

# Angels, Are They Around Us? (Are You An Angel?)

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## Introduction:

This lesson will hopefully bring this subject to full circle. In the beginning we defined angel (Malah) to mean messenger. It is sometimes translated as priest (*Malachi 2.7*), prophet (*Haggai 1.13*), and referring to John the baptizer (*Malachi 3.1*). We need to remember that it is often used in referring to "heavenly host" and angels in heaven. However, it can refer to us in certain ways.

You are an angel.

You are my angel.

If someone would ask you if you were an angel, what would you say? Probably no because of the normal use of the word, however, we need to be more like the angels and indeed there are numerous similarities between angels and us.

## I) Nature

### A) Spiritual beings

1. Angels are created spiritual beings, *Psalms 148.1-5*
  - a. We know they were created by God although the Bible does not expressly say when.
  - b. We know they are spiritual because they are in heaven, *1 Corinthians 15.50*
  - c. Eternal beings not growing old or dying

2. Man is a created spiritual being, *Genesis 1.26, 27; 2.7*
  - a. We inhabit a temporary physical body that will eventually go back to the dust of the ground.
  - b. It is our soul/spirit that separates us from all other created beings in *Genesis 1*.
    - i. Abraham understood this fact, *Hebrews 11.8-10*
    - ii. The real world is the spiritual world and the temporary world is the physical. *Job 7.6*
  - c. Man's soul will never perish that is why heaven and hell are for eternity.

**B) Free will, *Jude 5-6***

1. Angels have the ability to obey or disobey God, *2 Peter 2.4*
  - a. Any free will creature must have the ability to exercise their free will.
  - b. This means they can choose to do good or bad.
2. Each of us has freedom of choice
  - a. Moses choose to serve God instead of Pharaoh or self, *Hebrews 11.24-25*
  - b. Judas choose to sell Jesus for thirty pieces of silver, *Matthew 26.15-16*

**II) Role or Work**

**A) Reveal God's word to those that did not know it**

1. Angel spoke to Moses in the burning bush, *Exodus 3.2ff*
  - a. Angel gave the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai, *Exodus 13.21; 14.19*
  - b. *Galatians 3.19* the Old Law revealed through the angels
2. We are to speak the word of God to those that do not know it, *1 Peter 4.11*
  - a. Philip was directed by an angel to the Ethiopian Eunuch, *Acts 8.26,29,35-38*
  - b. Would you agree that Philip was God's messenger?
  - c. The words of Mordecai may apply to us today, *Esther 4.14b*.
  - d. We are to preach and teach God's word, *2 Timothy 4.1-2*

**B) Directed and guided others**

1. Angels directed people so they could serve God
  - a. Elijah was directed in *2 Kings 1.1ff*
  - b. Philip was directed in *Acts 8*.
2. We are to direct and guide people according to God's word
  - a. Our families/children, *Eph. 6.4*

- i. We as parents are to help them on the pathway of life by teaching them about God, Jesus, and His word.
  - ii. We are to fight for our children, *Nehemiah 4.14*
- b. We are to direct our neighbors, friends, etc. *Matthew 5.13ff*
  - i. Usually our manner of life, being different from the world
  - ii. Most of the time people will notice our example first and our words second.

### **C) Offer assurance and comfort**

- 1. Angels provided help to God's servants
  - a. Elijah received food and water, *1 Kings 19.5-8*
  - b. Told Paul that he would survive to preach the Gospel in Rome, *Acts 27.21-24*
  - c. Provided strength to Jesus, *Luke 22.43*
- 2. We are to provide assurance and comfort
  - a. Many one another passages.
  - b. List of passages includes
    - i. Be kindly affectionate, *Romans 12.10*
    - ii. Love one another, *Romans 13.8*
    - iii. Receive one another as Jesus received you, *Romans 15.7*
    - iv. Admonish one another, *Romans 15.14*

- v. Wait for one another, *1 Corinthians 11.33*
- vi. Care for one another, *1 Corinthians 12.25*
- vii. Submitting to one another, *Ephesians 5.21*
- viii. Exhort one another daily, *Hebrews 3.13*
- ix. Consider one another, *Hebrews 10.24*
- x. Pray for one another, *James 5.16*
- c. We are to provide aid, *James 1.27, Galatians 6.10*
- d. Barnabas was called the "son of encouragement" *Acts 4.36*. How about us?

#### **D) Worship God**

1. They surround the throne of God in worship, *Revelation 7.11-12*
  - a. Often asked question is what heaven will be like?
  - b. Eternity in heaven will not be a "vacation" but a time to worship God.
2. We worship God now looking forward to worshipping Him in heaven, *Psalms 95.6-7*
  - a. Church in Acts was worshipping God, *Acts 2.42; 4.24*, etc.
  - b. Worship requires us to praise God, show adoration, to bow down to Him.

**Conclusion:**

So, are you an angel? It is about like people saying I may be a Christian but I am no saint. It depends on which definition you are going by. We should be doing those things listed in this lesson because we will also appear before the judgment seat and receive our reward.