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Angels

**Hebrews 1
(text 1:14)**

Theme: Angels are ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation.

What are Angels?

- created
- everlasting
- spiritual beings
- have high intelligence
- have moral judgement

There are **two broad types** of angels:

- **fallen angels** (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6) led by Satan;
- **elect angels** (1 Tim. 5:21).

Angels minister to those who will inherit salvation

A neglected truth.

God equips His children with **armour** (Eph. 6) for spiritual conflict.

God sends His angels to minister to His children.

will inherit - simply means saved, being saved, will be saved.

1. Angels minister to people in preparation for salvation

Acts 10:1-8 - Cornelius got direction concerning his salvation by angel.

Angels may play a part in *occurrences* leading to salvation.

Might this have been happening to you?

2. Angels minister to Christians as they live the Christian life

- **protection**, *cf.* Dan. 6; 2 Ki. 6:16-17; Ps. 91:9-11
- **deliverance**, *cf.* Ps. 34:7, Acts 12; Daniel (Dan. 6)
- **guidance**, *cf.* Acts 8:26
- **comfort**, *cf.* Paul, Acts 27:23-24

Angels ministering to us:

- You narrowly avoid a car accident?
- You walk or drive through a dangerous area, yet not harmed?
- You receive strength and comfort in trials?

Angels are invisible spiritual beings
but may take bodily form, *cf.* Heb.
13:2.

Be aware of this and praise God.

3. Angels minister to Christians as they face their final enemy ... death

They usher Christians into presence
of Lord at death! *Cf.* Luke 16:19-22.

Will angels usher you into God's
presence when *the weight of death
squeezes your soul out of your
body?* (Thomas Boston)

4. Angels minister to Christians at the consummation of all things

Cf. Parable of the Weeds

(Matt. 13:24-30 & 36-43)

Christians harvested for Heaven.

Non-Christians harvested for
Hell/destruction.

How will the angels harvest you?

Conclusion – Be aware and praise God!

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

Only eternity will show us the extent to which God has used angels in our lives.

This will cause us to praise Him even more for the wonderful things He has done.