



SUPERNATURAL: THE MINISTRY OF ANGELS

Series Text: “My fellow believers, I don’t want you to be confused about spiritual realities. For you know full well that when you were unbelievers you were often led astray in one way or another by your worship of idols, which are incapable of talking with you. Therefore, I want to impart to you an understanding of the following: No one speaking by the Spirit of God would ever say, “Jesus is the accursed one.” No one can say, “Jesus is the Lord Yahweh,” unless the Holy Spirit is speaking through him.”

1 Corinthians 12:1-3 TPT

Text: Hebrews 1:13-14 NKJV

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?

- Angels are supernatural help for God’s people.
- Angels are God’s agents, His staff.
- There are 300 References of Angels in the Bible.
- We would not have the Bible without Angels.
- Jesus would not have been born without Angels.
- Jesus would not have made it to the cross without Angels.
- The early church was very acquainted with the ministry of angels.

I) Origin of Angels

1. They are created beings.

- Psalm 148:1-5 - “Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light! Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord, For He commanded and they were created.”

2. They are Spirits.

- Psalm 104:4 - "Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire."
- However they can take on physical appearance
- Hebrews 13:2 NLT - "Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!"

3. They have free will.

- Isaiah 14:12-14 NKJV - "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation, On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'

4. They are more Powerful than man.

- II Peter 2:11 NKJV - "whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord."

5. They are Innumerable.

- Hebrews 12:22 NKJV - "But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels."

6. They are Holy.

- Mark 8:38 NLT - "If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

II) Operation of Angels

1. Angels are under God's authority.

- Revelations 19:10 NLT "Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said, "No, don't worship me. I am a servant of God, just like you and your brothers and sisters who testify about their faith in Jesus. Worship only God. For the essence of prophecy is to give a clear witness for Jesus."

2. Angels Praise God.

- Psalm 148 NKJV - "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!"

3. Angels Serve God.

- Psalm 103:20 NKJV - "Bless the Lord, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word."

4. Angels guard the Saints.

- Psalm 91:11-12 NIV - "For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

5. Angels minister strength.

- Luke 22:42-44 NIV - "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.
- Elijah in 1 Kings 19

6. Angels are messengers.

- Luke 1:11-13 NLT - "While Zechariah was in the sanctuary, an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the incense altar. Zechariah was shaken and overwhelmed with fear when he saw him. But the angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer. Your wife, Elizabeth, will give you a son, and you are to name him John."
- Daniel 10:12 NLT - "Then he said, "Don't be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer."

III) Activation - How to position yourself for the operation of angels in your life

- We can position and posture ourselves for angels to operate in our lives. Angels function under authority

1. Sacrifice

- Genesis 22:15-18 NLT - Then the angel of the Lord called again to Abraham from heaven. "This is what the Lord says: Because you have obeyed me and have not withheld even your son, your only son, I swear by my own name that I will certainly bless you. I will multiply your descendants beyond number, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will conquer the cities of their enemies. 18

And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed—all because you have obeyed me.”

2. Speak the Word

- Psalm 103:20 NKJV - Bless the Lord, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His word.

3. Prayer

- Acts 12: 5-17 NLT - “But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him. The night before Peter was to be placed on trial, he was asleep, fastened with two chains between two soldiers. Others stood guard at the prison gate. Suddenly, there was a bright light in the cell, and an angel of the Lord stood before Peter. The angel struck him on the side to awaken him and said, “Quick! Get up!” And the chains fell off his wrists. Then the angel told him, “Get dressed and put on your sandals.” And he did. “Now put on your coat and follow me,” the angel ordered. So Peter left the cell, following the angel. But all the time he thought it was a vision. He didn’t realize it was actually happening. They passed the first and second guard posts and came to the iron gate leading to the city, and this opened for them all by itself. So they passed through and started walking down the street, and then the angel suddenly left him. Peter finally came to his senses. “It’s really true!” he said. “The Lord has sent his angel and saved me from Herod and from what the Jewish leaders[c] had planned to do to me!” When he realized this, he went to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where many were gathered for prayer. He knocked at the door in the gate, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to open it. When she recognized Peter’s voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the door, she ran back inside and told everyone, “Peter is standing at the door!” “You’re out of your mind!” they said. When she insisted, they decided, “It must be his angel.” Meanwhile, Peter continued knocking. When they finally opened the door and saw him, they were amazed. He motioned for them to quiet down and told them how the Lord had led him out of prison. “Tell James and the other brothers what happened,” he said. And then he went to another place.

4. Praise & Worship

- Luke 2:13-14 NKJV - “And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

- Isaiah 6:1-3 - “The seraphim are crying out “holy holy holy is the Lord of hosts the whole earth is full of his glory”