ANGELS ON ASSIGNMENT Part 2 Accessing the supernatural help of angels

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REVIEW ... The Bible speaks much about these ... spirit beings called angels!

- i. The Old Testament records **powerful deliverances** that took place by the *hand of angel*
- ii. At the beginning of the **Church Age** it records **supernatural protection, intervention, deliverances by angels** ...
- iii. Those same angels are working in the earth today and will have a strong presence in the Great Awakening
- iv. Angels will be main players and have a powerful presence in the Tribulation and at the End of the Age

Psalm 91:11-12 // **Psalm 34:7...** The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them.

How do we access the supernatural help from angels?

Chapter 1 and 2, compares the Deity of Christ to the role of His angels

Hebrews 1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³ who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

Hebrews 1:5-6 NIV For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? ⁶ ... when God brings His firstborn into the world, **He says, "Let all God's angels worship Him."**

Hebrews 1:7-8 NIV ⁷ In speaking of the angels He says, "<u>He makes His angels spirits</u>, and <u>his servants</u> flames of fire." ⁸ But about the Son He says, "<u>Your throne, O God</u>, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of Your kingdom. ...

Hebrews 1:13-14 NIV To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet? ¹⁴ Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation.

Hebrews 2:1, 2-3 NET Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.

NIV 2 For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, 3 how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? 4 This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.

The writer compares the salvation message spoken by angels, to the Children of Israel in the OT, with the New Testament believers salvation and gives a warning to us ...

Hebrews 3:15-17 "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." 16 For who, <u>having heard</u>, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? 17 **Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness**?

Hebrews 4:3 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the Word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

Hebrews 2:3 ... how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation?

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Salvation – soteria – "welfare, prosperity deliverance preservation, safety"

- i. God has provided a great salvation. But it is not going to happen just because it is in the Bible.
- ii. We need to cooperate with God, with His Word, and with His angels

Psalm 103:20 Bless the LORD, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His Word, heeding the voice of His Word.

- i. It does not say the angels heed the voice of God, it says; they heed the voice of His Word. There is a difference!
- ii. The role of God's angels is to see to it that God's Word comes to pass.

Example - Psalm 91 – Describes the deliverance / protection that is available to the heirs of salvation ... much of which is executed by the ministry of angels ...

Ps 91:10-12 No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; ¹¹ for He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. ¹² In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone

Psalm 91:1-2 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 <u>I will</u> say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust." Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence.

What are we saying about our lives, family, our health, finances, our nation?

Example - Elisha spoke words to his fearful servant, 'There are more with us than those who are with the enemy"

Example - Abraham ... he said, God will send His angel before you to prosper your way. He understood and was familiar with the ministry of angels,. He declared the supernatural assistance of angels.

Genesis 42:7 The LORD God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my family, and who spoke to me and swore to me, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land,' <u>He will send His angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there.</u>

Genesis 42:40 NIV, 'The LORD, before whom I have walked faithfully, will send his angel with you and make your journey a success, so that you can get a wife for my son from my own clan and from my father's family.

Example: Zechariah & Elizabeth - Gabriel brought news regarding them having a son, John the Baptist

Luke 1:11-13 Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. 12 When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. 13 But the angel said to him: "**Do not be afraid, Zechariah**; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John.

.... 17 And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, 18 Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." 19 The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. 20 And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time."

Zechariah did NOT believe the words from the angel Gabriel. **The angel,** Gabriel supernaturally shut Zechariah's mouth so he couldn't speak. Why? Because his negative words could stop God's will coming to pass!

Example: Daniel – from the first day you prayer your words where heard

Daniel 10:1a, 2 The moment we speak God's Word, our words are heard and angels are sent with the answer.

Daniel 10:10-13 Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands. ¹¹ And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling. ¹² Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for <u>from the first day</u> that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, <u>your words were heard</u>; and <u>I have come because of your words</u>. ¹³ But the <u>prince of the kingdom of Persia</u> <u>withstood me twenty-one days</u>; and behold, <u>Michael</u>, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

How can we access the supernatural help from angels?

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- i. Understand that God's angels function by God's Word ...
- ii. God's Word has been given to us, ... so according to how we know how to speak, angels will function.