

LESSON 14: ANGELS AND THEIR ROLE IN MY LIFE

REVIEW

- We wrestle against the methods of the devil.
- Demons and Satan are spatial.
- It requires a group of beings that Satan leads and instructs to fight against you.

INTRODUCTION

Today we are going to take a look at the opposite of Satan and his demons- angels. God moves the angels in response to the satanic attacks against you. We are going to look at the angels' role in your life including their purpose and how they work in your life. Neither angels nor demons can be seen, but they are both currently present in the room.

Read 2 Kings 19:35

- ▶ How powerful are the angels?

In one night, an angel killed as many people as the entire Brazos Valley population. Angels are more powerful than any man. In Revelations, the angels are going to come and reap judgment at the end of times and do the separation when Jesus comes back

Read Daniel 12:1

- ▶ How are the angels organized?

There are only two angels named in the Bible, Gabriel and Michael (plus Satan). This passage refers to the Israelites as the "sons of your people."

- ▶ So if Michael was to "guard over the sons of Israel," did he fail when 6 million Jews were killed by Hitler in WWII?

Think about this as we learn more about angels and their function. We will discuss the answer later in this lesson.

Read Jude 1:9

This verse is a quote out of the book *The Assumption of Moses*, written between the writing of the Old Testament and the New Testament. In this passage, we have Michael and Satan arguing over the body of Moses. Michael does not have the power in and of himself to conquer Satan. When Gabriel went to speak to Daniel, it took both Gabriel and Michael to overcome the demon in charge of Persia (Daniel 10:13-14).

The angels have an order in which they are arranged according to their power and authority. The archangel is considered the most powerful of all the angels. It is assumed that Satan was the archangel before he fell, and even after he fell, the power and victory he possessed was maintained.

The angels, even Michael the archangel is not powerful enough to defeat Satan. Therefore, Michael says, "The Lord rebuke you!" This is why Michael uses his submission to God to overcome Satan.

- ▶ Why were they disputing over the body of Moses?

In the Old Testament, God buried Moses where he could not be found. The purpose was for the Jews to be unable to find Moses' body and worship him instead of God. Satan knew this and desired to use Moses' body as a relic for the Jews to worship and pray over instead of worshipping and praying to God.

ANGELS CAN APPEAR IN YOUR LIFE

Read Hebrews 13:1-2

Although angels look like men, they cannot become men and cannot have sex with human women.

ANGELS CANNOT REPRODUCE OR TAKE YOU OVER

Read Matthew 22:30 and Genesis 6:1-4

Some people believe that the "sons of God" are angels, but according to Matthew 22:30, that is not possible. Reproduction is a gift that God has given to us created in His image. Angels are not created in His image.

ANGELS ARE NOT MADE TO RULE

There are a finite number of angels. One-third of the angels fell from heaven with Satan; therefore of the angels originally created 2/3 remained angels and 1/3 that are now demons. This number will not change.

Read Hebrews 1:13-14

Clearly, God did not design angels to rule, but rather to be "ministering spirits, sent out" to serve for the sake of those who will inherit salvation. Although they are powerful, they can kill only in response to what God says and will be judged by us one day.

ANGELS ASSIST US BASED ON OUR WALK WITH GOD

Read Psalm 34:7

The angels' ability to serve us is based on how well we fear God. If you are not doing what you should be doing, or are somewhere you should not be, you are opening yourself up to demonic assault, and the angels cannot rescue you. If you fear God, live as He wants you to, and are where He wants you to be, then you open yourself up to angelic assistance.

We face spiritual battle every day, but we are not on our own. How you view God in your life and understand Him is going to determine how the angelic order will assist or not assist you in your life against demonic activity.

Example: Read Acts 12:5-8. This story shows the direct link between angelic intervention and the prayer of the church. The church is praying for Peter who was imprisoned for preaching. Both the church and Peter were where God wanted them to be and doing what God wanted them to do. Because they were in God's will, the angel appeared and pulled Peter out of danger. It required both following God's will, or fearing Him, and praying for the angelic assistance to be allowed.

OUR "GUARDIAN ANGEL"

Read Matthew 18:10

We are all born with at least one angel that we keep throughout our life. This angel can impact our life in a variety of ways, many of which we have already discussed.

ANGELS CAN INSTRUCT US

Read Acts 8:26-29

In this passage, an angel of the Lord instructed Philip as to what he should do. At times, you may feel motivated to do something. This can be the whispering of an angel as well as the direction of the Holy Spirit.

ANGEL CAN FEEL EMOTIONS

Read 1 Corinthians 11:4-10

*"...¹⁰ Therefore the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, **because of the angels.**"*

A woman wearing a head covering is the same as wearing a wedding band. It means that you are in submission to the man you married. If her head is uncovered, it means she is not

submissive. This is why a wife should have a symbol of authority on her head because of the angelic presence in the worship service.

After the fall, the angels lost 1/3 of their friends when they refused to submit to the Creator of the Universe. When the angels see us not submitting and ignoring leadership of the husband, it reminds them of the pain they went through when 1/3 of heaven fell, and you wound them emotionally when your spirit is non-submissive. The angels who follow you into worship are wounded by your lack of submission.

Now let us take a look back at the question we asked at the beginning of this lesson.

Read Daniel 12:1

▶ So if Michael was to “guard over the sons of Israel”, did Michael fail when 6 million Jews were killed by Hitler in WWII?

First off, the Jews did not honor God in their life during this time. In fact they have not honored Him since God gave them a chance to have Jesus and they rejected Him. Although the angels did not encamp around the Jews, they still protected the remnants.

Chris believes that those that the angels did serve refused to stand when they should have. Since they were not fearing God and following His will, they did not allow for the angelic assistance to create a shield of protection for the Jewish nation. Like these Jews, when we do not stand up for Christ, we allow satanic activity, such as Hitler’s slaughter of the Jews, rather than angelic assistance to occur.

Example: Hitler and his inner circle were occult, satanic practicing worshippers. The only entity Hitler feared was the church, yet he wanted to kill Jews because they were God’s chosen people. He decided to test the church by sending out his goons to beat up Jewish shopkeepers and to tear up their businesses. When the church in general and the Jewish people refused to stand, those angels were not allowed to minister. The result was that 6 million Jews were killed.

APPLICATION TO TODAY

Similar reasons may be why we have so many issues in America today.

When Roe vs. Wade originally came out, the Christian church did not stand up for the lives of the unborn. If Psalm 34:7 and all the rest we have learned today is true, the angel’s ministry is based on how I live my life. If Christians chose to fear God, follow His will, and allow for angelic assistance rather than demonic attack, then the angels would stand up with us. We could make a mighty difference in this nation. It is time to quit blaming the lost people for how bad America is today. It is the failure of the church to stand. When the church is raptured out, that is what

opens up the demonic activity because all the angelic activity will be gone as well. How well we live in Christ determines the impact of both demonic and angelic beings in our life.

SUMMARY

- ▶ Philip is living for Christ; therefore the angel speaks to him.
- ▶ Peter is preaching and the church is praying, so Peter is delivered.
- ▶ When we look at WWII and the rise of abortion in the United States, we see that angelic activity has been diminished and demonic activity has been increased because the church does not want to stand for anything that would damage us.