

Unseen Realities Part 3 - ANGELS - Chubby Babies or Colossal Titans?

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Angels are servants of God dispatched at His will to work for the good of God's people.

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Series: Unseen Realities

Core Scripture - Psalm 91:11 & Hebrews 1:13-14

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Summary of Main Points

- Angels minister to God's people
- Angels execute God's will
- Angels magnify the glory and prestige of God
- Angels call attention to the worth of every believer

// Introduction Ideas

- Possible opening - Feel free to use or craft your own that connects to the audience and captures their attention for the rest of the message.
- **INTRO:** To quote a classic 1990s Disney classic Angels in the outfield - George Knox played by Danny Glover in what is arguably his best role ever => makes this statement - **George Knox : You've got an angel with you**

right now... just got here, and he's going to help. -

The entire premise of Angels in the Outfield centers around a foster kid whose estranged dad promises to reunite the family if the Angels make it to the World Series - the problem is that the Angels are the worst team in baseball by a large margin - to put it mildly "They stink" So our main character Roger asks for some divine help and prays that the Angels will turn things around. Soon after his prayer a real Angels shows up who goes by AL (played by Christopher Loyd) and the Angels go on a winning streak and turn their entire season around.

What a feel good family movie that you didn't have to worry about - no agendas, no indoctrination, just a feel good movie with a happy ending that centers around a young kid, his desire for his family to get back together, a rag tag baseball team and these celestial beings that for centuries people have been fascinated by.

Transition: As we move into our conversation on Angels this morning it's important to start from not only the safest place but also from the place where angels are first mentioned to us and that is the Word of God - The Bible Again, you may have to put off some ideas of angels that were given to you in movies or things told to you by well-meaning relatives. Let's see what the Bible says.

Angels are mentioned all throughout both the O.T. & N.T. Angels are mentioned a total of 196 times in both the Old Testament & New Testament, 103 in the O.T. & 93 in the N.T and in 34 total books of the Bible from Genesis & Job to the book of Revelation.


Jesus himself mentions Angels several times during his time on Earth. In fact the Apostle Paul writes regarding Jesus that he is the creator of all things both in Heaven and on Earth as well as the visible and invisible which would include Angels.


Few references to Angels being mentioned in scripture


- Angels announced things about the birth of Jesus to Mary (Luke 1:26–38), Zechariah and Elizabeth (Luke 1:11–23), Joseph (Matthew 1:20–21), and the shepherds (Luke 2:8–14).
- They ministered to Jesus in the wilderness after his forty-day fast (Mark 1:13).
- They rolled the stone away from Jesus's grave (Matthew 28:2).


- They opened prison doors for the apostles (Acts 5:19–20).
- They directed evangelists where to go, like Philip (Acts 8:26).
- They spoke to unbelievers like Cornelius about what they should do to find the gospel (Acts 10:3–8).
- They will come with Jesus, the Bible says, at his second coming (2 Thessalonians 1:7).
So what do we know about angels - like WHY do they exist?


#1 Angels minister to God's people

- Most of Hebrews 1 is devoted to showing Jesus is greater than Angels and in V14 the writer of Hebrews indicates that Angels are minister spirits
- Angels exist for the sake of Christians - they exist as ministering spirits who work for God by serving us - "Ministering Spirit" literally means servant spirit.
- How do they serve us? - Not by giving us what we want or even intervening in our struggles - rather they serve us by ensuring we make it into eternity (Heaven) We are the ones who inherit salvation -
- Additionally that word salvation, although a reference to the salvation provided to us through Christ on the cross also speaks to deliverance from our enemies and from the bondage that holds us down. - Jesus cares about our deliverance from the chains of sin and flesh.
- SIDE NOTE The Bible is not clear whether we have 1 Angel that is specifically assigned to each person and 2. When people hear the term guardian angel it encourages them in some cases to pray to, ask for help from and engage with them - A more rounded approach is that Jesus loves us so much that the entire host of Angelic beings works on our behalf as opposed to one specific angel assigned to our lives.
-  Psalm 91:11 - For He will command His Angels (plural) concerning you to guard you in all your ways. (Read it again)

 Hebrews 1:6-14 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.” ⁷ Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.” ⁸ But of **the Son** he says,

 “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

 ¹⁰ And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands;¹¹ they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, ¹² like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed.
But you are the same, and your years will have no end.”


 ¹³ And to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”? ¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? ESV


- So we know that Angels are ministering spirits to minister to God's people - We see this all throughout God's word. After Jesus was tempted in the wilderness by the devil angels were sent to minister to him.

#2 Angels execute God’s will

1 Peter 3:22 Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him. [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (1 Pe 3:21–22). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

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- Psalm 103:20 calls Angels Mighty Ones - they are not fat chubby cute babies that we see depicted in the sistine chapel or made into porcelain statues - they are mighty, strong warriors who are created by God, to minister to God’s people and carry out his will on the earth.
- Historians believe that artists in the renaissance period began depicting Angels - as babies due to the evolution of the word Cherub - but that

depiction couldn't be further from the truth - We see a powerful description of these magnificent beings in  **Ezekiel 1:5-14**

-  **Psalm 103:20-21** - Praise the Lord, you angels, you mighty ones who carry out his plans, listening for each of his commands. Yes, praise the Lord, you armies of angels who serve him and do his will!
- They are an offensive Army - Just like Satan has his team of demons God has his army of Angels
- Angels are active agents who do the will of God as he commands - Never lose sight that God has been and always will be in control.
- Remember there is a battle taking place in an unseen realm and you are the prize that is being fought over.
 - Objects can do his will - Wind and seas obeys him
 - Animals can do his will - He commanded that whale to swallow Jonah
 - Humans can do his will
 - Angels do his will

JESUS is supreme ruler over all things!

P Jordan - why the heartache, cancer, and fighting between people then?

Satan is the prince of the air - here and now on the earth able to tempt and deceive and divide and Pastor Jason is going to teach more on that next week. Don't miss it! But I want you to know that JESUS is supreme over all!

Even though you don't see Jesus' victory play out in every situation here and now, you have to understand that we're trapped in time. GOD is not. GOD is the ultimate authority over all things and GOD will place Satan in the pit and He will establish a new EDEN - a New Jerusalem it's called and we're going to teach a lot about that in November so don't miss that!!!!

JESUS IS KING!


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- Excerpt taken from an article written by John Piper Desiring God.

- And when God decided to create, he thought it wise to create hierarchies of beings, from the least significant inanimate stone, to the worm, to the whale, to the human, and then to multiple ranks of angels. Because some are called archangels (1 Thessalonians 4:16). So, God created not just angels but ranks of angels. And when they become demonic by rebellion, there are ranks of principalities and powers in the hordes of the devil.



#3 Angels magnify the glory and prestige of God.


- What we know about Angels is that they exist to do the will of God, to minister to God's people and to bring Glory to God - There are a portion of Angels in Heaven at this very moment whos one task is to cry out - Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God almighty. - Revelation 4:8 - Day and night they do this. - We can't even worship for 20 min together on a Sunday without getting bored - We could learn a lot from these angelic beings.
-  Daniel 7:10 - A stream of fire issued and came out from before [the Lord; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.
- PJV - That's a TON OF ANGELS and CREATURES that serve and worship GOD UP THERE!
- In Daniel 7:10 - we see a picture of God in heaven with millions and millions of angels gathered around him - A colossal group of angels focused around their creator God - What a picture it creates - It is a projection of the awe and wonder of God, the strength of his kingdom and the power he wields. It is incredible
- Angels exist to call attention to the grandeur and majesty of God.



#4 Angels call attention to the worth of every believer.

- Matthew 18:10 - "Beware that you don't look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father. - The term "little ones" - refers to young believers - Childlike christians - Christians who are newer to faith who are learning how

to live out in real life their faith confession.

- I love what Jesus is teaching here- He is essentially indicating that even **the newest, “baby Christian” who is still making a mess of things has an entire entourage of these colossal, titan, glorious beings who are of a rank in an angelic hierarchy that puts them squarely in front of God's face.**
- Jesus is telling us - don't you dare look down on these people - they are of such a worth that an entire group of angels on their behalf who stand before the face of God.
- Let that person's angelic entourage remind you of who you are. -
- We are a people of great worth - The creator of the universe is God, Jesus our lord is our brother and if that's not enough according to Matthew 18:10 We have been given an entourage of Angelic advocates who have a permanent place in front of the face of God.
- You are the art of God! You are an expression of His image on the earth! He values you so much that He has assigned huge, beautiful beings to minister to you called angels! WOW!
- You are a steward of what God's given you and you can extend Eden - the glory of God - everywhere you go! You are SO valuable!
- You're SO valueable and precious to God that He was willing to sacrifice His own son - seeing him be tortured and endure agony on a cross - taking YOUR place and MY place - all so we could spend eternity with Him!
- Jesus took the pain and punishment we deserved.
- Jesus was separated from God for a moment so we could be untied with God for eternity!
- Don't ever discount again how much God loves you and how much worth he has placed upon your life.
-  Matthew 18:10 ¹⁰ “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹²

// Conclusion

- Angelic beings will continue to be a fascination to people both believers and unbelievers alike - Things we must remember is that, Angels are not at our beckon call, they do the will of God in service to humans. That they work for our good, that they carry out God's will on the earth, that they war

against the enemy and his demonic forces from hell, that at times just like in scripture people have been permitted to see them. But, for most of us they will continue to operate in the unseen realm.

WORSHIP TEAM UP - SONG: STORM ALL AROUND YOU

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