

## **An Angelic Job Description**

### **Introduction:**

1. Specifically, what do angels do? What is their purpose? What events take place in the daily life of an angel?
2. When you contemplate the life of angels, what do you envision them doing? Some picture angels as floating around on white clouds, playing harps all day, and making spooky sounds. But this is not true. This isn't what we see in the Bible.
3. As mentioned previously, angels are mentioned over 250 times in God's Word. In this lesson, we will examine God's Word, and from it create an angelic job description.

### **First, angels are seen offering worship and praise to God.**

1. Psalm 148:2 declares, "*Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.*"
2. Isaiah mentions some type of heavenly creatures in Isaiah 6:1-3, called seraphim, who are above God's throne, singing His praises as they called special attention to God's glory and majesty.
3. In Revelation 5:11-12 and 7:11, the angels are worshiping Jesus with a loud voice. I can't prove it beyond doubt, but I would guess that each angel spends an ample amount of time each day just worshiping Jesus Christ, praising Him, and enjoying Him.
4. How much time do you spend worshiping and praising your Father and your Savior, Jesus Christ? Just like the angels, you were created to worship God.  
John 4:23-24

### **Second, angels are seen bringing judgment upon the enemies of God.**

1. Hebrews 1:7 refers to God's angels as "*a flame of fire.*" In the Bible, fire often speaks of judgment.
2. Let's look at two Old Testament examples:
  - Genesis 19:1, 12-13 – Two angels are sent by God to totally annihilate the perverse cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.
  - 2 Kings 19:35; 2 Chronicles 32:21 – An angel kills 185,000 leaders in the Assyrian army.
3. God is full of love, but He is also a righteous God of judgment. He cannot allow sin to go unpunished. Throughout history, God has used angels to administer His judgment upon the ungodly and unbelieving.
4. A New Testament example is found in Acts 12:20-23.
5. Angels will also be used by God to bring judgment to the world in the future.
  - Judgment to the earth – Revelation 7:2, 8:5-7
  - Judgment to unbelievers – Revelation 9:15, 14:19, 15:1; cf. Matthew 13:40-42; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9
  - Judgment to Satan – Revelation 20:1

6. While angels have been and will be used by God to bring judgment, the Bible teaches that one day, we (the body of Christ) will judge angels (1 Corinthians 6:3). What an exalted position we have in Christ!

### **Third, angels are seen ministering to Jesus during His earthly life.**

1. If a person studies the life of Christ, he will see angels involved from beginning to end.
  - Angels followed Jesus wherever He went. They were constantly there to help and assist Jesus.
  - An angel announced the birth of Jesus. Luke 1:26-28
  - An angel gave Joseph assurance. Matthew 1:20
  - An angel warned Mary and Joseph to flee into Egypt (Matthew 2:13), and then told them when it was safe to return. Matthew 2:19
  - Angels announced to the shepherds Christ's birth. Luke 2:8-15
  - Angels ministered to Jesus after His temptation in the wilderness. Matthew 4:11
  - Angels strengthened Jesus while in the Garden of Gethsemane. Luke 22:43
  - Angels were ready to assist Jesus while on the cross. Matthew 26:53
  - An angel rolled away the stone in front of the tomb of Jesus. Matthew 28:2
  - Angels accompanied Christ as He ascended into heaven. Acts 1:10
  - Angels will accompany Christ when He returns to the earth the second time. Matthew 16:27, 24:30-31, 25:31; Revelation 19:14
2. Angels constantly kept their eyes focused on Jesus. No matter where He led (the wilderness, the garden, the cross), they followed. No matter who betrayed Him or fell into sin, they stood true.
3. What a lesson for us. We, too, should keep our eyes on Jesus (Hebrews 12:2), and be willing to follow Him, wherever He leads and regardless of who else follows. 1 Peter 2:21

### **Fourth, angels are seen ministering to the nation of Israel.**

1. The nation of Israel was God's chosen people. They began with Abraham and, from their earliest existence, angels are seen superintending the affairs of this chosen nation.
2. Over and over again, the nation of Israel enjoyed angelic instruction and intervention in many different ways.
  - It was an angel that confirmed God's covenant promise to Abraham. Genesis 22:15-18
  - It was an angel that prevented Abraham from killing the child of promise (Isaac). Genesis 22:10-13
  - It was an angel that gave Israel guidance (Exodus 14:19) and led them from the bondage of Egypt to their promised land. Exodus 23:20, 23; Judges 2:1; Numbers 20:16

- It was an angel that would help Israel drive out the enemy nations. Exodus 33:2
  - It was through angels they received God's law. Galatians 3:19
  - Angels gave encouragement (Judges 6:11-22) and comfort (1 Kings 19:5-7) to Israel's leaders and prophets.
  - Angels brought judgment and chastisement to Israel when needed. 2 Samuel 24:15-17
  - Angels brought miraculous deliverance when needed. Daniel 3:28, 6:22
  - When Jesus returns to earth to give Israel their promised kingdom, He will send His angels to gather them together from the ends of the earth. Matthew 24:31
3. It is very clear that Israel has had an angelic ministry throughout their history. Angels have delivered, protected, and encamped around the nation of Israel.
  4. All prophecy in the Bible points to the day when God will give to Israel its long-awaited earthly kingdom. But the god of this world (Satan) wants to see to it that it never happens. So, the battle rages between God's angels and Satan's angels until the day when Christ rules and reigns on this earth from His throne in Jerusalem.

#### **In Conclusion:**

1. Angels aren't floating around on clouds playing harps. They are busy creatures that are carrying on the business of heaven.
2. In today's lesson, we learned several things that angels do in the Bible:
  - They offer worship and praise to God and the Lamb.
  - They bring judgment upon God's enemies.
  - They minister to and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - They protect and oversee the affairs of the nation of Israel.
3. You may be asking, "What about us - the church, the body of Christ? What role do angels play in our lives?"
4. We will answer that question in the coming weeks.