

What Do Angels Do?

“Bless the LORD, you His angels, mighty in strength, who perform His word, obeying the voice of His word!” Psalm 103:20

1. Angels sometimes intervene in our lives to lead us in God's will.
 - a. Joseph directed to marry Mary (Mat. 1:19-24)
 - b. Phillip directed to go to Gaza (Acts 8:26)
 - c. Cornelius directed to send for Peter (Acts 10:3-6)
2. Angels sometimes deliver us out of hopeless situations.
 - Daniel delivered from the lions' den (Dan. 6:16-24)
3. Angels are sent in response to prayer.
 - a. Elisha delivered from the Syrian army (2 Kings 6:8-17)
 - b. Daniel answered after fasting and praying for three weeks (Dan. 10:2-12)
4. Angelic activity is not always recognized by men.
 - Peter delivered from prison (Acts 12:3-11)
5. Angels accomplish God's will in spite of man's stubbornness.
 - Lot and daughters delivered from Sodom (Gen. 19:1-17)
6. Angels are sent to physically strengthen those who are exhausted.
 - a. Elijah strengthened as he fled from Jezebel (1 Kings 19:4-8)
 - b. Jesus strengthened after the temptation (Mat. 4:1-11)
 - c. Jesus strengthened after agony in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:41-44)
7. Angels comfort and encourage God's servants when they are fearful or discouraged.
 - a. Zerubbabel encouraged while building the temple (Zech. 4:5-10)
 - b. Paul encouraged while shipwrecked (Acts 27:18-25)
8. Angels observe our activities and responses.
 - a. Apostles observed in their distress (1 Cor. 4:9)
 - b. Believers (especially women) observed in their worship services (1 Cor. 11:10)
 - c. Sinners observed when they repent and become believers (Luke 15:10)
9. Angels announce and interpret prophecy.
 - a. Announced the coming of Messiah (Dan. 9:24-25)
 - b. Interpreted visions of the future (Dan. 7:15-16; 8:15-19; 9:23-27; 10:11-14)
 - c. Book of Revelation to John (Rev. 1:1; 22:8-9)

10. Angels announce important and great events.
 - a. Birth of John the Baptist to Zacharias (Luke 1:5-20)
 - b. Conception of Messiah to Mary (Luke 1:26-38)
 - c. Birth of Christ to the shepherds (Luke 2:8-14)
 - d. Resurrection of Christ (Luke 24:1-9)
 - e. Future return of Christ (Acts 1:9-11)
 - f. Last call to grace (Rev. 14:6-7)
 - g. Future destruction of the earth and the ungodly (Revelation)
11. Angels are agents who carry out God's righteous judgment on unsaved man and world.
 - a. Men of Sodom struck with blindness (Gen. 19:11)
 - b. Assyrian army killed (2 Kings 19:35)
 - c. King Herod struck dead (Acts 12:20-23)
 - d. Unsaved mankind and his world systematically destroyed (Revelation)
12. Angels will gather the saved to be with the Lord and the unsaved to be cast into the eternal lake of fire.
 - a. The saved (Mat. 24:30-31)
 - b. The unsaved (Mat. 13:37-50; Rev. 14:14-20)
13. Angels are present when the righteous die and escort them into the presence of God.
 - Lazarus (Luke 16:22-23)
14. We should not believe anything that is contrary to God's Word even if it comes from someone claiming to be an angel (Gal. 1:8; II Cor. 11:13-15).