



Receiving God's Blessing Through the Presence of the Angels

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The English word "angel" is derived from the Greek ἄγγελος (**angelos**), a translation of מלאך (**malak**) in the Tanakh, the Jewish Bible.

The spirit world is a very real world although we can not reach it through our five senses. It has to be reached through our five spiritual senses which can also be trained. ***There are those who, by reason of usage, have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*** (Hebrews 5:14)

This spiritual world is just as real, or even more so, than the natural world, because the spiritual world is eternal, and the natural world is not. The spiritual world is where the angels move and operate most of the time.

What we call atmosphere is nothing else but the presence of the spirit world. Babies are more sensitive to this world than most adults who learn to rationalize, explain it away, and ignore it.

Musicians and artists, in general, are more sensitive to this world, because they need it for inspiration.

The new covenant is available for all nations, not only for the nation of Israel. In it, we have the promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit. ***One of the manifestations of the nine gifts of the Spirit that we read about in 1 Corinthians 12 is the discerning of spirits.*** This explains the ability to see into the spirit world, and to know what spirit, or spirits, are in manifestation.

In the church, this normally is done by the leadership, but the bible tells us that all Christians can have this gift through the gift of the Holy Spirit, if they really want it. (1 Corinthians 12:31)

I remember when I hungered for that gift, and after many years of praying and fasting and seeking God, it finally started to operate in my life by grace through faith. ***What released it into my life, besides seeking God with all my heart, was the association with a pastor who was moving in that gift on a daily bases.***

So, God gives us ability to see and discern not only evil spirits, but also good spirits or angels. ***Hebrews 1:14 calls the angels ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation. The angels are our servants, according to this Scripture.***

Jacob wrestled with an angel and Jacob told the angel that he would not let him go unless he blessed him. (Genesis 32:24-26)

Then the angel smote Jacob on his hip so that it went out of joint (verse 25). That was the strongest part of Jacob's body which then became weak. So, Jacob then walked with a limp, which signifies that he took one step in his own strength and one step by faith with God's help. ***We are labors together with God, so we read in 1 Corinthians 3:9. We need God and God needs us. Praise the Lord! And the help he sends us many times involve the activity of angels.***

In verse 29, Jacob was blessed when he asked for the man's name. But maybe the ***greatest blessing that he received from God was that he now had to rely on God's grace and help, because the strength of his flesh was made weak.***

So, angels bring us blessings from God. In Genesis 28, it states that they walked on a ladder to heaven taking prayers to the throne room and bringing answers from God. So when we are under an open heaven, like in the case of Jacob, we can rest on the rock of the Word.

Another thing that angels do is protect our bodies from accidents, physical harm, and sickness. ***"There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come near thy dwelling (body and home)."*** (Psalm 91:10)

I have myself seen this a number of times, both in my own life and in the life of others. On many occasions the Lord the Protector has spared my life by sending his angel to protect me from certain death. And on several occasions, I have been touched by an angel which brought me healing.

We see in the word how they brought food to Jesus after his forty-day fast, how they kept him from being pushed off a cliff, hid him from his adversaries so he would not get stoned, and healed him in the garden of Gethsemane, among other things. The angels served Jesus and will serve us, as we serve God in obedience.

Psalm 103:20 says that they hearken to the voice of his word. Who is that voice? We the Church, the called-out ones are that voice in the earth as we speak on God's behalf in Jesus' name.

Visions of angels were common in the early church as we can see in Acts 12:15. They should be common today as well. It was (**only**) Peter's angel, which they did not even want to stop praying, in order to go and see.

The ministry of angels is very real and is for the benefit of the sons and daughters of God, as we work together with God (1 Corinthians 3:9) to gather in the biggest harvest of souls that the world has ever seen.

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