.
- s. **Acts 5**—an angel released the apostles from prison.
- t. **Acts 8**—an angel instructed Philip to adjoin himself to the chariot of the Ethiopian.
- u. **Acts 10**—Cornelius saw an angel in a vision that instructed him.
- v. **Acts 12**—Peter is freed from prison by an angel.
- w. **Acts 27**—Paul had an experience with an angel on the ship.
- x. **Revelation** is filled with the future activity of angels.



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#### 5. There's a great host of angels at work!

##### a. **Hebrews 12:22-25**

**NKJV** "But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn *who are* registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than *that of* Abel."

##### b. **Matthew 26:53**

**KJV** "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?"

- "12 legions" = 72,000 angels.

#### 6. Each person has an angel assigned to them.

##### a. **Matthew 18:10**

**KJV** "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."

**YLT** "Beware!—ye may not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you, that their messengers in the heavens do always behold the face of my Father who is in the heavens..."

#### 7. How angels work on our behalf.

##### a. **Psalms 103:20**

**NKJV** "Bless the Lord, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word."

### III. **CONCLUSION:**

*Pastor's testimony of words and angels.*