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Angels

1. Angels are spoken of throughout the Bible. They are Heavenly beings who are superior to human beings in power and intelligence. Angels are also spiritual beings. We read in Heb. 1:13-14: "But to which of the angels said He at anytime, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

2. The angels have superhuman power and knowledge. 2 Sam. 14: 17 & 20 tells us: "Then thine handmaid said, The Word of my lord the king shall now be comfortable: for as an angel of God, so is my lord the king to discern good and bad: therefore the Lord thy God will be with thee. To fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Joab done this thing: and my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth." However, angels are not all-powerful and all knowing, as God is. Psalm 103:20 tells us: "Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his Word."

3. Angels were created by God. Psalms 148:2 & 5 tell us: "Praise ye Him, all his angels: praise ye Him, all his hosts. Praise ye Him, sun and moon: praise Him, all ye stars of light."

4. When God created the world, angels were present. We read in Job 38:4-7: "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? Or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? Or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"

5. Before the creating of the world, all the angels were holy. But then there was a great revolt on part of some of the angels, who were led by one called Lucifer; who became the devil; also known as Satan. We read in Isa. 14:12-17: "How art thou fallen from Heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into Heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides

of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds: I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that did shake kingdoms; That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of the prisoners?" If we are truly walking in faith in Jesus Christ, and have our faith in the holy Word of God, and walking in the power of his Holy Spirit, which He promises us that we can have, then if we could visually see a picture of Satan, we would have to ask ourselves a few questions. Is this the creature who gave me so much torment and trouble? Is this the idiotic fool who I was afraid of for so long? Is this the one who I allowed to hinder me from being true and faithful to God Almighty? Against the power which we walk in through the name of Jesus Christ, Satan is as a piss ant against an elephant. He only has as much power as we allow him to have. He has fallen from power forevermore! Praise God forevermore! All the fallen angels which fell with Satan, we know as demons. And they will torment us continuously, if we allow them to. But through the name of Jesus, we have all power and authority over every one of them forevermore.

6. Ezekiel 28:14-15 tells us about Satan's previous state of perfection: Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou was created, till iniquity was found in thee." Satan was previously a praise angel, who continually offered praises to God, around his throne.

7. Seraphims are angelic beings which are associated with God's glory. The word seraphim comes from the Hebrew word saraph (saw-rawf); which means a burning creature. They hovered over God's throne, and were called burners; for He makes his ministers a burning fire. We read in Isa. 6:1-3: "In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory."

8. There were worship angels mentioned in Revelations, who were four-faced. Their duty is to praise God, and to prophesy. Rev. 4:6-9: "And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and

behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honor and thanks to Him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever.”

9. There are also angels who are called archangels; who are angels of war, for the protection of the saints. We read in Rev. 12:7-11: “And there was war in Heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels. And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in Heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in Heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of the testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” Satan still accuses God’s children night and day; but the wonderful thing, is that Jesus’ blood has now been shed, as He gave Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of all mankind; and now we have all power and authority over Satan and his entire kingdom, through the name of Jesus. Luke 10:18-19 tells us: “And he said unto them, ***I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.***” Michael is the chief archangel who is mentioned in the Bible. Dan. 10:13 & 21 tells us: “But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. But I will show thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.”

10. Another one of the fallen angels was named Abaddon, or Apollyon; who is the angel of the bottomless pit. Rev. 9:11 tells us: “And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon.

11. There is another angel called Gabriel. He is a special messenger angel of God. Dan. 8: 16-19 tells us: “And I heard a man’s voice, between the banks

of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision. So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision. Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright. And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.” And in Dan. 9:21 we read: “And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.”

12. All the present faithful angels, delight in praising the Lord continually. Psalm 103:20-21 tells us: “Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his Word. Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.” And we read in Psalm 148:1-2: “Praise ye the Lord, Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise Him in the heights. Praise ye Him, all his angels: praise ye Him, all his hosts.”

13. Many of God’s angels sit at the side of God’s throne; ready to carry out his every command. 1 Kings 22:19 tells us: “And he said, Hear thou therefore the Word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on his throne, and all the host of Heaven standing by Him on his right hand and on his left.”

14. Faithful angels are known for their reverence for God and their obedience to his will.

A. They represent God in making significant announcements of good news. We read in Gen. 18:1-10: “And the Lord appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground. And said, My Lord, if now I have found favor in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said. And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth. And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it. And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat. And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. And he said, I will

certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.” We read in Matt. 2:13: “And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy Him.”

B. And in some cases, they are God’s agents in the destruction and judgment of evil. 2 Sam. 24:15-16 tells us: “So the Lord sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-sheba seventy- thousand men. And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the Lord repented Him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the Lord was by the threshingplace of Araunan the Jebusite.”

15. We often hear also of “the angel of the Lord,” which is believed to be God Himself. He has powers and characteristics which no one else has, such as to forgive sins. It is believed that the angel of the Lord, is the precarnate Word which was with God since the beginning. We read in Ex. 23:20-21: “Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions for my name is in him.” John 1:1 & 14 tells us: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” I at one time saw very clearly, the angel of the Lord in the sky. He appeared to me at a time when I was praising Him in my back yard. It was at a time, when I was going through many spiritual battles, and having a real tough time from Satan. He appeared in a red and blue robe. I saw as if He were getting up from his throne; and He walked over and picked up a pencil. And then He began writing in a book, which was the Book of Life. For He told me very clearly, that my name was in the Book of Life, and that my name would be there forever. He also told me to stay in his Word, and to live one day at a time; and that He was coming soon; very soon. This is just a couple of the many things which he told me. And He also told me very clearly one night, as I woke up from sleeping, “I love you Calvin, no matter what.” I heard the words very clearly.

16. When angels have appeared unto men, they usually appear in human form. We read in Zech. 2:1: “I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and

behold a man with a measuring line in his hand. Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof. And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him.”

Sometimes their appearance will be really inspiring to us. We read in Judges 13:6-7: “Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name: But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean thing: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.” And in Matt. 28:1-4 we read: “In the end of the Sabbath as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from Heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.” Luke 24:4-5 also tells us: “And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?”

17. Angels have never been known to appear to wicked people; only to those whom the Bible declares to be good. The angels are charged with caring for such people, and serving them in times of need. Psalm 91:11-12 tells us: “For He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.” And Heb. 1:14 tells us: “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? They also guide and direct good people.

Gen. 24:7 & 40 tells us: “The Lord God of Heaven, which took me from my father’s house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; He shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence. And he said unto me, The Lord, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred; and if they give not thee one, thou shalt be clear from my oath.” And in Ex. 14:19-20 we read: “And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: And it came

between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.” The angels played a big role, in the giving of the law to Moses. Acts 7:38 & 53 tells us: “This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the Mount Sinai, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us: Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.” Heb. 2:2 also tells us: “For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him.”

18. Sometimes angels guide us through human dreams. Gen. 28:12 tells us: “And he dreamed, and behold, a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to Heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.” Gen. 31:11 also tells us: “And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I.” I have had dreams, which I know without a doubt, were sent from God. One such dream which I had, was when I was really going through a test. I came to the point of asking God, what I had done wrong, to cause me to have to be facing and going through such circumstances as I was presently facing. And I know that God showed me very clearly, that I had done nothing wrong. I had a dream, and all I could see, was pictures of my life; one right after another. And every picture I saw, was a picture of me preaching the gospel, teaching, and doing all such good things. Not a single one of the many pictures which I saw, was a bad picture. It was always a picture of me doing something good for God. And when I woke up, I asked God what the dream could possibly mean. And it was not long until I knew, without any doubt, that God was telling me that I had done nothing wrong; but I was only going through a time of testing.

19. When we pray in faith, God puts the angels to work to carry out our requests. The angels of the Lord do his commandments; they are his ministers to the saints. Many times, we may of seen angels, whom we were not aware at all, were angels. We usually call these “angels unaware.” God sometimes sends them to us for certain purposes, or to accomplish certain things. They usually look like normal, human beings; and we do not have any idea, that they are angels sent from God; sometimes called common angels.

20. The words that we speak, cause the angels around us, to move in a positive or a negative manner. God will many times send them to lead us, or to show us the way.

We read in Ex. 23:20-23: “Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him. But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.” We are told to provoke him not. Hebrew-marar (maw-rar): to grieve, to upset, or to agitate. Eccl. 5:6 also tells us: “Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands? And Psalm 34:7 tells us: “The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.” God has angels around about us all the time. They are called guardian angels. So we must be careful how we speak and how we act. People who we do not recognize, may always be angels unaware, or common angels.

21. There are also death angels, which God sends when He is ready to take a person from the earth; when their lifetime has expired upon the earth. My mother, while in the hospital a few years ago, asked my sister if she could see the angel standing at the end of her bed. I will always believe that it was the angel which was sent by God to take my mother home to Heaven, to be with Him. For it was not very long at all, before she died there in the hospital. And without a doubt, she is with Jesus in Heaven. I have no doubt, that the angel took her soul to be with Him, when she gave up her last breath there in the hospital. And when the time comes for each one of us to give up life on the earth, there will be a death angel to come and take our soul to our appropriate home; which ever one we have chosen; Heaven or Hell.

22. Angels also protect God’s people, and deliver them from danger. Gen. 14:19-20 tells us: “And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of Heaven and earth. And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.” And in Dan. 3:28 we read: “Then Nebuchadnezzar spake and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in Him, and have changed the king’s word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.” And in Acts 5:19-20 we read: “But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the w

ords of this life.” And in Acts 12:6-11 we read: “And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison, and he smote Peter on the side, and raising him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.”

23. Angels meet a lot of human needs, including hunger, thirst, loneliness, and dread. Gen. 21:17-21 tells us: “And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of Heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? Fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is. Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation. And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink. And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer. And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.” And in Mark 1:13 we read: “And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him.” Luke 22:42-43 also tells us: “And He was withdrawn from them a stone’s cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, Saying, ***Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.*** And there appeared an angel unto Him from Heaven, strengthening Him.”

24. Even though angels are not the means of obtaining salvation, they are interested in human beings receiving such. Luke 15:10 tells us: “***Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.***”

25. Angels were very active in the birth, and in the resurrection of Jesus.
A. We read in Matt. 1:20: “But while he thought on these things, behold, the

angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.”

B. Matt. 2:13, 19 & 20: “And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy Him. But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child’s life.”

C. Matt. 28:1-2 we read: “In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from Heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.”

D. Luke 1:11-38: “And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother’s womb. And many of the children of Israel shall return to the Lord their God. And He shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee and to show thee these glad tidings. And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season. And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak unto them, and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple; for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless. And it came to pass, that as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house. And after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying, Thus hath the Lord

dealt with me in the days wherein He looked on me, to take away my reproach among men. And in the sixth month an angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of his father David: And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold, the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.”

E. Luke 2:9-15: “And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them (the shepherds), and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into Heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.”

F. John 20:11-13: “But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre. And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him.”

26. Jesus spoke frequently of angels, both good and bad.

A. Matt. 13:41-42: *“The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things, that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”*

B. Matt. 26:53: *“Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and He shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?”*

C. Mark 8:38: “Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my Words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

D. Luke 12:8-9: “Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.”

Conclusion:

Angels most certainly play a very important role in the world in which we live today; just as they did in the Old Testament, and also throughout the life of Jesus, and throughout the remainder of the New Testament. God has his holy angels all around his children all the time. These are what we know of as “Guardian Angels.” Many times also, the angel of the Lord will show up in our life; if we continuously live our lives in a way that is pleasing unto Him. Whether you realize it or not, angels have been instruments of God, in bringing many blessings to your life. Always be a light unto the world, and treat everyone with kindness. For you never know when you may be facing an “angel unaware.”

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