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Christ & Culture:

Engaging the world, remaining faithful to Christ.

Today's Topic: [Angels & Demons](#)

¹ Kings 19:1 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³ Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵ And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶ And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷ And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." ⁸ And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

BI: Often there are spiritual things going on all around us and on a few occasions, GOD has allowed certain people to see it.

1 – Angels: their nature, structure, purpose and a story –

A. Angels are created spirit beings w/great power (Col 1:16; Heb 1:14; 2 Pet 2:11)

B. There is an ORG-Chart of Angels:

1. Archangel Michael (Jude 1:9)
2. Chief Princes oversee territories in the _____ (Dan. 10:13)
3. Ruling Angels (Eph. 3:10)
4. Guardian Angels (Heb. 1:14; Matt. 18:10)
5. Cherubim are guardians of the holy (Gen. 3:22-24; cf., Ezekiel 10)
6. Seraphim are continually in GOD's presence in worship (Isa. 6:1-3)
7. Hosts (Psalm 148:2; cf., Joshua 5:14; 2 Kings 6:17; Matt. 26:53)
8. Elect Angels who take part in heavenly court proceedings (1 Tim. 5:21)

C. Angels have various purposes:

1. Ministry to Jesus:
 - Predicted His _____ (Luke 1:26ff.)
 - Announced His birth to shepherds (Luke 2:13)
 - They protected baby Jesus (Matt. 2:13)
 - They strengthened Christ after temptation (Matt. 4:11)
 - They strengthened Jesus in Gethsemane (Luke 22:43)
 - They were prepared to defend Him on trial (Matt. 26:53)
 - They rolled the stone away from the tomb (Matt. 28:2)
 - They announced the resurrection of Christ (Matt. 28:6)
2. Ministry to humans:
 - They _____ Christians (Heb. 1:14)

- They help answer prayers (Acts. 12:7)
- They observe us (1 Cor.4:9; 11:10, 1 Time 5:21)
- They are interested in evangelistic efforts (Acts 8:26; 1 Pet. 1:12)
- They care for the righteous in death (Jude 1:9)

3. Ministry to nations:

- Michael is the Chief Prince overseeing _____ (Dan. 12:1)
- Angels execute the orders / providence of GOD (Dan. 10:21)
- Angels will be involved in judgment (Rev. 8, 9, 16)
- Angels announce impending judgment (Rev. 14:6-7)
- Angels will reap the nations on Judgement Day (Matt. 13:39)

D. Story from Scripture: 2 Kings 6 –

2 Kings 6:15 When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"¹⁶ He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."¹⁷ Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see." So 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.

2 – Demons: their nature, structure, purpose and a story –

A. Demons are simply fallen angels, unclean spirit beings (Matt. 17:18)