

Warring Angels - Angelic Intervention

(Especially in Answered Prayer)

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Introduction—What do we loose?

Matt 16:19--"And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (NKJ)

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Matt 18:18--"Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. (NKJ)

I. The Number of Angels:

Angels number at least 100,000,000 (100 million), but actually they are innumerable.

1. Dan 7:9-10--"I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; his garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire; A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. (NKJ) (See also Ps 68:17)
2. Jer 33:22--'As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me."
3. Heb 12:22--But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect . . . (NKJ)
4. Rev 5:11--Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, (NKJ) *[100 million sing praise to the Lamb]*

Old Testament word = (4397 mal'ak) to dispatch as a deputy; an angel; a messenger; also sometimes refers to a prophet, priest, pastor, or teacher.

New Testament word = (32 ang'-el-os)-- an angel, one who is sent, an envoy, a messenger from God,

Over 290 occurrences of these words are used in the Bible to refer to angels.

Lord of Hosts = the army of God—Over 300 occurrences of this Name of God in the Bible.

Some examples are: 1 Sam 17:45-47 (David); Ps 24:9-10; Ps 80:4, 7, 14, 19; Ps 84:1, 3, 8, 12; Ps 103:20-21; Isa 44:6; 48:2; 51:15; 54:5; Jer 15:16; 26:18.

Jer 32:17--`Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.

18 `You show lovingkindness to thousands, and repay the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them-- the Great, the Mighty God, whose name is the LORD of hosts.

19 `You are great in counsel and mighty in work, for your eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men, to give everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings. (NKJ)

Isa 47:4--As for our Redeemer, the LORD of hosts is His name, the Holy One of Israel. (NKJ)

Terry Law's book entitled "The Truth about Angels"—four categories of interaction of angels with man:

1. Angels ministered to people.
2. Angels brought messages to people from God.
3. Angels deliver individuals and nations in danger and in trouble—fighting and winning battles.
4. Angels administered the judgments of God.

II. Seven Basic Principles Concerning Angels:

1. Angels are what we loose in Spiritual Warfare!

Matt 16:19--"And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (NKJ)

Matt 18:18-19--"Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

19 "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. (NKJ)

Eph. 6:11-12--Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

2. We do not worship angels--we worship and seek God Himself. Angels are merely His "secret agents".

- a) **Rev 22:8-9**--Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, **I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel** who showed me these things. Then he said to me, **"See that you do not do that.** For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. **Worship God.**" (NKJ)
- b) **Col 2:18-19**(NAS)--Let no one keep defrauding (disqualifying) you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and **the worship of the angels**, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God.

**3. An answer to prayer requires Divine intervention—this is the definition of prayer!
Therefore angels are involved in the answering of prayers.**

- (a) **Matt 26:52-54**--But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. **Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?** "How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?" (NKJ) *[Legion a body of soldiers, which in the time of Augustus consisted of approximately 6,100 foot soldiers and 726 Cavalry totaling 6,826 x 12 legions = 81,912; Amplified translates the number as 80,000.]*
- (b) **Acts 10:1-7; 30-33**—Cornelius
- (c) **Rev 5:6-8; 8:1-4**

4. Divine intervention involving angels as the warring agents of God.

Ten plagues in the book of Exodus--Ps 78:43-53, esp. 49--He cast on them the fierceness of His anger, wrath, indignation, and trouble, by **sending angels of destruction** among them. (NKJ)

5. Angels are involved in every activity of man, including ordinary activities!

- (a) **Genesis 16:5-13**--- **Domestic dispute**--Supernatural revelation and guidance for Hagar.
- (b) **Genesis 21:14-20**—Needed water –supernatural provision and protection of Ishmael.
- (c) **Genesis 24:7, 40**— Arranging of the **marriage** of Isaac to Rebecca.
- (d) **Judges 13:2-21** -- Angel gives instructions concerning the birth and parenting of Samson

6. Angels under the direction of God, control the destinies of the direction of nations and kings.

Daniel 4:13-17; 23-26; 34-35 – The decrees of "watchers"

Gen32:1-2—Jacob returns back into God's will i.e. returns to Israel. (Mahanaim = double camp)

**7. God's angels will always act in harmony with God's will.
They will always line up with the purposes of God**

Balaam – Numbers 22:12, 22-35 (a Balaam yes)

III. "Help Stamp Out Angel Unemployment—Pray!" Unemployed angels—Please Pray!

Heb 1:13-14--But to which of the **angels** has He ever said:

"Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool"?
Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister
for those who will inherit salvation? (NKJ) [*See Isa 31:3*]

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Psalm 104:4--Who makes His angels spirits, his ministers a flame of fire. (NKJ)

Rev 20:1-3--Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven,
 having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.
He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan,
 and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit,
 and shut him up, and set a seal on him,
 so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished.
 But after these things he must be released for a little while. (NKJ)

IV. Key Passages about Angels:

1. Genesis 18:1-16—Angels disguised as men visit Abraham
2. Genesis 19:1-23—Two Angels save Lot from the destruction of Sodom
3. Genesis 22:10-12—Isaac spared from death by the Angel
4. **Genesis 28:12-17—Angels ascending and descending on the ladder to heaven**
5. ***Genesis 32:1-2— Jacob returns to Israel—Mahanaim means “double camp”**
6. ***Genesis 48:15-16—Angel of Redemption blessed to minister to Joseph**
7. Exodus 3:1-5—Angel appears to Moses in the burning bush calling him into the ministry
8. **Exodus 14:19-20—Angel stands between Pharaoh’s chariots and the children of Israel**
9. Exodus 32:34; 33:2—My Angel shall go before you to drive out your enemies
10. ***Joshua 5:13-6:7--The Commander of the army of the Lord gives victory instructions for Jericho**
11. **Judges 13:2-21—Angel gives instructions concerning the birth and raising of Samson**
12. ***II Kings 6:13-17-- Elisha’s servant eyes are opened**
13. II Kings 19:35-36—Angel saves Jerusalem from Sennacherib by killing 185,000 Assyrians
14. ***II Chr. 18:18-24—Council Meeting in heaven with God and His Angels**
15. ***Psalm 34:7—Angels camp around the saints to deliver them i.e. Angelic hedge!**
16. ***Isaiah 37:36—An angel kills 185,000 Assyrians camped against Jerusalem**
17. ***Isaiah 63:9--Angels can be vexed and grieved and war against us!** (*See also (1:24; 6:1-8; 9:7)*
[62 references to angels in the book of Isaiah])
18. Jeremiah—82 references (51:5, 14, 19, 33, 57, 58)
19. ***Daniel 3:25-28—Deliverance of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego**
20. ***Daniel 6:20-23, esp. 22—Daniel in the Lion’s Den—God sent His angel and shut the lion’s mouth**
21. Zech. 1:9-14; 12:8-9—Angelic help promised for Israel in the last days
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23. ***Matthew 18:10—Angels for children (plural)**
24. II Thes 1:7—The Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels

V. Angels played a central and spectacular role in the life of Jesus:

An angel foretold to Mary the birth of Jesus	Luke 1:26-37
An angel foretold to Joseph the birth of Jesus	Matt 1:20-21
An angel named Him	Matt1:21

Angels announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds	Luke 2:8-15
An angel directed the Holy child's escape to Egypt	Matt 2:13, 20
Angels (plural) ministered to Jesus after His temptation	Matt 4:11
Angels ascended and descended upon Jesus during His ministry	John 1:51
An angel strengthen Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane	Luke 22:43
An angel rolled away the stone at His tomb to let the women in	Matt 28:2
An angel announced to the women His resurrection from the dead	Matt 28:5-7
Two angels were present when Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene	John 20:11-14

VI. Jesus taught constantly about the activity of angels

Jesus' statements about angels are diverse and wide ranging and yet specific and abundant!

Could have called 12 legions of angels to deliver Him from the cross	Matt 26:52-54
Angels will come with Him at His second coming	Matt 25:31; 16:27; Mk 8:38
Angels will be the reapers	Matt 13:39
Angels will separate the wicked from the righteous	Matt 13:41, 49
Angels will gather the Elect	Matt 24:31
I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven	Luke 10:18
Angels carried the beggar to Abraham's bosom	Luke 16:22
Angels rejoice over the repentance of <u>one</u> sinner	Luke 15:10
Children have guardian angels (plural)	Matt 18:10
Jesus will confess His own before the angels in heaven	Luke 12:8
Angels do not marry	Mark 12:25
Angels do not die	Luke 20:35-36
Jesus said that the devil uses evil angels	Matt 25:41

VII. Angels are constantly warring in the book of Acts

An angel opened the prison door for the apostles	Acts 5:19
An angel gave directions to Phillip to find the Ethiopian eunuch	Acts 8:26
An angel directed Cornelius to send for Peter in Joppa to get saved	Acts 10:3
An angel released Peter from prison	Acts 12:7-9
An angel struck Herod Agrippa dead	Acts 12:23
An angel saved Paul and all aboard the ship during a storm	Acts 27:23

VIII. The book of Revelation is a Drama of Angels!

There are 27 different references to the activities of angels in the book of Revelation:

An angel directed the writing of the book of Revelation	Rev 1:1; 22:16
Each of the seven churches has an angel	Rev 1:20; 2:8, 12, 18; 3:1, 7, 14
An angel announces the sealed book	Rev 5:2
One hundred million angels sing praise to the Lamb	Rev 5:11-12

Four angels are given power to hurt the earth	Rev 7:1-4
An angel seals the elect	Rev 7:1-4
Angels fall down on their faces before God and worshipped Him	Rev 7:11
An angel involved in answering the prayers of the saints	Rev 8:1-5
Seven angels sound seven trumpets	Rev 8:6-7ff
An evil angel of the abyss is king of the locust army	Rev 9:11
Four angels loose 200 million horsemen at the Euphrates river	Rev 9:14-16
An angel with a “little book” announces the end	Rev 10:1-11
Michael the archangel fights and wins over the dragon and his angels	Rev 12:7
A flying angel proclaims the gospel to the nations	Rev 14:6
Another angel pronounces the fall of Babylon	Rev 14:8
An angel proclaims the eternal damnation of the followers of the Beast	Rev 14:9-10
An angel announces the harvest of the earth	Rev 14:15-19
Seven angels and the seven last plagues	Rev 15:1
An angel announces judgment on Babylon	Rev 17:1-5
An angel again announces the fall of Babylon	Rev 18:2
An angel participates the Babylon’s fall	Rev 18:21
An angel call for a great feast for the vulture birds	Rev 19:17
An angel binds Satan and throws him into the bottomless pit	Rev 20:1-3
An angel shows John the New Jerusalem	Rev 21:9
Twelve angels guard the 12 gates of Jerusalem	Rev 21:19
An angel forbids John to worship him	Rev 22:8-9

IX. Quotes about angels

