

SERMON NOTES

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THE ASSIGNMENTS OF ANGELS

Angels are created servants of God who carry out His commands, serve His purposes, minister to His people, and participate in God's divine plan. Their work is often unseen, but their assignments are significant.

1. Angels are Created Beings

- Angels were present and rejoiced as God created the world — **Job 38:7**
- Their number is beyond human comprehension — **Revelation 5:11**
- They are servants of God, not objects of worship — **Hebrews 1:7**

2. Angels have Divine Assignments

- Angels may:
 - Deliver messages — **Luke 1:11-12; Acts 1:10**
 - Protect and assist people — **Genesis 19:15-16**
 - Intervene physically — **Genesis 19:16**
 - Minister to God's people — **Matthew 4:11**
 - Reveal truth and give warnings — **Daniel 10; Luke 1**
 - Execute divine judgment — **Matthew 13:41-42**
 - Participate in God's Heavenly order — **Daniel 10:13; Revelation 5:11**
 - Rejoice when sinners repent — **Luke 15:10**

3. Angels May Appear in Different Ways

- Human-Like Appearances
 - Abraham encountered heavenly visitors who appeared as men — **Genesis 18:1-2**
 - Lot welcomed two angels who appeared as men — **Genesis 19:1**
 - Samson's mother described an angel as a "man of God" — **Judges 13:3-6**
 - Angels appeared as men at Jesus' tomb and ascension — **Mark 16:5; Acts 1:10**
- Majestic or Terrifying Appearances
 - An angel at Jesus' tomb appeared like lightning — **Matthew 28:2-4**
 - Gabriel's appearance caused Zechariah to fear — **Luke 1:11-12**
 - The shepherds were terrified by the glory surrounding the angel — **Luke 2:9**
 - Daniel saw a majestic heavenly being — **Daniel 10:5-6**

4. Angels Serve God—They Do Not Replace God

- When John attempted to worship an angel, the angel immediately corrected him: "Worship God." — **Revelation 19:10; 22:9**
- Angels are fellow servants of God.
- Never worship angels — **Colossians 2:18**
- Our worship belongs to God alone.
- Angels point us toward God's purposes, not toward themselves.

5. Angels and the Work of the Church

- **Revelation 1:20** connects the seven stars with the angels of the seven churches.
- This reminds us that the church belongs to Christ and operates under divine authority. God can dispatch heavenly servants to accomplish His purposes concerning His people and His Kingdom.

6. Angels and Final Judgment

- Jesus taught that angels will participate in the final separation of the righteous and wicked.
- **Matthew 13:41-42** — The Son of Man sends His angels to remove those who practice evil.
- Angels cannot be bribed, deceived, or persuaded to change God's righteous judgment. God's judgment will be carried out according to His truth.

7. The Fallen Angel: Satan

- Satan rebelled against God and opposed His purposes. He tempted Jesus by offering Him the kingdoms of the world in exchange for worship.
- Jesus answered: “Worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.” — **Matthew 4:10**
- After Satan departed, angels came and ministered to Jesus — **Matthew 4:11**

We may not see everything God is doing, but we can trust that God is working according to His divine purpose. Therefore, come into God's house with thanksgiving, praise, honor, and glory—because the Lord is worthy of worship, and His servants are carrying out His commands.

Hebrews 1:14 — Angels are “*ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation.*”