



A Little Bit about Angels



Practically everybody knows something about angels . . . at least on some level. And it seems as if everybody is talking about angels today. You'll find boutiques dedicated to this subject, poetry exalts them, songs are created about them, and lots and lots of books are devoted to angels. Why? I think there is a deep, underlying need for all of us to have a glimpse into the spirit world about us. We are curious and hungry to learn more about this other world.

Let me point out a couple of things as we start: Never are we to worship angels. The Bible is explicitly clear that only God is to be worshiped. And the other thing is that we are not to pray to angels. It's okay to ask God for help, but not angels. Now . . . God may send an angel to answer your prayer. Let's explore this subject on these next few pages, but always keeping a healthy balance in regard to angels and this topic. ENJOY!



The angels are near to us, to those creatures
by God's command they are to preserve.

(Martin Luther)

*Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels,
numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand
times ten thousand. They encircled the throne*

(Rev. 5:11).



Against Gravity



Just what do angels do and how do they work? It's a mystery . . . but there are enough stories and human encounters to give us a small clue. Are they always there in an emergency? Do they prevent it from happening or do they miraculously intervene?

Elisabeth Elliot has written a number of books, and one of particular interest is entitled *A Slow and Certain Light*. In it, she relates an experience her father had in regard to the possibility of angelic helpers. Here's her story:

“My father, when he was a small boy, was climbing on an upper story of a house that was being built. He walked to the end of a board that was not nailed at the other end, and it slowly began to tip. He knew that he was doomed, but inexplicably the board began to tip the other way, as though a hand had pushed it down again. He always wondered if it was an angel's hand.”



Millions of spiritual creatures
walk the earth unseen, both when we sleep
and when we awake.

(John Milton)

*See that you do not look down on one of these
little ones. For I tell you that their angels in
heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven*

(Matt. 18:10).



Billy Graham on Angels



The book that Billy Graham wrote, *Angels*, a Doubleday publication, was released so that sales began in October of 1975. By the following January, sales had reached the one million mark! It is believed to be the first time that a best seller has hit the one-million mark within such a short period of time . . . only four months!

Billy Graham says, “As an evangelist, I have often felt too far spent to minister from the pulpit to men and women who have filled stadiums to hear a message from the Lord. Yet again and again my weakness has vanished, and my strength has been renewed. I have been filled with God’s power, not only in my soul but physically. On many occasions, God has become especially real, and has sent His unseen angelic visitors to touch my body to let me be His messenger for heaven, speaking as a dying man to dying men.”

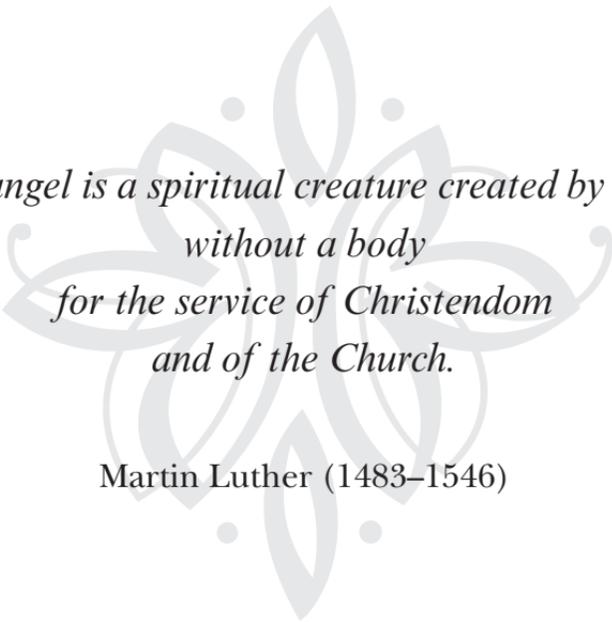


The helmed Cherubim, And sworded
Seraphim, Are seen in glittering ranks
with wings display'd.

(John Milton)

*Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve
those who will inherit salvation?*

(Heb. 1:14).



*An angel is a spiritual creature created by God
without a body
for the service of Christendom
and of the Church.*

Martin Luther (1483–1546)

