

"MINISTRY OF ANGELS"

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INTRODUCTION TO LESSON

Life Group Lesson Objective: Understanding that God will give His Angels charge over believers.

Life Group Leader preparation:

Hebrews 1:14 – Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister [do service] for [for the sake of] them who shall be heirs of salvation. AKJV

- minister to them and for them
- to ALL who shall be heirs of salvation.

Giving simple directions to fulfill God’s purpose:

Elijah – arise and go – 2 Kings 1:3

Execute judgment – King Herod – Acts 12:23

Strength – I Kings 19:5-8, Matt 4:11, Luke 22:43

Protection – Ex 14:19, 23:20; Ps 91:11

“For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways.”
Psalms 91:11 NASB

Psalm 34:7 – the angel of the Lord encampeth around about them that fear him and keepeth them.

Acts 8:26 – Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying arise and go toward the south along the road toward which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza....and he arose and went

Act27:23-24 – For there stood an angel by me this night an angel of God to whom I belong and serve.... saying ‘Do not be afraid, Paul you must be brought before Caesar...

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God created angels for many purposes, including guiding, protecting and encouraging us. The angels are God’s servants, sent by Him into the world to serve His will. However, one of the most important roles of angels is praising and glorifying God.

Psalm 103:19-22

“The LORD has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all. Praise the LORD, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His bidding, who obey His word. Praise the LORD, all His heavenly hosts, you His servants who do His will. Praise the LORD, all His works. Everywhere in His dominion. Praise the LORD, my soul.”

Hebrews 13:2

“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”

Revelation 5:11-12

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they sang: ‘Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise.’”

Isaiah 6:3

“And one called out to another and said, ‘Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory.’”

Psalm 148:2

“Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!”

Luke 2:13-14

“And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward man.’”

Job 38:7

“When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”

Luke 15:10

“In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Luke 15:7

“I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

WEEK #1: Angels bring Messages from God

Discussion Question: In each of the instances below why did the angel say, “Do not be afraid”?

Luke 1:30 – 33:

*But the angel said to her, ‘**Do not be afraid, Mary;** you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.’*

Matthew 28:5 – 7: (Angel announces Christ’s resurrection)

*The angel said to the women, “**Do not be afraid,** for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’” Now I have told you.*

“2 Tim 1:7...For God has not given you a spirit of fear, but a spirit of love, power and a sound mind.”

Freedom and deliverance comes from knowing the will of God and obedience to His word.

Let’s be honest – Discussion: (Examine yourself) has fear, disobedience, anger etc, ever stopped you from obeying God, what excuses did you make? How did you overcome?

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WEEK #2: Angels hearken to the voice of the His word

Group Discussion Questions: Give an example of how you can start angels to work on your behalf, since they hearken to the voice of His word.

“Psalm 103:20 – Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments hearkening to the voice of his word.”

We can activate Angels by speaking God’s Word...they are listening for His word, when we speak his word, angels start working. They are mighty warriors for God’s plan and purpose to protect and deliver.

When our hearts are full of faith God’s word comes out of our mouth.... for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks...

- **BUT** - fears, insecurities, past failures, getting ahead of God, angry words, doubt, unbelief – **hinder your faith** that activates your angels.

REMEMBER: “Hebrews 1:14 – Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister [do service] for [for the sake of] them who shall be heirs of salvation.” AKJV

1. Angels have been sent forth to do service for you, for the Body of Christ.
2. If we are not speaking, believing and confessing the Word of God, concerning the “ministry of angels” we will not receive the benefit of this promise.

Exodus 23:20-22, 25 – Don’t provoke your angels...Beware, provoke not

Ecc 5:2 – Our Words can provoke angels

- Do not be rash with your mouth and let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; therefor let your words be few.

Let’s be honest – Discussion: What are some ways you may have provoked your angels?

Week #3 – WE DON’T PRAY TO ANGELS, BUT THEY RESPOND TO PRAYER

Discussion Question: How has God used Angels to carry out his deliverance and protection for you? Give an example.

He will give His angels [especial] charge over you to accompany and defend and reserve you in all your ways [of obedience and service]. They shall bear you up on their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone – Ps 91:11-12

Peter Freed from Prison – Acts 12:5-17

Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with

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two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by *him*, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, “Arise quickly!” And his chains fell off *his* hands. Then the angel said to him, “Gird yourself and tie on your sandals”; and so, he did. And he said to him, “Put on your garment and follow me.” So, he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. *And when Peter had come to himself, he said, “Now I know for certain that the Lord* has sent His angel and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and *from* all the expectation of the Jewish people.”

- Acts 5:12-20 – First time Peter delivered from Prison by an angel!
 - Vs 29 – “we ought to obey God rather than man”.

Let’s be honest – Discussion: Share things you know for certain.... concerning Angels.

WEEK #4: Daniel in The Lion’s Den (Dan 6:1-28)

Discussion Question: What was Daniel thinking when was he thrown in the Lion’s den?

Daniel was once again treated unfairly because he refused to bow down to ungodly counsel.

..... and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live forever. *My God hath sent his angel*, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocence was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. Then was the king exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

Exodus 23:20 – Behold, I am going to send an angel before you to guard you along the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.

- Psalm 41:2 – The LORD will protect him and keep him alive, and he shall be called blessed upon the earth; And do not give him over to the desire of his enemies.
- Psalm 46: 1-2 – God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore I will not fear, The Lord is my refuge and my fortress.

Let’s be honest – Discussion: Phil 2: 5 – Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus....concerning Gods protection and safety and deliverance.