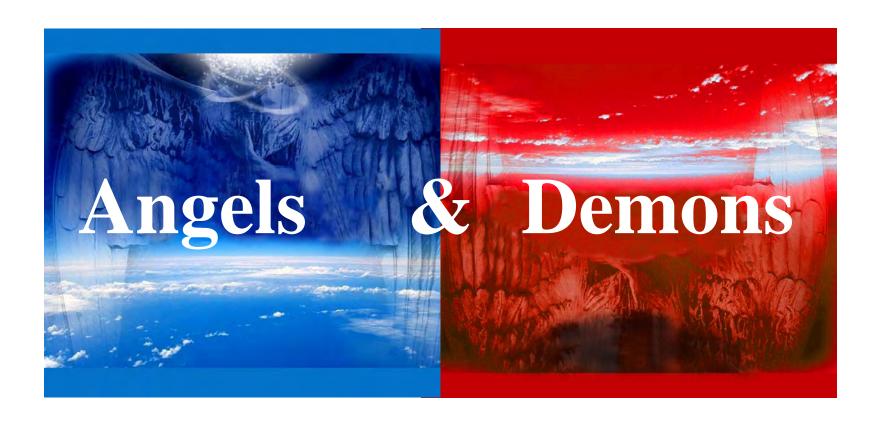


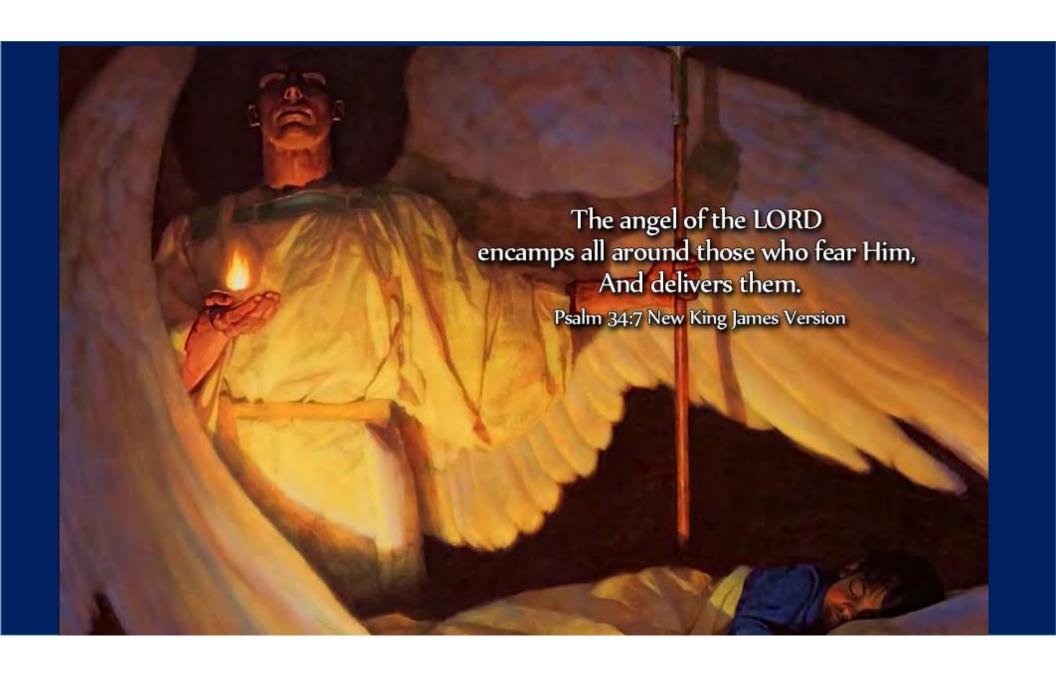
# Spiritual Warfare





**Topics for the Four Weeks** 

- 1. The Spiritual Realm of Angels & Demons
- 2. Holy Angels
- 3. Satan & Evil Angels
- 4. Armor for Battle

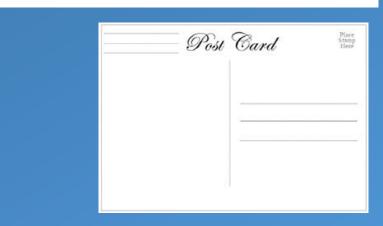




# Stories of Angels - Unknown Help

Pastor Dave – Sally baby to be born downs syndrome – Sent a card to encourage her and her husband Jim.



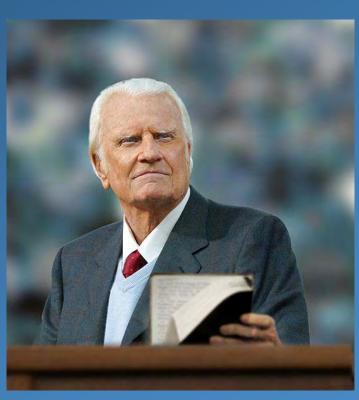


Sue lived several miles away received the card took it to Sally.

I have a downs syndrome child. "God has taught me so much, I would like to help you walk through this if you would let me."



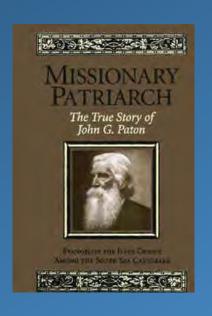
#### Stories of Angels - Escorted to Heaven



As Billy Graham's maternal grandmother was dying, she sat up in bed and with a laugh said, "I see Jesus, He has his arms outstretched toward me. I see Ben (her husband who had died some years earlier) and I see the angels." Se slumped over and was absent from the body but present with the Lord.



# Stories of Angels - Protection - Mission Field



John G. Paton,
Missionary to the
New Hebrides Islands.
Protected by the
Angels of the Lord.





# Stories of Angels – Protection to Share the Gospel

Missionary from Norway reached a mountain village after a dangerous mountain descent. At a dangerous place he stopped and asked the Lord for help and protection.

At the first cottage a husband and wife who had been watching his descent asked, "What happened to you companion?"

There was no human companion that the missionary could see as he walked.





# Stories of Angels – Protection in Prison



**Corrie Ten Boom** 







#### Stories of Angels – Protection in Prison



Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions. And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"

Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you."

Now the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.

Daniel 6:19-23



#### Stories of Angels – Protection in Prison



Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands. Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me." So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. Acts 12:5-10



# Angels from the Biblical Record

17 Old Testament Books make 108 references to angels

17 New Testament make 165 references to angels



### Where Did Angels Come From?

#### a. GOD MADE THEM

Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars of light! Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for He commanded and they were created. (Psalm 148:2-5)

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

(Colossians 1:16)



### Where Did Angels Come From?

#### b. GOD MADE THEM AT THE BEGINNING

"In six days the Lord made the heavens. . . and all that is in them" (Exodus 20:11)

"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. . . . Or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" (Job 38:4-7)



### What Do Angels Look Like?

#### a. Normally Invisible

"And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, 'Alas, my master! What shall we do?'

So he answered, 'Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.'

And Elisha prayed, and said, 'LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.' Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha."

(2 Kings 6:15-19)



# What Do Angels Look Like?

#### **b. SOMETIMES APPEAR IN HUMAN FORM**

So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, (Genesis 18:2)

Some have unwittingly entertained angels. (Hebrews 13:2)



### How Many Angels Did God Create?

10,000 x 10,000 and 1,000's of 1,000's

"I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire; a fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened."

(Daniel 7:9)

"Then I looked, and heard the voice of many angels around the throne . . . and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousand of thousands" (Revelation 5:11)



#### A. THEY WORSHIP GOD

"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" (Isaiah 6:1-3)



#### A. THEY WORSHIP GOD

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!'" (Revelation 5:11-12)



#### **B. THEY CARRY OUT HIS GOVERNMENT**

"The LORD has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all. Bless the LORD, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His word."

(Psalm 103:19-20)



#### THEY PROTECT GOD'S PEOPLE

"The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them." (Psalm 34:7)

"Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?" (Hebrews 1:14)



#### D. THEY EXECUTE GOD'S JUDGEMENTS

"Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground. . . . Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city; take them out of this place! 'For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD has sent us to destroy it." (Genesis 19:1, 12-13)



#### D. THEY EXECUTE GOD'S JUDGEMENTS

""And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses; all dead."

(2 Kings 19:35)



#### A. SOMETIMES PROVIDE PHYSICAL NEEDS

"Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, 'Arise and eat.' Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again. And the angel of the LORD came back the second time, and touched him, and said, 'Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you." (1 Kings 19:5-7)

"Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him." (Matthew 4:11)



#### **B. PROTECT AND DELIVER FROM PHYSICAL DANGER**

"Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, 'Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.'"

(Acts 5:17-20)



#### C. THEY STENGTHEN AND ENCOURAGE

"But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, 'Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life." (Acts 5:19-20)

"And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve, saying,' 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you. Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me."

(Acts 27:22-25)



#### D. GOD SOMETIMES USES THEM TO ANSWER PRAYERS

"Now while I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God, yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering. And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, 'O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand. At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision: . . . ."

(Daniel 9:20-23)



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(Acts 12:5,7)



Scripture makes it clear that God is in no way dependent upon these His subservient creatures.

Scripture indicates that the ministry of angels to men is primarily external and physical, whereas the ministry of the Holy Spirit is internal and spiritual. Angels minister for us; the Holy Spirit ministers in us (John 14:16-17; Hebrews 1:13-14).

They guard our bodies and pathway; He guards our spirits and guides us in the right way. They may be agents to answer prayer, but He is the Prompter and Director of answers to our prayers (Romans 8:26-27; Jude 20).

(Dickason, Angels, Elect and Evil. p. 101).



#### a. We may respect angels

Men often bow in fear and awe in the presence of angels as the messengers of God (Daniel 8:16-17; 10:1-18).



#### b. We must not worship angels

#### 1.) Forbidden by revelation

"And God spoke all these words, saying: 'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me.

(Exodus 20:1-6)

"Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,"

(Colossians 2:18)



#### b. We must not worship angels

#### 2.) Forbidden by angels

"Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. Then he said to me, 'See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

(Revelation 22:8-9)



### Facts About Angels

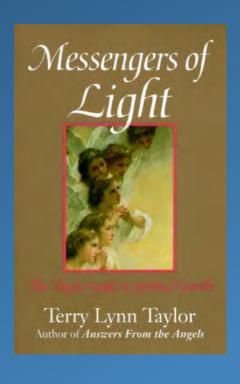
- 1. Angels were created and are not departed human beings
- 2. Angels are personal beings who have mind, will and emotions.
- 3. Angels are invisible but have the ability to appear in human form.
- 4. Angels are localized and move in special travel to go from place to place.
- 5. Some angels have wings (maybe all?).
- 6. Angels have great power, but are not all powerful (Omnipotent).
- 7. Holy Angels are set apart from sin and set apart to God.

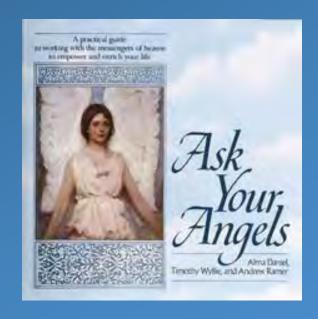


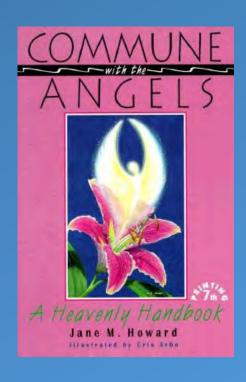
### Facts About Angels

- 1. Angels are called the sons of God because they were directly created by God.
- 2. Angels are called ministering spirits because they serve humans in various ways (providing protection, guidance, encouragement, and deliverance.
- 3. Angels are called heavenly hosts because they function as God's military force to accomplish His will and engage in battles.
- 4. Angels are called holy ones because they are set apart from sin to serve God.
- Angels are called watchers because of their role of observing what is taking place on the planet.

### Counterfeit Angels of Light







And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

2 Corinthians 11:14

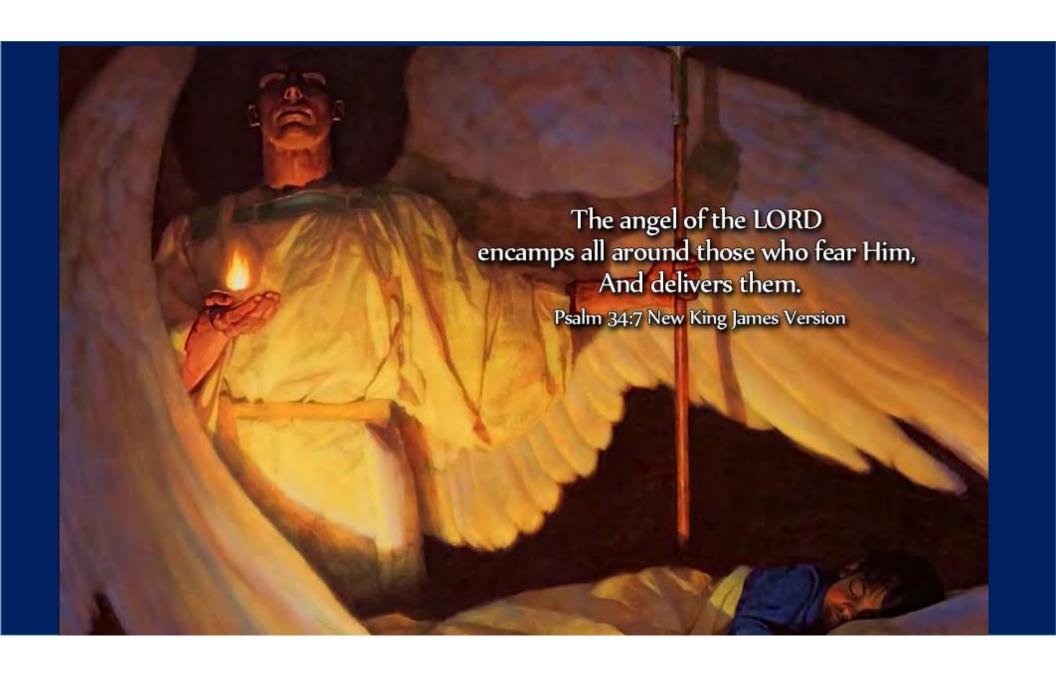
### Facts About Counterfeit Angels

- 1. Channeling Angle Messages
- 2. Praying to Angels
- 3. Meditation on Angels present with us
- 4. Visualization of Angels
- 5. Angelic Crystals
- 6. Wearing specific colors green have guardian angel to follow you from your home, deep sapphire blue will get the attention of healing angels

### Facts About Counterfeit Angels

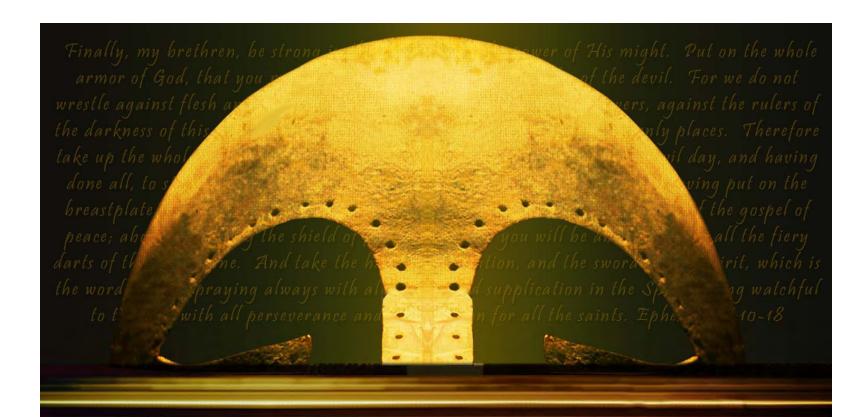
- 1. Help us evolve
- 2. Reprogram our brains
- 3. Help us meet our goals
- 4. Bring healing to mind, body and emotions
- 5. Bring us comfort
- 6. Rework our view of God

Angels help us because they are full of love. They do not judge us or demand things from us. They just help us move to a higher level of understanding.



#### **QUESTIONS**

- 1. Have you know of times you think angels were involved in your life?
- 2. What is another story from the Bible that was not mentioned today about angels helping Jesus.
- 3. If you really understood about the angels who camp around those who fear the Lord – what would that do to your "Fear Factor" as you walk in this world?
- 4. PRAY God would provide a clear understanding so we might be overcomers of the evil one.



# Spiritual Warfare