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Angels

The Angels are the messengers of God Almighty, whose messages they deliver, and whose purposes they carry out. Psalm 103:20-21 says *“Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.”*

The Lord Jesus Christ was strengthened by Angels as he faced overwhelming trials during periods in his life such as on the Mount of Temptation (Matthew 4:11). And again at the time Jesus was taken by Judas and the Jews, he rebuked the disciples, saying, Matthew 26:53-54: *“Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?”* Jesus was acceptive of his fate, because he knew that at any time his Father could save him by the hand of Angels.

So, what role have the Angels had in the past? Angels appeared to people as normal persons, but possessing Divine powers, and of an immortal nature, such that they cannot die. They are not of the human race, but are so much like them that as to have been at times mistaken for man – as seen in the cases of:

- Abraham – Genesis 18:2
- Lot – Genesis 19:1
- Jacob – Genesis 32:24
- Gideon – Judges 6:12
- Manoah – Judges 13:8,9
- Mary – Luke 1:28-38
- Zacharias – Luke 1:11-20

For Abraham, the message from the Angels who visited him was that Sarah and he would have a child. This child was to be a child of promise and not produced by pure human means.

The Angels who visited Lot told him that he should escape from Sodom, because it was about to be destroyed. These Angels also showed that they had been empowered to protect Lot, by striking down those wicked men of Sodom with blindness and causing Lot to flee with his family before the city was destroyed. Gideon received a message that by his hand Israel was to be saved. He didn't believe the Angel until God's power was demonstrated. Then he went to do God's will, in the sure belief that God was with him.

In God's future plans for this earth, the Angels also play an important role. For instance, prior to the Judgment, Jesus tells us that the Angels will help to gather all those who are to be judged.

Matthew 16:27: *“For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.”*

Matthew 25:31: *“When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory.”*

God's Angels are still doing His work in the earth today, even when we are not aware of their work. This will continue up to the time when they gather all those who will be judged by Jesus.

Matthew 24:31 *“And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”*