

ANGELS

Lesson 2

What do angels do?

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Their ministry toward God: Worship!

- Revelation 5:11-14 "...I heard the **voice of many angels around the throne**...and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, '**Worthy is the Lamb** that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.'"

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- Isaiah 6:1-3 "...I saw the Lord sitting on a throne....Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings....And one called out to another and said, '**Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts**, the whole earth is full of His glory.'"

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Their ministry toward God:

1. Worship!
2. They serve and obey Him.

Angel: Gr. ANGELOS = "messenger"

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God's messengers:

- Gal 3:19 "Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been **ordained through angels**...."
- Acts 7:53 "You who received the law **as ordained by angels**, and yet did not keep it."
- "**ordained by angels**" = "by the arrangement of" or "by the instrumentality of angels."

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Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

(Hebrews 1:14 ESV)

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God's messengers:

- Hebrews 2:2-3 "...for if **the word spoken through angels** proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, how will we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

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God's messengers:

- Deut 33:2 "The LORD came from Sinai...and **He came from the midst of ten thousand holy ones**; at His right hand there was flashing lightning for them."
- Psalm 68:17 "The chariots of God are myriads, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them **as at Sinai**, in holiness."

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God's messengers:

Giving understanding:

Daniel 7:16

Daniel 8:15-16

Daniel 9:21-22

Daniel 10:11-14, 20

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God's messengers:

Superintending nations:

Daniel 10:13 "prince of Persia"

Daniel 10:20 "prince of Greece"

Daniel 10:21 "Michael, your prince"

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Superintending nations:

Dan 4:13 "...behold, *an angelic watcher*, a holy one descended from heaven"

Dan 4:17 "This sentence is by the decree of *the angelic watchers*..."

Dan 4:23 "...the king saw *an angelic watcher*, a holy one..."

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Superintending nations:

Jer 4:16-18 "...publish against Jerusalem, that *watchers* [KJV] come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah....your ways and your deeds have brought these things to you...."

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“so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be *made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.*” Eph 3:10

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“Those who continue in sin, rebuke in the presence of all, so that the rest also will be fearful of sinning. I solemnly charge you *in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of His chosen angels*, to maintain these principles....” I Tim 5:20-21

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3. They observe our submission to our husbands. I Cor 11:3,10

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“But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and ***the man is the head of a woman***, and God is the head of Christ....Therefore, ***the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.***” I Cor 11:3, 10

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4. They observe when we are persecuted for the faith. I Cor 4:9-11

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“...God has exhibited us...as men condemned to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and men.” I Cor 4:9-13

Rev 6:9-11; 7:13-17; 16:4-7 Heaven is aware of the suffering of God’s servants.

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“...the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding...golden bowls full of incense, which are *the prayers of the saints.*” Rev 5:8

“*May my prayer be counted as incense before You; the lifting up of my hands as the evening offering.*” Psalm 141:2

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“And I saw the seven angels who stand before God....Another angel came and stood at the altar holding a golden censer and much *incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints*....and the smoke of the incense, *with the prayers of the saints,* went up before God out of the angel’s hand.” Rev 8:2-4

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5. They observe redemption’s plan unfolding in our lives. I Pet 1:10-12

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“As to this salvation, the prophets ...made careful searches and inquiries....It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel **...things into which angels long to look.”**

I Pet 1:10-12

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*“...there is **great joy** in the presence
of the angels of God **over one sinner**
who repents.”*

Luke 15:10