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A Study of the Book of Hebrews

TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL
HEBREWS 1:4-14

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Introduction: Although the writer of Hebrews warns against substituting the worship of angels for the worship of Christ, he does remind us that God uses angels to accomplish His purpose. Today we are going to continue our brief look at the subject of angels by discovering the remarkable ministry of angels to both unbelievers and believers.

Hebrews 1:14 “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?”

I. The Angels and Unbelievers

Three “Ministries” of Angels to Unbelievers

A. Ministers of God’s _____ (Genesis 16:7; Acts 14:15-17)

Genesis 16:7 “Now the angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur.”

Acts 14:15-17 ¹⁵ [Paul and Barnabas crying out] “and saying, ‘Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you in order that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, WHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM. ¹⁶ And in the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own ways; ¹⁷ and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.”

B. Ministers of _____ (Acts 12:23)

Act 12:23 “And immediately an angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and died.”

C. Ministers of _____ (Matthew 13:49-50)

Revelation 20:15 “And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

Matthew 13:49-50 ⁴⁹ “So it will be at the end of the age; the angels shall come forth, and take out the wicked from among the righteous, ⁵⁰ and will cast them into the furnace of fire; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

II. Guardian Angel: Yes or No?

A. Matthew 18:10

Matthew 18:3-4 ³ “And He said, ‘Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.’”

Matthew 18:5-6 ⁵ “And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me; ⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it is better for him that a heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea.”

Matthew 18:10 “See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you, that their angels in heaven continually behold the face of My Father who is in heaven.”

B. Acts 12:15

Acts 12:6-7 ⁶ “And on the very night when Herod was about to bring him forward, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains; and guards in front of the door were watching over the prison. ⁷ And behold, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared, and a light shown in the cell; and he struck Peter’s side and roused him, saying, ‘Get up quickly.’ And his chains fell off his hands.”

Acts 12:15 “And they said to her, ‘You are out of your mind!’ But she kept insisting that it was so. And they kept saying, ‘It is his angel.’”

C. Psalm 91:11-13

Psalm 91:11-13 ¹¹ “For He will give His angels charge concerning you, To guard you in all your ways. ¹² They will bear you up in their hands, Lest you strike your foot against a stone. ¹³ You will tread upon the lion and cobra, The young lion and the serpent you will trample down.”

Jeremiah 29:11 “‘For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.’”

Conclusion