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Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits Revelation 12:7 Angels fought against the dragon Exodus 3:2 The angel of the LORD appeared to him Psalm 148:2 Praise ye him, all his angels Deut. 29:29 The secret things belong unto the Lord Rev. 5:11 Behold, I heard the voice of many angels Isaiah 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven,

With many references to angels in Scripture, it is good to know that believers in Christ will spend an eternity *with* them in Heaven.

Bible verses refer often to angels as NIV Psalm 89:6 "Heavenly beings." AV Job 1:6 "The sons of God." AV Ephesians 3:10 "The principalities and powers in heavenly places."

The subject of angels has always been popular, and many best-selling books have been written on them. Most people want to believe they have a guardian angel to watch over them.

Scripture warns that Satan and his demons can deceive people through suggestions or advice that is *not* according to Scripture.

AV 2 Corinthians 11:13 "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."

There are times when angels get involved in situations on earth. AV Hebrews 1:14 "Are they not

all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

Angels are mentioned 273 times in 34 Books of the Bible. They are created AV Genesis 2:1 "*Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.*"

Angels can report to God NIV Job 1:6 "One day the **angels** came to present themselves before the LORD."

An angel of the Lord wrestled with Jacob Genesis 32; and spoke to Moses AV Exodus 3:2 "The angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush."

Angels protected Israel at the Red Sea **Exodus 14**, and an angel said to Gideon AV **Judges** 6:12, "*The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.*"

An *angel of the Lord* ministered to Elijah 1 Kings 19:7 and protected three Hebrews in a fiery furnace Daniel 3:25.

Angels are named in Scripture—Gabriel Daniel 8:16, and Michael Daniel 10:13. AV Revelation 12:7 "There was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not."

Scripture does not encourage our *looking* for angels, but they do minister in human affairs even though we know little about *how* that happens. AV **Deuteronomy 29:29** "*The secret things belong unto the LORD our God.*"

We should always follow the Lord's example and be friendly, cordial, and showing a scriptural attitude toward everyone—

AV **Hebrews 13:2** "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

Scripture says there are angels in the *third heaven* worshipping God; there are angels in the *second heaven* and serving God in various ways; they are part of the *first heaven* intervening at

times in human affairs—watching over us as God sees necessary.

Angels are to worship God AV Psalm 148:2 "Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts."

We are not to *accept* any praise for anything God enables us to do, and whenever *angels* were worshipped, they rebuked the one doing so.

AV **Revelation 22:8** *"When I [John] had heard* and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it **not**: for I am thy fellow servant—worship God."

Scripture does not give any specific *number* of angels but says at the birth of Jesus

AV Luke 2:13 "Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

John said AV Revelation 5:11 "I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands"—far more than anyone could count.

Angels can *choose*, because Satan *chose* to be proud. AV Isaiah 14:12 "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!"

It is a serious warning of how deadly pride is, and that any pride in us compels God to resist us.

NKJV **1 Peter 5:5** "All of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble"—It is never good to have God oppose us.

The prophet continues AV Isaiah 14:13 "For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend

above the heights of the clouds; *I will* be like the most High."

Angels *choose* and Lucifer made the *choice* to be proud. He said in his heart *I will*, five times— underscoring the deadliness of pride.

We need to ask God to *search* our heart for any *proud spirit* because NKJV James 4:6 "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

Pride was Satan's downfall—and pride has been the downfall of many others since. AV Isaiah 14:15 "Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."

When Lucifer fell, he took one third of the angels with him **Revelation 12**—and they are still troubling believers on earth until they are thrown into the bottomless pit with the dragon.

Angels in Scripture indicate that they can speak and communicate important information when necessary.

On resurrection morning Mary found the tomb empty, and the angel said NKJV Matthew 28:5 "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.' 6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

The angel who appeared to Zacharias AV Luke 1:18 Identified himself saying 19, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings."

Due to the importance of the message the archangel was sent to deliver it.

An angel appeared to Mary to inform her of the birth of Jesus AV Luke 1:29 "And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be."

There was an angel at the empty tomb of Jesus AV Matthew 28:3 "His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow." When the soldiers guarding the tomb of Jesus saw an angel, they NKJV Matthew 28:4 "Shook for fear of him, and became like dead men."

Scripture tells us to *love God* with all our heart and soul, and to *worship Him* in spirit and in truth. We are to pray that He empower us by His Spirit to love the Lord Jesus with all our heart, soul, and mind, for it is He alone who makes it all possible.

Jesus is God incarnate—He is God in person and not an angel AV Colossians 1:16 "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him."

In Heaven we will be able to *worship* God; to *thank* Him continuously; and to give all *praise* to Him because that is our duty. We will sing of His glory and majesty forever and ever!

May God enable us to look beyond this sinful world today, and to get a glimpse of the glory and majesty of Heaven!

May God enable us to be like the merchant "seeking beautiful pearls." NKJV Matthew 13:46 "When he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

There can be no *possession*; no *interest*; no *person*; and no *anything* allowed to come between us and God—*nothing* that can stand in our way of *walking by faith* in Christ every day.

NKJV **Romans 13:11** "Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light."

It is all too easy to be in a spiritual slumber— Satan uses that with many. Even though knowing that Jesus could return in a split second; in a *moment* of time—*suddenly* and when not expecting Him, multitudes are *not* ready and *not* alert!

We must be very *serious* about *casting off* the wrong attitudes we had and *correcting* the wrongs decisions we made.

Walking in the light of God's Truth is a serious journey and we must be serious about actively doing that. God's Truth is to be valued beyond anything on earth.

NKJV Romans 13:13 "Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy [quarrelling and jealousy].

AV 14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."

We must *accept* that advice and *follow* it every day without fail! Jesus has *warned* us ahead of time—

AV Matthew 24:4 "Take heed that no man deceive you; 25 Behold, I have told you before;

44 Therefore be ye also **ready**: for in such an hour as ye think **not** the Son of man cometh."

An angel of the Lord does *not* need to warn us—*the Son of God already did!*



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