

Angelic Bodyguards

Psalm 91, which speaks of God's divine protection, takes on  new meaning when angels come to the rescue. Such was the case for Mike Disanza of the New York City Police Department, whose angelic encounter is highlighted in Peggy Joyce Ruth's latest book, Psalm 91:

Over my system came the message: 72nd Street and Broadway, Manhattan! I knew the meaning of the code: Cop in trouble and needs assistance. I rushed to the subway and there was a crowd of people around the cop who refused to let him get his prisoner. I walked directly over and cuffed the prisoner, which made the crowd go wild.

One man shouted: "Here comes the train! Let's throw the cop in the subway!" The crowd converted into a mob. I felt myself moving toward the subway track, being pushed by this angry crowd who was intending to hurl me onto the tracks in front of the speeding train. I could hear the sound and see the lights of the oncoming train in the tunnel.

Being a new Christian, I cried out the best prayer I knew: "Jesus help!" Suddenly, these two big guys in the crowd started pushing the mob out of our way. They parted the crowd, got over to me and said, "Follow us!" I grabbed the prisoner and followed them as they made a path for us—and felt the other cop right on my heels hanging onto my jacket. The two men ushered us back to the patrol car and I loaded the prisoner in the back seat. He was still screaming his mouth off about how he hated cops. I turned around to thank the two strangers, but was surprised that neither of them was there. *Oh, well*, I thought, and muttered my thanks to them anyway.

I jumped in and the other cop got in next to the driver. He

thanked me gratefully for my help. I deflected the compliment and said, "Thank God for those two big guys pushing the crowd apart, telling us to follow them and moving us to the car!"

"I didn't hear nothing. I didn't see nothing," he said. "And I never heard anyone tell us to follow them."

Puzzled, I asked, "Eddie, how could you not see the men? You were right behind us!"

When I turned around, I suddenly saw a 3-D message through the glass: *Angels are ministering spirits to help those who will believe.* It was at that moment I realized what had happened and said to myself, *My gosh, those guys were angels!*

God really does give His angels charge concerning us (see Ps. 91:11).