

# The Ministry of Angels

## Hebrews, A Book of Better Things

### Introduction:

Angels are translated as messengers, in the O.T. as well as in the N.T..

**Angels** H4397 mal'ak, mal-awk'; from an unused root meaning to despatch as a deputy; a messenger; specifically, of God, i.e. an angel (also a prophet, priest or teacher):—ambassador, angel, king, messenger.

Translated as: **messengers** and **ambassadors**

**Angels** G32 aggelos, ang'-el-os; from ἀγγέλλω aggello (probably derived from 71; compare 34) (to bring tidings); a messenger; especially an "angel"; by implication, a pastor: — angel, messenger.

Translated as: **messengers**

### Angels are ministers:

Hebrews 1:7 And of the angels He saith, Who maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire.

Psalms 104:4 Who maketh His angels spirits; His ministers a flaming fire:

Hebrews 1:13 But to which of the angels said He at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? 14) Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Matthew 4:11 Then the devil leaveth Him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him.

Mark 1:13 And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto Him.

John 1:51 And He saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see Heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

Acts 7:53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.

Galatians 3:19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator nor things to come,

### Angels communicate the word of God:

Hebrews 2:1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. 2) For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; 3) 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;

**There are an innumerable company of angels:**

Hebrews 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

Revelation 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

Daniel 7:9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head like the pure wool: His throne was like the fiery flame, and His wheels as burning fire. 10) A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him: thousand thousands ministered unto Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

**Angels are instructed to worship Christ:**

Hebrews 1:6 And again, when He bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, He saith, And let all the angels of God worship Him.

**There are evil angels, including the devil:**

Revelation 12:9 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.

2Peter 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

Matthew 25:41 Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

**There are angels that excel in strength:**

Psalms 103:20 Bless the LORD, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

**Angels protect:**

Psalms 34:7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.

Psalms 91:11 For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Matthew 4:6 And saith unto Him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Luke 4:10 For it is written, He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee:

Matthew 18:10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 26:53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and He shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

Revelation 7:1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. 2) And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

**Angels, good or bad cannot separate us from the love of God:**

Romans 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present,

**Angels are called spirits and flames of fire:**

Psalms 104:4 Who maketh His angels spirits; His ministers a flaming fire:

**Angels rejoice over conversions:**

Luke 15:10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

**Angels do not marry:**

Matthew 22:30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in Heaven.

**Angels do not die:**

Luke 20:36 Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

**Angels symbolically known as "stars."**

Revelation 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

**Angels are called chariots:**

Psalms 68:17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

**Angels are called clouds:**

Psalms 104:3 Who layeth the beams of His chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds His chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

Daniel 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of Man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.

Revelation 1:7 Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen.

**Angels watch what happens on earth:**

1Corinthians 4:9 For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

**Angels desire to understand the gospel:**

1Peter 1:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

**Angels are unaware of future events:**

Matthew 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

**Angels accompany Christ when He comes:**

Matthew 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works.

Matthew 25:31 When the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory:

Luke 9:26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when He shall come in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.

**Angels reap the harvest:**

Matthew 13:39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

Matthew 13:41 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;

Matthew 13:49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

Matthew 24:31 And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

**Angels will witness the rewards:**

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

Revelation 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before His angels.

### **The righteous shall judge angels:**

1Corinthians 6:3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

### **Angels sometimes visit men:**

Hebrews 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

### **Angels Contrasted With Man**

Man was created lower than the angels.

Hebrews 2:5 For unto the angels hath He not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak. 6) But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? 7) Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Psalms 8:3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; 4) What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5) For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. 6) Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: 7) All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

Man will be exalted above the angels and will again have all things in subjection under his feet.

Hebrews 2:8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

### **Angels Contrasted With Christ:**

In the incarnation, the birth of Christ, He was made a little lower than the angels.

Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Christ was exalted above the angels because He was victorious in His ministry to save humanity.

Hebrews 1:4 [Christ] Being made so much better than the angels, as He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. 5) For unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to me a Son? 6) And again, when He bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, He saith, And let all the angels of God worship Him.

Hebrews 1:13 But to which of the angels said He at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

1Peter 3:22 [Christ] Who is gone into Heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto Him.