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## INTRODUCTION

A new epoch has emerged, a new dawn has come. The light travelling in the tunnel has finally appeared at the other side. The waves have travelled a long way and together with the tides have brought the breeze to the shores. At the arrival of the waves, there is a change in the atmospheric temperature. When cool, it becomes hotter and when hot, it becomes cool. In any case there is a change in temperature atmospherically. The same thing happens spiritually, when the breath of God from heaven brings the breeze of revelation upon the hearts of men; there is a paradigm shift in the realm of the spirit in the lives of the receivers. There is a rebirth of a new dispensation.

A new and fresh fire which cannot be quenched has started from within unto without. I mean, something on the inside is working on the outside. The spirit of the man upon whom the breeze from heaven shall pass is revived and quickened for exploits in that which was revealed unto him. That man becomes a commander in the area in which that particular revelation is concerned with or is about. The receiver is mostly not the only beneficiary of the revelation. For God is not unjust and neither is

He a respecter of persons **(Deut. 10:17)**. Whatever is revealed is not for one person but to profit all.

*“The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law”. (Deut. 29:29).*

A revelation is also not given for the fun of it. This is vital and crucial. It is not given that we might keep in our memories and be boasting about having received a revelation from heaven. They are not given that we might cherish them as valuable treasures by keeping them in a safe place. No! That is not the mind of heaven concerning any revelation that is given. They are given that we might *do* them. We are to work them out. We are to put every word revealed into working and practicing. It must not be left idle. Just knowing and not doing anything about it does not produce any results. The word of God is forever settled in heaven and nothing can be added or taken out of it

*“Forever O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven” (Ps. 119:89).*

The same word which was preached unto Abraham is what is being preached unto us today. The same word that was preached unto the children of Israel is what is being preached unto us today too. The message has not changed. But there is always a new revelation to a particular word of God, given by the Holy Spirit to every generation in the fulfillment of Gods plan, and for His purpose to be accomplished.

The LORD God Almighty has by redemption brought us in to the state where all things are possible with us just as all things are possible with Him. God has brought us into His class; we do not lack anything. This is a state of power, dominion, authority and almightiness. God from the beginning has designed His own ways of doing things. He knows how to deliver His people from their troubles. He Himself knows what to do in every situation. Nothing has ever happened which has been a surprise to God **(Ps. 139:16)**. All what we call secrets are only with men but not God. For He knows all things but, we know in part **(1 Cor. 13:9)**.

God has many ways of ministering to His children. One of such mighty and wondrous ways is through the ***ministry of angels***.

If God is Almighty, why would He use angels in helping His own people? I do not really know. God knows what we do not know. From the beginning just after the creation of the world and everything in it, we saw the work of angels in the affairs of men. We saw the move of angels from heaven into the earth realm to perform a variety of businesses. Some came to perform the counsel of the LORD in obedience while others who were disobedient came to fulfill their own evil desires.

No matter what happened, we saw the interference of angels with mankind. Has God stopped working with His angels whom He created to serve Him and His children who are to receive salvation? Is the ministry of angels ended after the old covenant was done away with and a new covenant obtained and established? Are there no more angels? Are they dead? Where have they gone to? Are they gone into hiding or have they retired from work? Somebody, have you ever asked yourself this

question before? Have you sat down to meditate on these things?

Very few is being taught, preached and spoken about in regards to the ministry of angels in the kingdom of God. They seemed to have been left out of the whole kingdom affair. They seemed to have been neglected and almost forgotten in our time and generation. Much is being said about Christ, the Holy Spirit, heaven, faith but very little is said concerning angels. Is it because the Holy Ghost has taken over the affairs of things in this dispensation that is why there is no need for angels? The Holy Ghost, God the Father and God the Son and angels have been working together from the beginning after the creation of man. It is God the Father who decides what form of help to give to His children and what means or channel by which it should come. He chooses to send His Spirit (the Holy Spirit) or His angels or any other forms by which to save His own.

***SMA.***



## **CHAPTER 1**

# **WHO ARE ANGELS?**

Angels are created beings just like ‘man.’ The only uncreated beings in the whole universe are God, Jesus (Word) and the Holy Spirit. Apart from these three personalities all other personalities and things were created. The creation of angels is not vividly described in the Bible as we have for man. But the truth still remains that, they were created by God.

The mere fact that they were created makes every one of them subject to the one who created them. No angel is greater, bigger, stronger, wiser, or powerful than God. Everything they have and are made of came from God. Their source of life and everything that pertains to life and godliness comes from Elohim.

They have a will just as man has a will. They are to take decisions for themselves as beings created by God. By this power of choice, some of them were persuaded by Lucifer in heaven, and he convinced them to follow him to rebel against God. That evil decision brought about



the fall of those angels, who are now working seriously against God, His kingdom and children. We call these fallen angels **‘demons.’**

Angels are not human beings. They are supernatural beings. They have the ability to transform their nature or form to resemble humans but their original form is not the natural human form (**Heb. 13. 2**). Human beings were created from the dust of the earth but angels are believed not to be created from the dust of the earth.

Angels were created to be ministers (servants). They are ministers unto both God and His children.

I. God’s ministers

*“Who maketh his angels spirits;  
his ministers a flaming fire”*

**Psalms 104:4 (KJV)**

II. Believers’ ministers

*“Are they not all ministering  
spirits, sent forth to minister for  
them who shall be heirs of  
salvation?”* **Heb 1:14 (KJV)**

Angels were primarily created to be ministers or servants. That is their major duty and calling

from God their maker. They are just to serve. But whom are they to serve? They are to serve God and God's children. Some people say angels were created to be ministers unto God alone but that is not true. They were created to be ministers unto believers as well. They are supposed to be at our beck and call as they are unto God. As servants to us, they are to heed to our requests by the authority given to us by Christ. The ministry of angels unto believers will be discussed later in this classic book. But in regards to God, they minister unto Him in various ways which include the following:

- i. Messengers
- ii. Worshippers
- iii. Guards (army host)

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## **CHAPTER 2**

# **TAXONOMY OF ANGELS**

Taxonomy is the branch of science concerned with the classification especially organisms. Angels are also classified based on their functions in the kingdom of God. Angels can be classified as:

### **TRANSPORT ANGELS (Lk. 16:22)**

They transport people into heaven by carrying them there and showing them the way. Get to think of it. How can one know the path that leads to heaven if you are not led by someone? Similarly, demons lead sinners into hell (**Isa. 14:9**). In **Lk. 16:22**, Lazarus was carried by an angel into Abraham's bosom. In the same way they carry people into heaven or paradise today since Abraham's bosom had been emptied and all who used to be there are now in paradise or heaven (**2Cor.12:2-4**).

### **MINISTERING ANGELS (Matt. 4:11, Mk. 1:13)**

Ministering angels are special aids sent to people who find themselves in one need or the

other. They come to minister to our needs. Whatever it is that is lacking, these ministering angels provide it when they come to our aid. They do this in various ways which cannot be enumerated. They are also known as service angels. Theirs is to serve. They can minister physical strength to us like they did to Jesus (**Matt. 4:11**). They can minister healing, comfort, counsel, wisdom, direction, perform miracles (miracle babies), signs and wonders (**Jn. 5:4**) or bring us anything we might have need of; say food, as in the case of Elijah (**1Kings 19:5, 7**). Some of them are set apart to work on the prayers of the saints. They mix our prayers with incense in vials before they present them to God on the golden altar which is before the throne (**Rev. 5:8, 8:3**).

**WORSHIPPERS (Lk. 2:13, Rev. 5:11, 14, 7:11)**

These are the angels specifically made for worship. They do not do any other thing apart from giving God worship. **60/1** and **24/7** they are in constant worship to “*God which sitteth upon the throne.*” Some of them are there to give God praise, others sing unto Him. Everything in the range of singing, praises and

worship is done by these angels **(Rev. 5:8, 19:4-6)**. They can never stop doing what they were made for.

### **WARRIORS (2Kings 19:35, Rev. 12:7)**

These are the angels made for war or to fight to defend God, His kingdom and His children. They fight against the devil and demons who try resist the will of God from being carried out in the earth realm and heavenly places. They come to our aid to fight our physicals battles when there is a need. When the King of Assyria threatened Israel, King Hezekiah prayed to God for help. And the help God gave him was to send one angel of war. And this angel single handedly come to kill the 185, 000 soldiers of Sennacherib, King of Assyria. These were the angels that fought Lucifer and his angels and drove them out of heaven. Principality (Archangel) Michael is the chief warrior angel and the others are subjects to him. They have never lost a battle before and never will they lose any because they have the name and blood of Jesus to call upon **(Rev. 12:8, 11)**.

**MESSENGERS (Lk. 2:15, Jn. 20:12, Acts 7:53, Gal. 3:19, Heb. 2:2)**

These are angels who bring us news or information from heaven. They do nothing apart from working with information. They carry news from the earth into heaven as well.

**GUARDIAN ANGELS (Rev. 1:20, 21:12, Lk. 4:10, Matt. 18:10)**

There are guardian angels for individuals and cooperate bodies. These are angels that are sent from the presence of God to protect us. They have a command to protect us against danger and evil sent by the devil. Our safety is their duty. They are ever present with us and they behold every step of ours. There is nothing about our lives that are hidden from them. Even in darkness they behold our manner of conversations. When we are asleep they still have a duty to be with us.

In **Lk, 4:10**, the Bible said that the angels of God have been given a charge from God to protect or keep us. While in **Rev. 1:20**, we are told that there are guardian angels for churches. If there are angels for churches then other organizations which have their foundation of

establishment as Christ will also have guardian angels. Examples include Christian schools, banks, hospitals, NGO's, universities, companies, organization etc. But in **Matt. 18:10**, Jesus spoke about guardian angels for children. These angels are always given to us when we are born into this world. And they never cease to be ours when we grow to become adults. Until a man dies or is carried into heaven his guardian angel does not leave him.

**HARVESTERS (Matt. 13:39, Mk. 13:27, Rev. 7:1)**

These are angels prepared for war and the reaping of the harvest at the end of this age. They will appear with Christ in the end time and gather in the elect of God.

**JESUS' ARMY (Matt. 16:27)**

These are angels that form the army of Christ. They serve Christ in a special way in that, they are to protect Him and minister unto Him in everything. They will be part of the angels that will appear with Christ at His second appearing in great glory and power.

**DEMONIC ANGELS (Matt. 25:41, Rev. 12:9)**



This type of angels were the army of heavenly angels that were cast down from heaven with the devil at their rebellion against God. They are angels but they are not on God's side again. They are fighting the will of God on earth. Hence they are no longer God's angels but are known as the devil's angels. They belong to the devil. We call them demons but they are fallen angels. They do not look very different from the heavenly angels and we must be sensitive to know which angels to deal with in life.

### **ETERNAL FACTS ABOUT ANGELS**

**Angels do not marry neither are they given in marriage (Mk. 12:25)**

Angels do not reproduce among themselves. That is, there are no angels which can get pregnant in order to carry the seed for nine months before they deliver. It is recorded that angels came down to earth to sleep with the daughters of men. And the women gave birth to offspring's with great stature. But there is no record of angel to angel reproduction. All the angels we have were created by God. None was ever born.

## **Angels do not die and likewise fallen angels (demons) (Lk. 20:36)**

All the angels who were created by God are still alive up to date. They are eternal beings. Death has no power over them. It is therefore useless to pray that demons should die. Out of ignorance some believers pray to kill the devil and demons. But that is a wrong prayer to pray. It is called praying amiss. No believer no matter his or her level of anointing or closeness with God can kill the devil or demon. Never pray that prayer as a believer. The only thing Jesus asked the church to do to demons and the devil is to cast them out. If God wanted them dead Jesus Christ would have killed all of them before leaving into heaven. Or I am sure Paul the apostle would have killed all of them before dying.

## **You cannot bind the devil or demons**

There is nowhere in the Bible where God assures as that He has given as power or authority to *bind* (tie down or chain) the devil or demons. The only permission we have is to *cast them out*. All this *“I bind the devil”*, *“I bind demons of my father’s house”*, *“I chain the devil”*, *“I chain the demon of poverty”* are all

praying amiss-wrong prayers! People stand on **Matt. 12:29** to bind the devil and his angels. But Jesus did not say in that verse that we should bind the devil. It is a false interpretation that has been given to that particular verse. It has been misconstrued by many. What Jesus actually meant was that He was able to cast out demons because He has defeated the chief demon—the devil. So if the chief demon, the strong man has been defeated then his servants and goods can be spoiled. He did not say He has bound the devil so that he cannot move. No!

The devil has been moving about since the days of Jesus and he still does today. He is not in any chain. Peter said he is moving about looking for someone to devour (**1Pet. 5:8**). The angels who disobeyed God and came to the earth and slept with the daughters of men have been put in chains by God Himself awaiting judgment. No one can ever chain any other demon till Christ returns.

Another verse people use to bind the devil is **Matt. 18:18**. Here again, people misconstrue what Jesus said. In their minds, they think Jesus said that they should bind the devil or things in this life. But that's not true. The word

'bind' as it used by Jesus only means 'to allow', 'to permit' or 'to agree on.' And you can understand it only if you read the text contextually. Then the word 'loose' as used by Jesus in that same verse also does not literally mean to untie something. But it means 'to disallow', 'not to permit', or 'not to agree on.'

We can pray to thwart, frustrate, cancel, interfere, disrupt and stop the works of the devil and demons. And in one sense it can be termed as 'binding' their works but not with the literal meaning of tying them down.

### **Tongues of angels**

*"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."* **(1Cor. 13:1)**

Angels like human beings have their own languages and dialects they communicate with. Men on earth do not speak the language of angels unless by the supernatural impartation of the Holy Ghost. And even that, we are only allowed to speak for a brief moment. We call that gift diverse kinds of tongues **(1Cor. 12:10).**

## **Angels are not to be worshipped**

*“...I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow-servant...”  
(Rev. 22:7-8).*

Angels were never created to be worshipped or to receive worship. No heavenly angel will receive worship from men because worship belongs to God alone. The devil and his angels compel their followers to worship them. They receive worship from men. Hence the devil and demons are worshipped in the kingdom of darkness. Angels of darkness who may transform themselves into angels of light can compel a believer to worship them but true angels of light will never accept worship from any man.

## **Angelic worship is demonic**

Because no true angel of light will accept worship from any man, all the angels whom people claim to worship are demons. Hence to say you are worshipping an angel of God is devilish and demonic (**Col. 2:18**)

## **The power of angels**

Man without Christ has a natural strength and ability. But man with Christ has both natural and supernatural strength and ability. The natural ability of man cannot be compared with the supernatural one. Angels are supernatural beings and hence only operate with supernatural abilities. Their ability is the power of God at work in them. Therefore, they are very powerful beings and can do the impossible and unimaginable. Peter said

*“Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might...” (2Pet. 2:11).*

Paul said

*“...when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels” (2Thess. 1:7)*

And the Psalmist said

*“...ye his angels that excel in strength...” (Ps. 103:20)*

*Angelic power is God-power and angelic ability is God-ability.....SMA*

**Angels are not all-knowing**

Angels are not omniscient like God. They only get to know things they are told, taught or as the thing happens then they become aware of it. Most people do not know this about angels. They have always thought that angels are omniscient. Angels learn more about God by observing our relation and fellowship with God **(1Pet. 1:12)**. For example, they learn about the love of God by the way God expresses His love towards us. Angels do not know what we have on our minds until we speak them out but God does. In the same vein, the devil and demons do not know what we have on our minds until we engage in communication with them. They mostly get to know things about us when we voice them out. They do not have knowledge about the future. They only know about the past and present things but the futuristic things they have to be told.

Angels and demons travel by spiritual means. They can appear and disappear as they so wish. They are not omnipresent. They can only be at one place at a time. Familiar spirits are therefore demons that have stayed long with people in a certain locality and have become so familiar and acquainted with their lives and can give details concerning them.

## CHAPTER 3

# TYPES OF ANGELS

There are different types of angels. Though they are all one and the same they come in various forms. The form in which they appear or are created determine the function they perform and that is what brings about the distinction between them. Below are the various types of angels.

- Cherubim
- Seraphim
- The four living creatures ( four beasts)
- Principalities
- Thrones
- Powers
- Might
- Dominions
- Rulers of the darkness of this world
- Spiritual wickedness in high places

The scripture references to the above points are **Gen. 3:24, Eph. 1: 21, 6:12, Pet. 3:22, Rev. 7:11.**



## **THE NATURE OF ANGELS**

There are different types of bodies. The kind of body a thing possesses defines its nature. According to the word of God, all flesh are not the same. There two major types of bodies. These are:

- Terrestrial bodies (**1 Cor. 15:40**)
- Celestial bodies (**1 Cor. 15:40**)

### **What Are Terrestrial Bodies?**

These are bodies of things which can be found only on the earth surface or this world. They are bodies of things living either on land, in water or trees (air) - arboreal. Terrestrial bodies are also called natural bodies because they belong to things that are natural in nature (**1Cor.15:44**). The various categories of terrestrial bodies are:

- i. Flesh of men (human beings)
- ii. Flesh of beasts (animals on the earth)
- iii. Flesh of fishes (animal in water bodies)
- iv. Flesh of birds (all types of birds of the air)

## **WHAT ARE CELESTIAL BODIES?**

These are bodies of living beings in ‘heaven’ or heavenly places. These type of bodies are quite different from those that are terrestrial. They may look alike but they differ in glory. The glory of celestial bodies are far greater and higher than terrestrial bodies. The glory of a particular body comes in its beauty and make-up. God Himself made them to be so. We have to appreciate Him for His wisdom in creation. There is none like our God. Celestial bodies are also referred to as ‘spiritual bodies’ because they belong to things that are supernatural and spiritual in nature (**1Cor. 15:44**).

### **The Various Categories Of Celestial Bodies Are:**

- i. The spiritual body of God and the Holy Spirit.
- ii. The spiritual (glorified) body of Jesus Christ.
- iii. The spiritual body of the holy angels of God.

## **The True Nature of Angels**

*“Who [God] maketh his angels spirits;  
his ministers a flaming fire” Psalms  
104:4 (KJV)*

When God created the angels, He made them **spirits**. That should tell us that they were not created from the dust of the earth like man. All angels are spirits in nature. The Bible said, He [God], made (created, formed, fashioned, designed) His angels spirits. From this scripture, we can say that, angels do not have flesh as human beings do. They may transform themselves to possess the human nature but that is not their original nature. Their original nature is that they are spirits. That is how they were created.

Another nature of angels is that, they are made of fire or “flames of fire.” This type of fire has not been described in the word of God but we know they are made of fire or have the nature of fire. What that means is that, they burn like fire, and that fire has every ability that a natural fire has. That is very remarkable. It is because that is the very nature of God.

## **Similarities between God and Angels**

The word of God has this to say about the holy angels of God:

*“Who [God] maketh his angels SPIRITS;  
his ministers a FLAMING FIRE”*  
**Psalms 104:4 (KJV)**

And concerning God, the Bible said:

*“God is a SPIRIT: and they that worship  
him must worship him in spirit and in  
truth.”* **John 4:24 (KJV)**

*“For our God is a CONSUMING FIRE.”*  
**Heb 12:29 (KJV)**

From the above scriptures, we can see that both God and His holy angels have a lot in common when it comes to their nature. They both have the same nature if you critically observe the words used to describe them. The first nature they have in common is that they are both ‘spirits.’ God is a spirit and He made His angels to be spirits as well. The second nature they have in common is that, they are both ‘consuming fire.’ The angels of God burn like fire just as God, except that the intensity of the heat or light is different. Some of these angels

guard the throne of God and the throne is made of fire. Therefore, if the angels are not made of fire in nature, they cannot guard the throne of God. The fire coming from both God and His throne will kill them. It is therefore necessary for them to be made as flaming fire—to have the same nature as God and His throne.

### **Different Types of Glories**

Even in the same class of a particular thing there are different degrees of glories. For example, if you take the terrestrial bodies, you would find out that the bodies of human beings is the kind that tops the quality chart. Human beings have the most glorious bodies when it comes to terrestrial bodies (**1Cor. 15:39**). Our bodies are of a better quality than that of other animals which walk on the earth. In comparison, celestial bodies are of a higher and glorious degree of glory to terrestrial bodies. Beings in heaven all have glorious bodies as compared with that of beings found on the earth.

In heaven, God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost have the most glorious bodies. There is no being in all creation which can compare with

the Godhead in glory. Their bodies are light and fire and they are spirits.

*“...for one star differeth from another star in glory” 1 Cor 15:41 (KJV)*

Though God and angels are all heavenly beings, they differ in glory. As we can see from the scripture above, one star differs from another star in glory. A star is a star but two stars are not the same in glory. In the same vein, God and angels have the same nature but they do not have the same degree of glory. God’s glory is far higher than that of angels.

## **Special Definition of Specific Angels and Their Duties.**

### **Cherubs**

The cherubim are flaming angels of God. They are found closest to the throne, and “walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.” The mere fact that they walk up and down in the midst of the stones of fire means that they are guardian angels in heaven. They protect the throne of God and the One who sits high and lifted on the throne.

They also join the four living creatures in worship to the high and lifted One who is on the throne. Aside these duties, they serve as messenger angels who are sent to guard very important properties of God (**Gen. 3:24**). Cherubs are sometimes referred to as living creatures in the Bible and they have either four or six wings. Two for covering their sides, two for covering their bodies and the remaining two for flying (**Eze. 1:6, Rev. 4:8**).

The devil, satan, old serpent or great dragon; who used to be called Lucifer in heaven, before he and his angels were cast down to the earth was once an *anointed cherub*. The devil used to be very close to the throne of God and that was why he thought it to be equal with God and wanted to be worshipped like God. That was how come iniquity entered his heart; and he sinned against God and was cast out of heaven together with the angels who joined him in that revolt (**Eze. 28:13-18**).

## **Seraphs**

The seraphims are also flaming angels of God who protect the throne of God. And by this, they

are also found closest to the throne of God. Seraphs together with cherubs and the four beasts stand to guard the throne of God. Together they worship and adore the high and lifted One, who is on the throne. They have six wings each. They cover their face with two wings, feet with two wings and fly with the remaining two.

### **Living creatures**

Living creatures have the same nature as cherubs and seraphs. They are all flaming angels who are found closest to the throne of God on the holy mountain (**Eze. 1:13**). They also join the holy assembly of cherubs and seraphs to worship and adore the high and lifted One, who is on the throne (**Rev. 4:8**). They do not rest neither day nor night, and all they do is to worship the King of kings. This is what they always say:

*“Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.” **Rev 4:8 (KJV)***

Their wings are full of eyes within them and that makes them very beautiful to behold.



## **Principalities**

Principalities are the highest rank of angels in the class of angels. Next to the Godhead in power are the principalities. All other angels are subject to them. They are able to fight and win their battles against the lower ranked angels (**Dan.10:13**). They are the closest to God and His throne in heaven and they stand in the presence of God continually. I believe that all cherubs, seraphs, and the living creatures are all principalities.

The devil is also ranked as a **principality** (**Jn 14:30, Eph. 2:2**) and that makes him lower in every respect to the Godhead. The devil is no match for God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Principalities are also known as *archangels* (**Jude 9**).

### **Some Known Principalities**

*Angel Michael (Dan. 10:13)*

*Angel Gabriel (Lk. 1:19)*

*Prince of Persia (Dan. 10:13)*

*Prince of Grecia (Dan. 10:20)*

## **Duties of Principalities**

There are principalities on the side of God and there are others who are on the side of the devil. They are territorial rulers who take dominion over continents, kingdoms, nations, and countries. They are warriors by nature and they fight to occupy territories and to protect the already conquered ones.

Principalities on the side of God always work to bring the will and purpose of God to pass for the people in the territories they oversee. They seek to push the cause and agenda of God. They work together with God in fulfilling His will and purpose for the earth. The princes on the side of God include the seraphs, cherubs and four living creatures who guard the throne of God in heaven.

The principalities on the side of the devil are also territorial commanders who fight against God and His people. They make the territories they rule do what they please but not the will of God. They make the people do what they want and they try to redirect the cause and destiny of those nations. They determine the lifestyle and the characteristics of the people in the territories they oversee. It is a terrible thing to

be under the control and influence of principalities working against God and His kingdom.

They are very wicked angels and the devil is the chief among them. The highest ranking principality in the kingdom darkness is the devil himself. He is nothing higher than that. That is great news to the believer because it makes us understand that, not only is the devil nothing before our God but also before us. We are higher in rank and power than the devil (**Eph. 1:22**).

### **Thrones, Powers, Might, and Dominions.**

These are also territorial commanders and warriors. They are below the principalities. They work and serve the principalities because the princes oversee the larger territories they have. Thrones, powers, might and dominions take charge over small territories like towns, cities, villages, clans, tribes, localities, organizations—companies, banks, factories, institutions, schools, hospitals, government ministries-agencies-departments , seat of governance (the presidency), parliament, ministers, churches and families.

Their domain is limited to a small area while principalities have their domain extending over a wider area. Principalities influence people through thrones, powers, might, and dominions. And that means that they are not directly in contact with the people but they do everything through their subjects.

These type of angels [thrones, powers, might and dominions] do not only belong to the side of Satan but there are some in heaven who belong to God and they minister unto Him and His children. This point should be well noted because not all of them are working for the devil.

The angel who was released from heaven to bring Daniel an answer to his prayer was not a prince [principality] but was of a lower rank. That angel belonged to the class of angels we are talking about now. How do we know? The first indicator is that, he could not overpower the prince of Persia when he got into a fight with him. The prince of Persia held him captive and prevented him from coming into the earthly realm. It is only someone superior to you who can stop you from doing what you want to do, and that was exactly what happened.

The second indicator is that, a reinforcement had to be sent from the throne room of God to help this helpless angel. Michael, who is one of the chief princes in heaven, was sent to help the angel who had been captured by the prince of Persia. It is clear from the scriptures that no other angel of a rank lower than a prince or archangel could have been sent to set this captured angel free. By the mere fact that Michael was sent means that the first angel was of a lower rank than Michael.

The third thing to note is that, when Michael came, he was able to set the first angel free, for him to bring Daniel his answer from God. That means that, the second angel sent from heaven had the power to fight the prince of Persia, signifying that they were of the same rank.

The reason why the angels of God are able to defeat the angels on the side of the devil with whom they have the same rank and power is because, those on the side of God have the privilege to tap into the power of the blood of Jesus and with the confessions of their lips **(Rev. 12:11)**.

Now, we can see again that, Michael the chief prince never came down to bring the message to

Daniel. He rather came to set the first angel free and allowed him to bring the message to Daniel. It is not because Michael did not know what the message was about. It is not because Michael did not want to come into the earthly realm. And finally, it is not because Michael had been banned from coming into the earthly realm. Spiritual principles must always be obeyed and that was exactly what Michael did. He is an archangel or a prince, and therefore, he did not need to contact Daniel on a personal level without the instruction of God. He is supposed to send an angel who is subject to him as an archangel. And we said earlier on that, princes rule over very large areas but they do that through their subjects who are directly in charge of small domains like villages, cities, towns, clans, churches, families etc. Therefore, by order, Michael can only reach Daniel through an angel who belongs to the class of angels we are discussing now. The few times Michael was allowed to come into the earthly realm to deliver messages (to both Zachariah and Mary), it was by divine instruction from God Himself. And apart from those incidences, Michael has not been seen on the earth yet.

People do not know that there are angels sent from both God and the devil, for and against families, churches and cities. The seven churches of God in Asia Minor had angels guarding them. These angels were not princes but they belonged to the class of angels we are now discussing. They directly deal with the souls of the church members because they are always in contact with the church. If churches have angels, then you should believe it that, families, villages, cities, organizations and institutions have angels. God sends His angels to guard and protect His people but the devil sends his angels [demons] to destroy God's people. God's angels are for the people of God while the devil's angels are against the people of God.

### **Rulers of the Darkness of This World**

These class of angels rule in darkness. Darkness here connotes ungodliness, profane, unholiness. They have been sent forth by the devil to perpetuate things against godliness, purity and chastity. The things that people do in darkness include the following: fornication, sexual immorality, drunkenness, rioting, chambering, wantonness, strife, envy etc.

*“The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.”*

**Romans 13:12-13 (KJV)**

All these things and any other things belonging to such things as these are caused by this class of angels called rulers of the darkness of this world. They make people walk in ignorance and therefore, walk contrary to scripture.

### **Spiritual wickedness in high places**

These class of angels are in charge of every form of wickedness that goes on in the earthly realm. They influence people to think, imagine, plan and execute wickedness against their fellow human beings. Every orchestration of wickedness in the earthly realm is instigated by this class of angels. Murder, armed robbery, tribal wars, terrorist groups—‘Boko Haram’, ‘Al-shabab’, ‘Isis’, ‘alquaeda’, etc. are as a result of this class of angels.



## **We Shall Judge Angels**

*“Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life?” 1 Cor. 6:3 (KJV)*

Believers according to the teaching of the word of God will judge angels. By the word ‘angels’, it means that, we are going to judge all the class of angels and none will escape the judgment from us. Ranging from the principalities to the lowest class of angels, they are all going to be judged by us.

If we are going to judge angels, then it means that we are of a higher rank and power than all of them. There is no angel who is higher in hierarchical power than a believer. In term of creation, they were made to have a heavenly body which believers do not have. But by virtue of the believer being in Christ, he has been ranked higher than all the angels.

## **Angels Were Elected By God**

*“I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing*

***nothing by partiality.” 1 Tim 5:21  
(KJV)***

The angels who are in heaven right now were elected by God. And that is why they were not deceived by the devil when he rebelled against God in heaven. Those who were not elected by God, fell to the lie of the devil and were thereby deceived to follow him.

There is something amazing about this point. Believers who will make it to heaven will be those who have been elected by God. Though God wants all men to be saved, the truth is that not all men would be saved except those who had been elected before the foundation of the world by God (**Acts 13:48, 1Tim. 2:10, Col. 3:12, Rom. 8:33, 1Pet. 1:2**).

### **Angels and Christ Jesus**

No angel comes close to Christ in terms of rank, power or dominion. Christ Jesus is of a higher rank than all the holy angels of God. There are several reasons why this is so. These include (**Heb. 1:1-14**):

- i. The sacrifice of Christ on the cross to purge our sins has caused Him to be made better than all the angels.
- ii. By His sacrifice on the cross, He has been made to sit down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.
- iii. God spoke to Him and declared, "Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to me a Son."
- iv. God said "let all the angels worship Him."
- v. God said to Him "thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom."
- vi. God said "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."
- vii. God said "And Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands."
- viii. God said to Him "Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool."

But concerning the angels of God, He only said:

*“Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?” (Heb. 1:14)*

God said eight powerful things about the Son—Jesus Christ and none of the angels have those things said about them. And that is how come Jesus was made higher than all the angels in terms of rank. The only thing God said about the angels was that, they are all ministering spirits. Never think that any of the angels is of a higher rank than Christ Jesus.

### **Angels and Believers**

Who is a Christian or believer? A Christian or believer is one who is ‘*in Christ.*’ Christ is the Son of God and all believers are sons of God. Christ is the first born among many brethren, so He is our eldest brother and we are all His siblings. We have the same Father as Him.

God is not a Father to any of the angels as He is to us. Angels are His servants or ministers. We are not servants but ‘**sons.**’ They will never become sons of God in the sense in which we are to God. They can be referred to as ‘*the sons of God*’ (**Job 1:6**) because they were created by God to serve Him but they can never become

sons of God by being born again as we are (**Jn. 1:12-13**).

By our birth in Christ, we have been placed on a higher rank than all the angels. None of the angels comes close to us in terms of spiritual ranking. All believers are on the same rank with Christ Jesus- The rank of **“Sonship.”** All the angels are on the rank of **“servantship.”** All sons of God are higher in rank than all the angels of God.

Again, all believers have been made to sit together with Christ Jesus in ‘heavenly places’. No angel of God has been made to sit down at the right hand of God in ‘heavenly places.’ I heaven and in the kingdom of God those who are seated are higher than those standing. And believers have been made to sit while angels are standing. God is seated, Jesus Christ is seated and believers have been made to sit by God in Christ. That is the mystery. We are of a higher rank than all the angels.

Furthermore, Christ who is the head of all things, both in heaven, on earth and under the earth; was made to be head of all those things onto the church—which is the body of Christ. We are the body of Christ and therefore, we are

automatically partakers of His power and authority. According to the scriptures, Christ is above all principalities, powers etc.

*“...and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.” Eph 1:20-23*

Christ’s victory is a victory for the believer and to the believer. It means that, His victory is our victory and therefore, His upliftment is our upliftment. The glorification of Christ is our glorification. So, as He is seated on the throne, we have been made to sit too, and that makes all believers higher in rank than all the angels.

### **Satan as an Angel of Light**

*“And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light”*  
**2Cor. 11:14**

The devil or Satan was once an angel of light until he was thrown down from heaven to earth. According to the scriptures, God did not take anything from him. All his abilities (powers) and beauty (glories) are still intact except they have been perverted or corrupted (**Ezek. 28:15**). The fact that they have become corrupted does not mean they have become inactive. No! It just means they have become evil instead of good. It is for this reason that the devil is able to transform himself into any form he pleases. That is why he can be seen sometimes as an angel of light. The angels of light are the angels on the side of God while the angels of darkness are the fallen angels (demons) that were thrown down from heaven with Lucifer.

All believers must be careful of this cunning ability of the devil. If one is not led by the Holy Spirit, you may mistake the devil for an angel of light. Even though the devil can transform himself into an angel of light, the Spirit of God can witness to believers to know the type of spirit they are dealing with at any point in time. Our ability to hear from the Spirit of God is key in this case. The works of the devil if not discerned, may be mistaken for the works of

God. If the Bible says the devil can turn himself into an angel of light, all it is trying to say is that, the devil may try to do things which look very close to that of God. He can speak to you and you may think the voice is coming from God. Or, the devil may show you a vision and you may think that vision is coming from God. Also, the devil has empowered many false brethren who are moving about healing, working signs and miracles, preaching and teaching, and doing all sort of goodly things without the power of God **(2Cor. 11:13, 15)**. They deceive others by imitating the works of God through the power of the devil **(2Cor. 11:13, 15)**. We must be very careful in all things and we must test all spirits to see if they are indeed of God before believing them **(1Jn. 4:1)**.

*“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”*



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## CHAPTER 4

# THE WORK OF ANGELS IS NOT OVER YET

Until you believe in something and its existence, it does not work for you (**Isa. 7:9, Lk. 1:45**). Until a matter is established in our spirits, we are not in the position to reap the full benefits if not none out of it. What you believe is what works for you. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance (**1 Tim. 4:9**). Better still you can say *‘whatever you doubt in your heart, also doubts you or whatever you don’t believe, also doesn’t believe you.’* Christ said if you deny me before men, I will also deny you before my Father (**Matt 10:33**).

Beloved, I want you to be clear in your mind and have no doubts in your heart about this matter, that angels do exist and that their ministry to those who have inherited salvation still goes on unabated. They have never stopped working from the times of old and they will never stop working because the Bible says:

***“Whatsoever God doeth it shall be forever” (Eccls. 3:14).***

There is something powerful about believing. It is those who believed in Christ, who were given the right to become the sons of God.

***“But as many as received Him, to them gave he the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on His name” (Jn. 1:12).***

As many as did not believe were not made sons of God. If you do not believe, that does not also mean that there are no sons of God, because there are, only that you are not a part of that family. Whatever privileges the sons of God would enjoy, you cannot enjoy because you are not a son and this is because you have not believed on His name. Those who believe are made sons of God automatically. They qualify to benefit from all their rights and privileges. In the same vein when you believe in the existence of angels, you would benefit from the ministry of angels in your life.

There is no doubt about the fact that God used angels in the old dispensation. There is also no doubt about the work of angels in the ministry

of Christ Jesus during His days on earth because there were a lot of angelic visitations to mankind; before His birth, at His birth and in His earthly ministry until He ascended into heaven and sent the promise of the Father.

The confusion and challenge of many has been after the coming of the Holy Spirit. Many think that after **“He, the Spirit of truth”** who shall lead us into all truth and shall teach us things has come, then there is no need for angels anymore. The focuses of many believers have shifted unto the Holy Ghost and they have forgotten about angels and their commitment to us as children of God. Whatever you possess and you do not use lies dormant and may go waste if neglected for a very long time. I think most believers are missing out big time by not engaging the work of angels in their lives. God the Father is the judge of all. He commissioned the Son to a particular ministry. And likewise the Holy Spirit to another ministry. So also has He commissioned the angels to a particular ministry in His kingdom. There is a particular work each must do. The work of each is distinctive. None takes the place of another. We must recognize angels for who they are, what

they are to us and the part they play in the kingdom of our God.

The church of God began after the coming of the Holy Spirit. The acts of the Holy Spirit through the early disciples and apostles are seen in the book of Acts. Even the disciples who were baptized with the Holy Spirit had angels appearing to them to minister unto them. If angels ministered to the disciples of the early church, then we in these latter days are not to be different. If angels ministered unto Peter the Apostle and Paul the Apostle, then the ministry of angels is not over yet, for we are living in the same dispensation as they lived.

We have the same covenant as they did. This is how I know it is true. Christ obtained for both us and them the better covenant with better promises (**Heb. 8:6**). They lived in the last days and we are also living in the last days. They lived under the dispensation of the Holy Spirit and we are also living under the dispensation of the Holy Ghost. Nothing really has changed except the generation of people. Their generation is past and gone even though they still live:

*“He is not God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err”  
(Matt 12:27).*

This is our time; our generation and we must make good use of all that God has freely given us by His Spirit. They began the dispensation which we are living in now. We are just continuing what they started. There is no advantage with one generation over the other. Our God has not changed and so we have the same God they had. Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever (**Heb.13:8**) and so we have the same risen and glorified Christ in us and with us just as they also had Him. The same Holy Ghost that came upon them on the day of Pentecost is the same Holy Ghost that we are baptized with when we believe in Christ. Again the same angels that ministered to them are the same angels we have today. I believe God is not creating new angels. I believe so because the word of God says that He has ceased from His works.

*“For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest on the seventh day from all His works” (Heb. 4:4).*

This scripture means that God is no more creating. If He is no longer creating, then we have the same angels at work today as they used to be during the days of Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Jesus, Peter, Paul and the other disciples. Here are some New Testament scriptural proofs of angels at work in the lives of the sons of God.

*“Be not forgetful to entertain strangers:  
for thereby some have entertained  
angels unawares” (Heb. 13:2).*

The writer of the book of Hebrews in this text does not doubt the existence of angels at all. What he is saying is that angels have visited many believers without them knowing and that, angels would not stop visiting men. But will continue to visit men all the time and hence what we need to do as children of God is that we should not be forgetful to entertain strangers. Because angels will continue to pay us visits and we might entertain them unawares. By this one scripture, which was given by the inspiration of God (**2 Tim.3:16**), we can see that angels will never stop visiting the children of God until all the children of God are no more on this earth. As long as there is a child of God on this earth,

angels of God will continue to visit the earth from heaven; where they dwell.

Paul the Apostle said to Timothy his son in the Lord through writing:

*“I Paul charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels , that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality” (1 Tim. 5:21).*

This great Apostle of Christ, who had many revelations about heaven and had a very deep and strange in-depth knowledge about Christ said unto his son in the Lord, I charged you first of all before God; secondly before the Lord Jesus Christ, and finally before the **elect angels** of God. Why would he include angels as witnesses if they were not necessary or needed? Why were they mentioned here together with God and Christ if they were not still in their business to which they were commissioned from the beginning by God? If they had ceased from their work and ministry, they would not have been mentioned as witnesses in this text. God who *“keepeth Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps;”* lives forever (**Ps 121:4**). Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever (**Heb.**



**13:8)** also abides forever, therefore the angels who are the third witnesses mentioned in the text above must also be eternal beings to remain faithful witnesses. If not, Paul who knew better would not have mentioned angels in this particular instance. Maybe he would have mentioned the Holy Spirit instead but since angels are mentioned here as faithful witnesses, their work and ministry is ***not over yet***. They forever live to do what they were created to do by God. But some believers have failed to recognize the relevance and importance of angels in their lives.

## **CHAPTER 5**

# **ANGELS AT WORK IN JESUS' MINISTRY**

Our Lord Jesus Christ who was both the Son of God and the son of man had angels to minister unto Him in His earthly ministry. If Jesus who was full of the Holy spirit, the one to whom God gave the Spirit without measure (**Jn. 3:34**) and who said that the Father was always with Him and had never left Him alone could have angels to minister to Him, then how about us who have received of His fullness (**Jn. 1:16**). We have as individuals of the body of Christ received of His fullness. This means that we have the Spirit by measure. I believe that is why Paul the Apostle by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost said we should not be:

*“Drunk with wine wherein is excess but be filled with the Spirit” (**Eph.5:18**).*

If we were filled once and forever, he would not admonish us to be always filled with the spirit. Now if Jesus, who had the fullness of the Godhead, dwelling in Him bodily (**Col. 2:9**)

and had no imperfections in Him, had angels to minister unto Him, how about us who have imperfection in us since we are being perfected every day to be like Christ. If He needed the ministry of angels in His earthly ministry, then we also need the ministration of angels in fulfilling our call or ministry here on earth too.

Matthew in his gospel made us to understand that after Christ was baptized and was full of the Holy Spirit, He was led into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted of the Devil and after the temptation, angels came to minister unto Him.

*“Then the devil leaveth Him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him” (Matt. 4:11).*

Now,

*“If a disciple is neither above his master nor the servant above his lord” (Matt. 10:24).*

Then if angels ministered to our Lord Jesus Christ in His earthly ministry, they must minister unto us also because He is our master and we are His disciples. He is the Lord and we are His servants (**Phil. 1:1**).

Furthermore, we are co-heirs with Christ Jesus therefore we have access to every privilege Christ had from His Father. As the Father had loved Him, so has He loved us too and puts no difference between Him and us. Was it only once that angels were mentioned to have ministered unto Christ? Maybe yes, but that does not mean that was the only time angels ministered unto Him in His earthly ministry. There might have been several instances where angels ministered unto Jesus which were not recorded in the Bible (**Jn. 20:30**). Since not all things that He did were written down.

*“And there are also many other things which Jesus did [happened to Him], the which, if they should be written everyone, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written, Amen” (Jn. 21:25).*

Again, Matthew in his gospel told us that after Judas betrayed Jesus and the soldiers came together with him to arrest Jesus in the garden, the Lord Jesus made a profound statement which meant that any time He needed angelic help He called for it. That also mean that it is not always that God manifests Himself to Christ

personally or even through the operation of the Holy Ghost. Sometimes God sends His angels to perform certain tasks on His behalf. There is no one way to the way in which God saves, helps, or delivers His own people. There are several ways by which God acts, which we must know Him for and be acquainted with and be expectant in our hearts that help could come from God to us by any of those ways. And I want to assure you that one of those ways is by the ministry of angels and He still uses them today as before. Matthew wrote what Jesus said:

*“Thinketh thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?” (Matt. 26:53).*

This is Jesus talking. He said that He could pray to His Father anytime and the Father will give Him twelve legions of angels. It also presupposed that anytime the Lord Jesus needed help and He prayed to the Father for angels, He was given and was never denied. Why is this so? Because the Father loved Him and Jesus was sent by the Father. Are we also loved by the Father? Has He also sent us? If yes then we also have access to the ministry of

angels whenever we pray unto the Father for them. The reason why Jesus did not pray to the Father then when the soldiers came to arrest Him was because Jesus wanted to fulfill all that had been written about Him in the Law, Prophets and Psalms.

He came to be crucified and killed for the sins of the world and therefore if He calls for help from the Father of which He would not be denied, those angels will come and save Him from being arrested. That means that Jesus will not die for the sins of the world. And there would be no forgiveness of sins since without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness (remission) of sin (**Heb. 9:22**). For the scripture says:

*“But in that case, how could the scriptures come true which say that this is what must happen?”* (**Matt. 26:54**)  
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And again:

*“But all this was done, that the scriptures of the Prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him and fled”* (**Matt. 26:56**).

You can see that the reason why Jesus did not call for the help of angels on that particular day of His arrest was because He was walking according to what was written down by the prophets concerning Him. He was walking in the counsel of the Father. Jesus was fulfilling scripture at that time and hence the coming in of the angels at that time would have been a disobedience of Jesus to the will of the Father. It would have meant that Jesus was now walking in His own will and not the will of the **‘Father’**. But I remember the words He said:

*“For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me” (Jn. 6:38).*

And I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me **(Jn.5:30)**. Jesus walked in the perfect will of God **(Rom 12:2)** and so by the determinate counsel of God, angels were not needed at that time and so Jesus Himself did not pray to the Father for them.

## **CHAPTER 6**

# **ANGELS AT WORK IN THE MINISTRY OF THE EARLY DISCIPLES**

We have just looked at the ministry of angels in the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now let's take a look at the ministry of angels in the ministry of the early disciples and apostles. We want to begin foremost with one of Christ's greatest apostles, Paul, whose writing fills almost half of the New Testament which we read today.

### **PAUL'S MINISTRY**

There was a time when Paul needed to appear before Emperor Caesar in Rome and they had to transport him with other prisoners by sea. As they journeyed on the sea, a great storm arose that beat against the ship with which they were traveling. And all hope for them to survive was lost because all they knew to do, they did, but could just not make the ship stable on the water. Just at the point when the captain of the ship wanted to give up and kill all the prisoners,



including Paul, the Apostle rose up after a long time of going without food and said:

*“And now I exhort you to be of good cheer; for there shall be no loss of any man’s life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am and whom I serve” (Acts 27:22-23).*

You see, God could have spoken to Paul through a vision or by the Holy Spirit as He used to do unto Paul as before. Or even Christ would have appeared unto him as He did to him on his way to Damascus, but on this occasion God in His own wisdom decided to send His angel to Paul. The reason why God did this I do not know. But I want to perceive that if He had not sent an angel to Paul on that occasion, there would not have been any records of Paul’s ministry where angels would be mentioned to have ministered unto him. And if that happened, the ministry of angels would not be believed by many Christians today and those that would come after us. We are always comparing our situations to the lives of the early disciples that lived before us and oftentimes we quote the scriptures by saying

*“And Paul said”, “and Paul wrote to so and so that”, “and John said”, “and Peter said” etc.*

Prominent among them is the name of Paul. And if Paul whose name is mentioned almost every day just as the name of Christ is mentioned had no records of angels ministering to him, then believers of today will not believe in the ministry of angels. They will give the excuse that even Paul did not need angels to minister unto him so they also do not need angels to minister unto them, hence God decided to send an angel to him on that occasion. But now look at the reaction of Paul to the angelic visitation. He said:

*“For there stood by me this night the angel of God...” (Acts 27:23).*

Which means that he Paul was not ignorant about angels and their ministry to the children of God. And because he knew about angels, he was not afraid when the angel came to stand by him at night; he knew help had come to all of them. He did not report to the rest who were onboard with him on the ship that, I saw something this night that terrified me and I was greatly afraid, the thing looked like a human

being dressed in white clothing and had wings. No, Paul did not say that at all. He was fully persuaded of what he saw that particular night, so he said **“the angel of God stood by me.”** No ambiguity in his statement. *‘I saw an angel and it was God’s angel sent to me.’* Another astonishing fact we must recognize about Paul’s angelic visitation is that, Paul said:

*“Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God that it shall be even as it was told me” (v 25).*

It means that Paul was fully aware of angels and their ministry to the sons of God. So he said **“I believe God”** and that is the number one thing we should take notice of. The second thing is that he said **“it shall be even as it was told me”**. Paul believed the ‘sender’ [God] of the message and the ‘messenger’ [angel] who brought the message. “It shall be even as it was told me.” He had no iota of doubt at all. He swallowed every word wholly without wasting time. He gave no place to the devil to bring doubt and unbelief into his heart. Therefore, if there is a record of angels ministering to Paul, then believers of today and those to come would

believe in angels and their ministry in the kingdom of God.

## **PETER'S MINISTRY**

Peter who was known to be one of the chief apostles also had strange encounters with God's angels. He was one time captured by Herod the tetrarch, king of Jerusalem. The night before he would bring Peter out to be disgraced and killed, an angel of the Lord appeared unto Peter as he was sleeping in the prison between two soldiers and saved him.

*“And behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him [Peter] and a light shined in the prison; and smote Peter on the side and raised him up saying, arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands” (Acts 12:7).*

Because Peter was fast asleep, he did not realize what was happening to him but counted it to be a night vision from the Lord. Finally when the angel of the Lord departed from him, Peter confessed and said:

*“... Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent His angel and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod*

*and from all the expectations of the people of the Jew” (Acts 12 :11).*

Beloved, you again can realize that Peter also acknowledged the work of the Lord’s angel in his life. He also did not say that something which looked like a man with wings came to help me in the prison. He was also unequivocal about his statement. He said

*“Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent His angel and hath delivered me”.*

Peter knew that the helper was an angel of the Lord. When Peter was finally left alone by the angel to go his way, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying **(Acts 12:12)**. The Bible said that *“...where many (disciples) were gathered together praying [for Peter to be released].”* The number of disciples was not given but I believe they were more than a hundred disciples. I say this because in verse 5, the Bible said that prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him [Peter].

It was the church that prayed for him. The church at that time had grown in numerical strength and that is how come I believe they were more than a hundred of them on that day. Furthermore, before the coming of the Holy Spirit, the believers frequently gathered to pray as a group with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus and with His brothers (**Acts 1:14**) and even at that time the number was about a hundred and twenty (**v 15**) that always met in the upper room to pray to God. Therefore by these two pieces of evidence, I want to believe that the church in **Acts 12: 5** that prayed to God for Peter's released was about a hundred people or even more. Why am I digging out all this events? I am very interested in knowing the number of disciples that met to pray for Peter. The very core members of the disciples were there in that room where they had gathered to pray for Peter's release.

By this time Paul had not yet been converted and hence he was not among them. But almost all the other disciples to whom Christ Jesus left the words of this life to preach were present in those prayer meetings. The men and women who had received all the teachings they needed

from the mouth of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself were there in those prayer meetings. These men and women knew a lot about the scriptures and all that were written in the law, Prophets and Psalms. Now let's look at what all these disciples thought and said with their mouths when Peter stood and knocked at the door of the room where they were gathered.

Rhoda, who ran to the door to see who it was, noticed that it was Peter so she ran back to tell the rest that Peter was the one at the door. But hear what the rest of them said to this little girl: ***“And they said unto her, thou art mad”***. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they (the rest), it is his (Peter's) angel. I want you to take notice of what the disciples' said to Rhoda: ***‘It is his angel’***. This statement implies several things. But what I would say is that none of the disciples was unaware of angels and their ministry to the children of God. They had full and complete knowledge about angels and their operations. They knew so much about angels that they have to bring this revelation to our knowledge: every child of God has a ***guardian angel***.

We are not told the number of angels assigned to any one child of God. But the fact still remains that every child of God has at least one angel whom you can call your **angel** or **your guardian angel**. For they said **“it is his angel”**. So they knew that Peter had an angel and so does every child of God. Why did they say that the one who stood at the gate was Peter’s angel? This is because the one who stood at the door was talking like Peter. His voice was the same as Peter’s voice. The person acted like Peter would usually act. Above all the person looked like Peter. These were the things Rhoda considered and as a result, did not open the door but ran back to the rest to tell them that Peter stood at the door.

The revelation in this whole scene is that, the guardian angel who has been assigned to every child of God looks the same as that child of God to whom he has been assigned. That angel probably has the same height, complexion, voice and personality as that child of God to whom he has been assigned. Then someone would ask, do angels look like men? The writer of the book of Hebrews said that:



*“Be not forgetful to entertain strangers [people/men]: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares” (Heb. 13:2).*

This means that these angels can take the form of men and visit people as strangers in their homes. When they come, you would not know that they are angels because they would come in the form of men with flesh as we human beings have. It is not always that they come in the form of men but at other times they appear to men as beings having wings. Again, when you read the story about the city of Sodom and Gomorrah in **Genesis 19**, you would realize that in verse 1, Lot saw two angels at the gate of Sodom one evening.

*“And there came two angels to Sodom at evening; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them raised up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground” (Gen. 19:1).*

These same angels were seen by the men of Sodom but they saw them as two strangers (two men) with flesh as human beings who have

come in to the city. Here is what the men of the city said to Lot:

*“And they called out to Lot and asked: Where are the men [with flesh and blood]) who came to stay with you tonight? Bring them out to us! The men of Sodom wanted to have sex with them”*  
**(Gen. 19:5) GNB.**

You see, beloved these two angels that came as strangers to Lot in Sodom came in the form of men, but indeed they were angels. If they came in the form of men, then they looked like the men in Sodom. They might have been having the same complexion as some of the people in Sodom. Their hair and voice and some manner of doing things might have been the same as that of the men in Sodom. And hence they were seen as one of their own and wanted to have sex with them. The believer's guardian angel looks just like that believer in almost all respects. This is the doing of the Lord and it is marvelous in our eyes **(Ps. 118:23)**. No man can explain this wonder except God who has all knowledge. Amen.

## **PHILIP THE EVANGELIST**

There are several other instances in the New Testament where angels were mentioned to have ministered to the people of God including Zachariah the high priest, Mary the mother of Jesus, Joseph the husband of Mary, Cornelius a centurion of the Italian band and many others. But the man whom I want to talk about now is Philip the Evangelist. Because these disciples had knowledge about angels and their works in the kingdom of God, God also used angels in dealing with them apart from the Holy Spirit and the word of God.

Unto Philip, an angel of the Lord was sent to direct him to a place where he will meet someone to preach the word of God to:

*“And the angel of the Lord Spake unto Philip saying, Arise and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza which is desert” (Acts 8:26).*

The angel of the Lord ministered to Philip by giving him a direction to meet a man on his way to Ethiopia, who was a eunuch, all of which was the Plan of God. This eunuch was preached to

by Philip the evangelist. He received Christ, was baptized and he went on his journey happy and rejoicing. But remember that all this happened because an angel of the Lord was sent to give direction to Philip servant of God.

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## **CHAPTER 7**

# **THE CITY OF GOD AND ANGELS**

Whenever anyone is born again there is a translation of that fellow from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's son. The new kingdom to which we are translated into is called mount Zion. It is called the city of the living God. It is called the heavenly Jerusalem. The believer who has found himself or herself in the kingdom becomes part of God's general assembly and church of the firstborn. What this new kingdom has over the former (kingdom of darkness) is that: God is the Judge in this new kingdom. Christ Jesus is also in this kingdom. The third category of persons mentioned apart from the church of the firstborns who are part of this kingdom are the Holy angels of God.

*"But ye are come unto mount Zion and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels"*  
**(Heb.12:22).**

You can see that even in the heavenly Jerusalem believers are seen to be fellowshiping with the living God, Christ Jesus and the Holy angels of God not forgetting the Holy Spirit. This means that the ministry of angels did not end with Adam, neither with Moses, Elijah, Elisha, Ezekiel, Daniel, Zachariah, Jesus Christ, Peter nor Paul. The ministry of angels did not end when the last apostle died. Neither would it end in our generation nor the heavenly Jerusalem. They would continue to minister unto God, Christ and the believers. Believers were not left comfortless neither were they left as orphans. We are not of those who have no defense or refuge. We have the living God on our side. We have the Lord Jesus Christ on our side and finally we have the innumerable company of angels on our side to minister to our needs. The word innumerable means *‘that which is beyond counting’* or better put *‘that which cannot be counted.’* But let me give you a glimpse of the number of angels in heaven. The apostle John saw them and said:

*“Then I [John] looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders and the number of them [angels] was ten*

*thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands” (Rev. 5:11).*

Beloved, you can see that the apostle could not just figure out how many angels there are in heaven? The manner in which he quoted this figure suggests that he lacked words actually as to the exact number of angels he saw. But he had to write something down that could give us an idea about the number of angels and to prove to us that the number is really great, beyond the counting of man but not to God who created them. God knows the full number of them and calls each one by his name just like He does to the numerous stars in the skies above **(Isa. 40:26)**.

As members in particular of the church-the body of Christ, we are guarded on every side. There are no loopholes, openings, or uncovered places anywhere. Full insulation has been provided automatically per our entry into the kingdom of God. And our insulation is provided by the living God, Christ Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the innumerable company of angels. The qualification to receive this insulation is to be born again. The ignorance of what it means to be born again, and what has been freely given to



us by God and where we are now living has made many believers suffer many undeserving, unwarranted ailments and harassments from the devil who is always looking for someone to devour.

Somebody's story is about to be rewritten after reading this book. A revolution is about to occur in your life even as you read this book. There is going to be restoration of all the things that the devil has taken away and I can see another person saying '**never again**' to the devil. How does this empowerment come to any believer at all?

*"...through the knowledge of him who called us by glory and virtue" (2 Pet. 1:3).*

It is only through knowledge that we can really be established. Knowledge is our driving force, energy, strength, power and greatest key. With knowledge in our hands, we have answers to all things. And I mean all things. Lack of knowledge has really caused the failure and downfall of many great destinies. Some thwarted, others jeopardized and shuttered from seeing the brightness of the noon light of success and greatness. The word of God says:

*“They know not, neither will they understand...” (Ps. 82:5).*

And because they know not:

*“They walk in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course” (v 5).*

And again because they know not:

*“...Ye shall die like [mere] men and fall like one of the princes” (v 7).*

People are defeated because they ‘know not.’ Know not what you may ask? Because they do not know where they belong, what belongs to them in Christ, what has been wrought in them by God, what to say, what to use and how to use what they have etc.

Ignorance has kept many stagnant in their spiritual walk with God and because of this, many walk in darkness thinking they are walking in the light.

*“Ye are gods and all of you are children of the most High” (v 6).*

The fact that you belong to God and are a child of the Most High does not mean you will always

walk in the light even though you are in the light. Lack of knowledge can make you walk in darkness and can make you die like a mere man. In another place God said:

*“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge” (Hoses 4:6).*

The LORD is saying here that His own people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Now, tell me what destroys the child of God according to this scripture? Is it demons, Satan, principalities or the weakness of our God? What is the causative agent of a believers' failure? Bible says it is ***‘lack of knowledge.’*** Believers are defeated for their lack of knowledge and not because God's power was weak to save and to deliver them. That believer himself did not know how to make God's power work for him in order to save him. Do not forget that men can determine the extent to which God's power or the mighty right hand of salvation work in their lives.

A man can determine the height to which God can raise him and he can also determine the size to which God can ‘inflate’ him.

*“Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel”  
(Ps. 78:41).*

This is the children of Israel we are talking about here, God’s servants, God’s prophets and anointed ones. They limited the hand (power) of God upon their own lives. What makes us to limit God in our lives? It is unbelief. But I strongly believe that unbelief comes as a result of lack of knowledge:

*“For they remembered not His hand, nor the day when He delivered them from the enemy” (Ps. 78:42).*

This is how great lack of knowledge can cause mankind. Mankind can be reduced to nothingness through it. Beloved be careful not to walk in its ways neither desire its path. To be empowered, we need to **love** and should not **reject** knowledge (**Hosea 4:6**).

If we reject knowledge it would also reject us and our lives would be ruined. If we want to be established in the ministry of angels concerning our lives, then we have to go in for knowledge concerning their work and ministry in the kingdom of God. We need not reject the word of

God concerning the works and ministry of angels. It is the depth of knowledge we have about them that gives them strength to minister to us in that same measure.

Begin to search now through the word of God for knowledge about angels and their ministry. The children of Israel who lived under the law and prophets benefited from the ministry of angels, the early church benefited from the ministry of angels and we also need to benefit from their ministry here on earth before we even go on to enjoy their ministry in the heavenly Jerusalem-the city of the living God.

## CHAPTER 8

# HOW TO PUT ANGELS TO WORK IN YOUR LIFE

*“Call unto me, and I will answer thee,  
and show thee great and mighty things  
which thou knoweth not” (Jer. 33:3).*

The LORD God is our Father and Maker. We belong to Him and we are the sheep of His pasture. Even though we are His and He owns us, He does not see to our needs just because we are in need. There is always a condition which must be fulfilled before help comes to us from God. The Lord God is saying here in this scripture that **“Call unto Me.”** We need to call unto God before God can hear us, before He can know we need help though He can see all that we are going through. God sees all things even in secret. He knows the thought of the mind and the intents of every heart. In His presence all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do (**Heb. 4:13**).

*“Israel why then do you complain that  
the LORD does not know your troubles*

*or care if you suffer injustice?” (Isa, 40:27) GNB.*

The LORD knows all we need but we still have a condition to fulfill before we can attract His attention. What is that responsibility placed on us by God? Here is what we are asked to do. ***“Call unto me”*** and *I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knoweth not.*” The duty we have to perform is to only call unto Him, He will hear us and answer us and what we are not even expecting will be given to us.

*“Everyone who shall call unto the name of the LORD shall be saved” (Joel 2:32).*

It is only when we call that we can receive help and then be saved. Calling here can connote asking, praying, or crying unto the LORD. So Jesus said:

*“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the son” (Jn.14:4).*

So you can see that though the LORD **be** for us and knows all of our needs we still have to engage Him by calling unto Him. It seems He

would do nothing unless we call upon His name. Many believers think help is going to come to them automatically. But I am very sorry to say it is not so at all. Jesus always called onto His Father for help and we also need to call unto the Father for help.

Peter had to cry unto the Lord Jesus by saying Lord save me **(Matt. 14:30)** before Jesus stretched forth His hands to catch him. Many other people were delivered from their troubles and ailments because they called or cried onto Jesus for help.

*“Verily thou art a God that hideth thyself, O God of Israel the Saviour”  
**(Isa. 45:11).***

If He hides Himself from us then we have to call upon Him or cry onto Him so that He can show up in our defense.

Now if this is God’s nature, that He would do nothing unless we call to tell Him and Jesus in His earthly ministry did only what he saw the Father do, then what we need to know as children of God is that the holy angels would also act the same way as God. Angels do not move until they are called upon even though



they see whatever is happening. Angels do not act until they hear an instruction from either God or the believer. Angels of God are put to work only by words (instructions) from God or the believer. This means that for us to really benefit or profit from the ministry of angels we have to call upon them. We need to send certain instructions to them to perform. That is the only way they can be activated in our lives. They are word sensitive. They deliver just as they hear or have been told. In the exception of God, angels do not do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask (Eph. 3:20), they do as they have been instructed or told; or as they have heard.

### **JESUS REVEALS HOW TO ACTIVATE THE MINISTRY OF ANGELS**

All the things about Jesus are lovely unto me; I cannot stop meditating on them. They are very deep but with constant and persistent meditation on them, the Holy Spirit reveals these truths unto me in my spirit. Here is one of those things which have been revealed unto me after several days of meditation on Jesus' words. Jesus said unto Nicodemus one night when he secretly came to visit Him:

*“Art thou a master of Israel and knoweth not these things? ...if I have told you earthly things and ye believe not how shall ye believe if I tell you of heavenly things?” (Jn. 3:10, 12).*

The revelation is that in every speech that Jesus gave, either He was communicating an earthly issue with the wisdom of God or He was communicating a heavenly truth unto the people around Him. Whichever way, we have to pay special attention to His words. His words are always revealing a spiritual truth, principle or law governing the way things ought to be done both in the physical and spiritual realm.

Now when the soldiers came to arrest Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, one of the disciples who was with him took out his knife and cut the ear of one of the soldiers in defense of the Lord Jesus Christ but Jesus said to him:

*“Put up again thy sword in his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword” (Matt. 36:52).*

Then comes the heavenly revelation about how angels can be activated in times of trouble.

Jesus continued to say unto that disciple and the rest of them that:

*“Thinketh thou that I cannot now pray to my Father and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?” (V 53).*

In modern terms or English we can say

*“Don’t you know that I could call on my Father for help and at once he would send me more than twelve armies of angels?” (V 53)GNB.*

Jesus is saying He does not need help at that time. But if He needed help, there is something he could do to get angels to come to His aid. He said he has a way to activate angels in His life and here is how it is done and if you also need them you have to do it the same way, for they are not released in any other way, except by that one way. Jesus said that He would only “**pray** or **call**” to the Father and He will give Him presently- not one hour after praying but presently more than twelve legions of angels. You see, He only calls or prays to the Father because it is God who gives His angels charge over His people. It is the Father who gives

charge to the angels; go here, do this, do that and so on.

*“For He shall give His angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways”  
(Ps. 91:11, Matt, 4:6).*

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