Angels - they're here to serve us



There are nearly 300 references of angels in the Bible. More in the New Testament (about 165) than there are in the Old (over 100). They're found in 34 books of the Bible... from Genesis to Revelation.

Many times, angels said, "Fear not", as if to make us comfortable with them

Angels awareness theme

Books recommendation:

Gary Oates – "Open My Eyes Lord"

Billy Graham – 'Angels: God's Secret Agents' "Believers, look up – take courage. The angels are nearer than you think." He says that we must have at least two angels for each person." (Ps 91:11-12)

Randy Clark: "I would suggest to you that on the Day of Pentecost we got more than the Baptism in the Spirit... we got more than a new relationship with Holy Spirit, we also entered into a new dispensation... a new covenant with the outpouring of the angels of God." – Randy Clark

Consider the cloven tongues of fire upon each of the heads of the 120 at the Day of Pentecost.

What do they look like? - Humanoid, winds, fire, lights, etc...

"He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants." - Ps 104:4

"In speaking of the angels, he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." – Heb 1:7

Note: Day of Pentecost – wind, fire - 'rustling in the tops of the mulberry trees', whirlwinds, chariots of fire...

Elijah – chariots and horses of fire... went up in a whirlwind – II Kngs 2:12 Elisha – hills full or horses and chariots of fire all around - II Kngs 6:10 "And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered." – Acts 20:8

Can we have conversations / can we interact with angels

Abraham, Gideon, Jacob, David, Mary, Peter, Paul, Cornelius, Zechariah (Peter's angel may have looked like Peter)

Rev 29:10 and 22:9 - "Do not worship me for I am a fellow servant."

Don't do that! <mark>I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters</mark> who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus." – Rev 19:10 NIV

"See that you do not do that. For <mark>I am your fellow servant</mark>, and of <mark>your brethren the prophets</mark>, and of <mark>those who keep the words of this book</mark>. Worship God" – Rev 22:9 NJKV

How do we treat fellow servants unto God... How much latitude do we have without compromising the Deity of God?

Can we bless, charge and commission angels?

Zechariah gets so caught up in the moment he tells the angel to put a turban on Joshua. – Zech 3:5

Zech 3:7

If you walk in My ways and perform My service, then <mark>you will both govern My house and be in charge</mark> of My courtyards, and **I will grant you free access among these who are standing here.** - NASB

If you truly obey me, <mark>I will put you in charge of my temple, including the courtyard around it, **and you will be allowed to speak at any time with the angels standing beside me.** – Contemporary English Version</mark>

"Orders from the GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies: 'If you live the way I tell you and remain obedient in my service, then you'll make the decisions around here and oversee my affairs. **And all my attendants** standing here will be at your service. – Message Bible

If thou wilt walk in my ways, and take heed to my charges, <mark>then shalt thou judge my house: and if thou wilt diligently keep my court, **then will I give thee men to walk in the midst of these that stand here**. — Brenton Septuagint Trans</mark>

Communities of Heaven - get to know them - partner with them

"having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might **gather together in one** all things in Christ, **both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him**." – Eph 1:9-10

"But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly," – Heb 12:22

What would it be like if you walked into a room and didn't speak to those around you?

"Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" -Heb 1:14

"See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones (angels)" - Jude 1:14 Expect angels to be much more available and engaged with our lives

Jesus' status now:

(Jesus) "Being made so **much better than the angels**, as he has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, 'You are my Son, this day have I begotten you?' And again, 'I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son'." - Heb 1:4–5

"But to which of the angels said he at any time, 'Sit on my right hand, and I will make your enemies your footstool'." - Heb 1:13

"which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and **seated Him at His right hand in** the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come." – Eph 1:20-21

Our status now:

"and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus" - Eph 2:6

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God." – Col 3:1-3

Our inheritance

"Do you not know that we shall judge angels?" - I Cor 6:3

Consider the objective of angels, their job, and necessity of our working relationship with them

Angels are sent to help us possess our full inheritance. Consider: Josiah - the boy king

"Josiah was **eight years old** when he became king..." - II Chron 34:1 and II Kngs 22 His mother, the high priest and others helped tutor him into kingship

Just like the boy-king, Josiah needed tutors to train him into full function of kingship, angels help us with Heavenly assistance to find our rightful place of governance... even, governance over them.

Currently, angels have more Heavenly knowledge than us. Our spirit man is already "seated with Christ" in Heavenly places (far above all principalities and powers, etc.). But, our soul hasn't been renewed yet to comprehend the magnitude of our Heavenly stature. So, angels engage with our 'world' to "minister to us" and escort us into our full inheritance where our spirit man now already resides. From this place someday we'll actually judge angels. Consider the crucial service that they carry out on our behalf to bring us into the delightful dreams our Father has for us and for the angels.

See angel graphic (below) For more on angels, see ALC videos on <u>angels</u> Activation – meet our angel – two hands

Angels: Heaven's amazing resource to the saints

