

Are There Guardian Angels? - Psalm 91:9-13

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Introduction:

In the first lesson we learned that angels are spiritual being created by God. They are not deity, people that passed away, or our source of authority. The second lesson we learned that angels are lower than God and higher than man. They are ministering Spirits. Often God spoke through the angles, i.e. the burning bush, on Mount Sinai in the giving of the Law. Angels as servants of God executed His judgment, directed people, offered assurance, revealed God's will, and will separate the righteous and unrighteous on the Day of Judgment.

In this lesson we want to look at the subject of "Guardian Angels."

I) Guardian Angels

A) *Matthew 18.10* goes not specifically speak of "Guardian Angels"

1. "Their angels in heaven"
2. "in heaven their angels"
3. Points out the fact that angels in heaven see the Father's face.
4. They see what is going on in heaven and earth.
5. Consistent with *Hebrews 12.1* where we have a great cloud of witnesses in heaven.

B) Term "Guardian Angel" is not found in the Bible

1. Does not by itself rule out what people mean by their use of the term.
2. Leads to question of what is meant by the term "Guardian Angels"

II) Defining What People Mean

A) Angels guard over or minister to God's people in accordance to His will.

B) Angels are assigned a specific person to watch over and such watching will be in accordance to God's word.

C) Angels are assigned a specific person to watch over in special ways. In addition to God's word.

1. People will receive additional revelation.
2. Miraculous intervention.

III) What People Believe And Why

A) Majority of people believe they have a Guardian Angel

1. Sept 18, 2008 Time Magazine results
 - a. 55 % said they had received protection from harm by a guardian angel
 - b. This belief was not confined to one particular religious group such as Pentecostals, African-American denominations,

"experiential churches" and Catholics.

2. Most said they believed such because of "personal experiences"
 - a. "I heard the voice of God speaking to me"
 - b. "I received a miraculous physical healing"
 - c. Mother saved from falling off a cliff by two men that then vanished
 - d. Saved by someone ringing the door bell in the middle of the night when the house was on fire.

B) Various religions teach there are guardian angels

1. Jews believed in guardian angels but they also believe other things that we not so about angels, *John 5.1-4*
2. Catholic Church has the feast of the Guardian Angel.
 - a. 1608 Pope Paul V, October 2nd.
 - b. Prayer of the Guardian Angel "Dear Angel at my side, my good and loyal friend, you have been with me since the moment I was born. You are my own personal guardian, given me by God as my guide and protector, and you will stay with me till I die. He who created you and me gave me to you as your particular charge...Help me steadfastly to avoid evil and do good and always guard my

soul from sin. Protect me as well from physical evils as I go about my daily work. You will be with me all my life, and at the hour of my death. Help me to face death bravely, patiently, with great love of God, knowing that it is only through death that I can come to Him in heaven! Then, come with me to my Judge, and when the hour of my salvation comes, take me home to my Father, God. Amen.

3. Resulting in the worshipping of angels, *Colossians 2.18*

IV) Angels Guarded Godly People in the Bible

A) Daniel in the lion's den, *Daniel 6.16-22*

1. This was a miraculous event attributed to God

B) Protected Judah from Assyria in *2 Kings 19.35*

1. This protection required their enemies be destroyed.
2. Why is it people don't attribute deaths to guardian angels?

C) Delivered Peter in *Acts 12*.

V) Principles To Keep In Mind

A) Angels and Christians today, *Hebrews 1.14*

1. They rejoice when sinners repent and turn back to God, *Luke 15.10*

2. *Matthew 18.1-10* Jesus using children to illustrate what we have to become.
 - a. Children in the 1st century had no rights but were simply pieces of property.
 - b. Who ever causes a person in such a lowly position to sin will be in danger of condemnation.
 - c. Their angels in heaven see their Fathers face. Main focus is not on the angels but God's concern for His people.

B) God is not concerned with our physical condition but spiritual well being

1. *Romans 8.31-32* God did everything to bring about our salvation.
2. God employs His angels in our protection and salvation, *Psalms 34.7*

C) Guardian Angels can not:

1. Reveal anything new or different to use today than what we already have, *2 Peter 1.3; Jude 3, Galatians 1.8ff*
2. Will not interfere with our free will
 - a. They can not protect you from yourself
 - b. Will not cause you to not suffer for your actions.

D) This does not rule out God using angels with Divine providence.

1. God answers prayers in His way and with His means
2. Rules our miraculous intervention.

Conclusion:

Some believe in personal indwelling of Holy Spirit and others do not. Those that do often breakdown into two camps. One that believes the personal indwelling gives people special revelation and direct. The second does not believe in special revelation and everything we need is in the Bible. What the Holy Spirit does in the indwelling is not really defined for the second group. Some believe in guardian angels and others do not. Those that do breaks down into two camps. The first that they receive special revelation and direction. The second says the guardian angels must work in harmony with the Bible. No special revelation or miraculous intervention. We all can agree that there are angels, they watch over us, and help us in harmony with God's word. The Bible does not say we have a guardian angel assigned to each of us.

We are told to listen to His Son and follow His word, *Hebrews 1.1-2.*