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Angelic Visitations

As we touch on the topic of angels, we need to keep everything in perspective. We should not fall into the extreme of those who exalt angels higher than the roles God has placed them in. There are those in the NT who fall into error by worshipping angels (Col 2:18). On the other hand there are those who move to the other extreme and say that since we have Jesus and the Holy Spirit and God as our Father, we do not need angels any more. These forget that the same New Testament shows the work of angels in the lives of believers (Acts 12:7; 27:23). And in the lives of those about to be saved (Acts 10:7). We are told to be hospitable in the event that we might be entertaining angels (Heb 13:1).

We should neither put angels higher than God the Father, Jesus or the Holy Spirit nor put angels too low in our estimation of their constant invisible work among us. We should, instead, respect whom God has made them to be and work alongside them guided by the Holy Spirit.

Firstly, we need to know the rules by which God has caused the angels to work:

1. Angels are not allowed to become visible to us without the permission of God the Father. They are only made visible to us through the gift of discerning of spirits.
2. Angels are not allowed to violate the free will of man. If we choose to walk outside God's Will, they cannot stop us although they would probably feel sad that we have sinned. (There is joy in the presence of angels when we are saved – Luke 15:10. There is probably sadness in the presence of

make the Lord their refuge and stronghold, will especially have angels commanded to be in charge of all their ways (Psalm 91:11). Being surrounded and encamped by angels is a truly blessed state. No evil shall befall us neither shall any plague come near our dwelling place. Have you discovered the place of worship and abiding in Him? Do you know what it means to fear the Lord? Find the answers to these questions and you will find a state of grace and blessing while in this earthly tabernacle.

It is recorded in the Bible that angels ministered to Jesus twice: when he had finished his forty day fast and when he needed strength in the Gethsemane prayer (Mark 1:13; Luke 24:43). It is possible that during our greatest temptations and during our greatest agony, angels are present (although many times invisible) to help and strengthen us physically and spiritually. God has always provided a way of escape in every temptation (1 Cor 10:13). Angels are involved in providing a way of escape just as an angel is involved in Peter's physical escape from a physical prison. Sometimes the way of escape is not from the lion's den but through the lion's den (Dan 6:22). Remember that in your greatest pain, in your greatest hurt, during your darkest night or deepest valley, an angel of the Lord is surely there to aid you if you affirm your relationship with God. They were there when Elijah was discouraged (1

angels when we are lost).

3. Angels will only obey the commandments and commission of God the Father. They will not obey the whims and fancies of men. However, it is possible that God could use the voice of men under the unction of the Holy Spirit in prayer as His voice – in the same way as a person who prophesies and say, “Thus says the Lord”.
4. There are many types of angels: ministering spirits, seraphim and cherubim, warrior angels like Michael, messenger angels like Gabriel, etc. Each type of angel was created for a specific work. Seraphim and Cherubim watch over God’s throne. Warrior angels keep the enemy behind the lines God has drawn. Ministering angels work closely with the needs of the human race.

There are always angelic work through all ages and dispensations but at different times they seem to manifest more (with the permission of the Father). Obviously there are angels that are assigned some tasks in the end times (Rev. 10:1-6). The reason for this article is that we need to realize that we can affect the work of the angels through our relationship with God.

Daniel’s prayers and intercessions caused the angel Gabriel to fly swiftly (Dan 9:21). There was acceleration in the work of the angels when a man or woman of God prays. Of course, it is God who caused the angel to fly swiftly but the indirect cause due to prayer life is worth noting. Are there things in your life that should come to pass and have not because of the lack of prayer? Are we delaying our own reception of spiritual help and revelation because of our lack of prayer? The only way to be sure is to live a life of constant and regular prayer before God – just like Daniel did.

The number of angels that gather around and aid us is also tied to our relationship with God. The angel of the Lord encamped around those who fear the Lord (Psalm 34:7). To fear God is to reverence and worship Him. Those who find the secret place of the Most High, and

Kings 19:5-8) and they will be there when you are discouraged.

Ministering angels are involved in all aspects of earthly life (Heb 1:14). They are involved in all marriage and relationships (Gen 24:7). They are involved in prospering you in your job (Gen 31:11, 12). They are involved in you moving house or city of dwelling (Matt. 2:13, 19). Are you moving location, changing jobs, launching into ministry or business? The angels of the Lord would surely be there to prepare the way.

Though neither life nor death nor angels nor principalities can separate us from the love of God (Rom. 8:38, 39); though we were made a little lower than the angels and are destined to be risen higher than the angels (Heb 1:7; 1 Cor 6:3); though angels are a different creation from us humans, we need to honour God by respecting the work that He has assigned to angels on the earth and learn to work in cooperation with them.

Angels are instrumental in many of the coincidences of life. They are instrumental in some of the ideas and thoughts we receive in our quiet moments. They are instrumental in the many times we have heard our names called (Exodus 3:4; Acts 7:35).

Don’t try to get them to appear as that should not happen without God’s permission. Always at all times:

1. Be sensitive to their presence
2. Be aware of what they are seeking to do
3. Be hearkening to what they try to communicate
4. Respect their role and place in the affairs of mankind.
5. Create an atmosphere of worship that would be the delight for angels to gather and encamp around.

In the last days, there will be an acceleration of the work of God in all areas. For times like these, God has released and assigned angels to bring about the last phase of His work on earth. And He will send His angels with a great sound of the trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other (Matthew 24:31).

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4. Pray for the conventions and meetings that will be held in the year 2006 and 2007 as Ps Peter Tan travels with the Bible students to minister.
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7. Pray for all the fivefold ministers whom God sends to the body of Christ in the End Times to prepare the church for the End Time Harvest.

Angelic Activities in 2005

1. We might not realize this but the rise and fall of nations are in the hands of angels. The angels during Daniel's time controlled the rise and fall of kingdoms of his time (Dan 10:20; 11:1). In our modern times, invisible to us, the angels of God are causing the rise or decrease of a nation and its influence.
2. Some angels are in charge of the dispensation God's prejudgment on the earth. An angel struck Herod (Acts 12:23). God resists the proud and exalts the humble. All over the world today, wherever there is pride, the Lord's angels of judgment are strongly resisting them to bring them down; whether he be king or pauper; rich or poor; great or small. God will not tolerate pride. When you see pride in a nation, in an organization or in a person, watch, for God will bring them down in His time.