

Chances are you have thought at length about angels?

There is something strange and wonderful about them.

We read so many things in O.T.

1. **Two** angels went to Sodom & **blinded the eyes** of the evil men of Sodom and took Lot **by the hand** & led him out of there before judgment fell
Genesis 19:15 And when morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Up, take your wife and your two daughters, who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city."
¹⁶ But he hesitated. So the men seized his hand and the hand of his wife and the hands of his two daughters, for the compassion of the LORD *was* upon him; and they brought him out, and put him outside the city.

2. They are different type creature than we are – even **their food** is different
Ps.78:24 And He rained down manna upon them to eat, And gave them food from heaven.
²⁵ Man did eat the bread of angels; He sent them food in abundance.

3. It is inspiring to think of the power of the angels – and they are very powerful. **Elijah knew it** & was comforted
2 Kings 6:15 Now when the attendant of the man of God^(Elijah) had risen early and gone out, behold, an army^(Arameans) with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"
¹⁶ So he answered, " Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."
¹⁷ Then Elisha prayed and said, " O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

4. In the N.T. the angels **ministered to Christ**
 - a. After His **temptation** in the wilderness
 - b. In the **Garden of Gethsemane**

5. Their presence can easily overwhelm man
 - a. The Apostle John so overwhelmed he wanted to worship the angel
Rev.19:6 (NP)

Rev.19:6 And I **heard**, as it were, the voice of a great multitude and as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, " Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

V.9 And he said to me, " Write, ' Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he said to me, " These are true words of God."

V.10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said to me, "**Do not do that**; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; **worship God**. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

6. The **ancient Jews** had some strange ideas about angels
7. **Billy Graham** wrote a book on angels called Angels – it was a best seller
8. Being small creatures that we are – it is understandable that angels would **arrest our attention** overwhelm us
9. Most of us would **love** to **see** an angel – just for the experience of it
10. **Angels** appear to be in charge of watching over us & we think that is neat
11. The writer of Hebrews wants us to see: **the person of Jesus Christ** is so **superior** to angels! **He created them!**

Hebrews 1:3

V.3 And He is the radiance of His^(God the Father) glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

V.4 having become as **much better than the angels**, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

1. "having become...**much better** than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name"
 - a. Even as a man^(created lower) He became much better than the angels
 - b. He proves his case that Christ is better – **V.5**

V.5 For to which of the angels did He ever say, "YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU"? And again, "I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME"?

1. "to which of the angels did He ever say, You are my Son..."
 - a. **No individual angel** is ever called "God's son"
 - b. Angels as a class of being are called "Sons of God"

Job 1:6 (NP)

Job 1:6-8 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

Job 2:1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD.

- c. Some of them rebelled against God took on the form of men
Genesis 6:1 Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them,
² that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.
- d. But none of the angels could be God's Son b/c they are by nature created beings
- e. Angels **are good** – Jesus **is best**

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- 2. "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"
 - a. This is a quote from **Ps.2:7**
Ps.2:7 "I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, 'Thou art My Son, Today I have begotten Thee.
 - b. This **Psalm** was **written** to **celebrate King Solomon's** at his **coronation**
 - c. But it also speaks of Christ
 - d. There is some **argument** over whether "**today I have begotten You**" refers to:
 - i. **His virgin birth,**
 - ii. **His resurrection,** or
 - iii. **His inauguration** – as King
 - e. Scripture makes it clear in **Acts 13**
Acts13:33 that God has fulfilled this *promise* to our children in that He raised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, 'THOU ART MY SON; TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN THEE.'
 - f. There are other verses that **concur** w/ this passage (NP)

Col.1:18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, **the first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place** in everything.

Rom.1:4 who was **declared** the Son of God with power **by** the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,

- g. This is part of what it means when it says Christ is the "Only Begotten"
- h. That title is **used** of Christ **5 times** in N.T.
- i. It **speaks** of the **uniqueness** of Christ & His **relationship** to His Father

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3. "again, I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME"

a. This is a quote from **2 Samuel**

2 Sam.7:14 " I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men,

- b. This is God's **promised** to King David that **a successor** to his throne
 - i. This is a **short range prophecy** concerning Solomon
 - ii. And a **long range prophecy** concerning Christ

V.6 And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, "AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM."

1. "He **again** brings the firstborn into the world "AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM"

a. This is a quote from **Ps.97:7 (from Septuagint)**

b. The key to understanding this verse is – "**again**"

c. "**again**" is describing **when** He brings His First Born into the world

- i. It speaks of **the coronation** of Christ as King

- ii. The **2nd coming**

d. The **angels worship** Him – He **doesn't worship** them

- i. Adoration & worship go **to** Christ not **from** Him

V.7 (NP)

V.7 And of the angels He says, "WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS, AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE."

1. "WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS, AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE"
 - a. This is a quote from **Ps.104:4**
Psalm 104:4 He makes the winds His messengers,
Flaming fire His ministers.
 - b. He **compares** angels to **natural elements** – they do whatever God calls on them to do
 - i. Angels are servants of Christ – He made them to serve Him
 - c. By the way – **People don't become angels** when they die – angels are angels & people are people

V.8 But *of the Son He says, "YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM.*

V.9 "YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS; THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS."

1. "of the Son He says, YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER" (V.8)
 - a. This is a quote from **Ps.45**
Ps.45:6&7 Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Thy kingdom.
⁷ Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated wickedness; Therefore God, Thy God, has anointed Thee With the oil of joy above Thy fellows.
 - b. This is a **wedding song** for a **king** – used at Hebrew monarch's wedding
 - c. **Notice:** God the Father calls God the Son – God!!
 - d. I've heard people say, "the Bible doesn't say Jesus is God" – wrong!
 - e. Christ is going to rule this earth someday
 - f. Righteousness will be the order of the day
 - g. He is going to be your **King** – if He is your Savior
 - h. **All of history is moving toward His day.**
 - i. Has it soaked in – **Who He is?** – the **King of Kings** – our **Savior**
 - j. We will **rule & reign w/ Him** someday – really **knowing Him puts life in perspective** **2 Tim.2:11 (NP)**

2 Tim.2:11 It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him;

¹² If we endure, we shall also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us;

¹³ If we are faithless, He remains faithful; for He cannot deny Himself.

Rev.22:5 And there shall no longer be *any* night; and they shall not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God shall illumine them; and they shall reign forever and ever.

V.10 And, "YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH, AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;

V.11 THEY WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN; AND THEY ALL WILL BECOME OLD LIKE A GARMENT,

1. "THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS"

a. This is another quote from **Ps.102:25**

Ps.102:25(NIV) In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

²⁶ They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded.

²⁷ But you remain the same, and your years will never end.

b. The angels rejoiced when Christ made the earth

Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy? (at the creation of earth)

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- b. This **refers** to when Christ **burns up** this heaven & earth
- c. This **world** is growing old – it will wear out someday
2 Pet.3:7 But the present heavens and earth by His word are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.
- d. Heaven & earth change – Christ never changes
Isaiah 51:6 Lift up your eyes to the sky, Then look to the earth beneath; For the sky will vanish like smoke, And the earth will wear out like a garment, And its inhabitants will die in like manner, But My salvation shall be forever, And My righteousness shall not wane.

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- 2. "BUT YOU ARE THE SAME, AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END"
 - a. Our Savior is going to always stay the same
 - b. A trillion years from now – He won't be tired of us – He will still love us then as now

V.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"?

V.14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

- 1. "to which...angels...said, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET"
 - a. This is quote from **Ps.110**
Ps.110:1 The LORD says to my Lord: " Sit at My right hand, Until I make Thine enemies a footstool for Thy feet."
 - b. **Only Christ** can sit at Father's right hand
 - c. The Father will make Christ enemies His footstool
- 2. "sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation"

- a. In the mean time – God has the angels helping the believer get to the end!
- b. We **don't talk** to angels – why waste time?
 - i. We can commune w/ the Father of creation
- c. The best is yet to come for His own!
- d. What a day that will be when our Lord we do see...
- e. **How do you see The Lord of Glory? As your intimate Savior?**
- f. **Do you think how neat it would it would be to interact w/ an angel**
- g. **We can interact w/ the creator of everything – Jesus Christ the Righteous!**