

The Shocking Truth About Angels and You

Question: There seem to be a lot of articles and stories about people seeing angels lately. I know you teach that we should look for vision and see Jesus with us. Do you believe we should also be seeing angels?

Answer: That's a great question. I am generally comfortable looking to see whatever the Bible says to be true. So yes, because the Bible clearly teaches angels are with us, then that is something I would be open to seeing when I look for vision.

My daughter has received some outstanding revelation from the Lord on this, so I've also asked her to share her understanding of the place of angels in our lives. —Mark Virkler

Reflections from My Daughter, Charity Kayembe

You're right, Dad--I'm definitely into my angels! But you know, that wasn't always the case. I started well, got derailed for a minute, but now hang out with them again. I mean, remember when I was a little girl and always talked about my invisible playmates?

While some parents may have wanted their kids to "grow up" and stop telling stories about imaginary friends--you and mom encouraged it. Mom always believed I was seeing my guardian angels, and you always taught me to **look at the things that are unseen**, cause that's the most real, eternal stuff anyway (2 Cor. 4:18).

Adventures in Smuggling

So yeah, I remember seeing my angels, Pojes and Shobis, with me over the years as I was growing up. For example, when **I was on a mission trip** and we were carrying Bibles into a closed country, they were right there with me. I had a backpack full of “bread”, not to mention pockets bulging with tracts, and I wandered my way right past the security checkpoint and x-ray machines with no detection by the guards at all. And I knew why too. **My angels ran interference** and stood between me and the soldiers, and blocked me from their view. The border patrol never stopped me, because I don’t believe they ever even saw me!

Weird Theology

Funny though, I never really appreciated what they did. Like, even though I’ve always seen my angels around, I never talked with them much. Well, OK, **I’d talk at them**--I’d give them orders and tell them what to do, because they’re ministering servants sent to help me out, right? While that is true, being bossy and one-sided is just so not the Spirit of Christ, so that was definitely a bit messed up.

The thing was, somewhere along the line, my beliefs about angels got seriously off track. I somehow got two ideas, which totally kept me from interacting with them even though they were right there.

Number one, I decided it might be **disrespectful to Jesus** to hang out with my angels. I mean, since He’s right there with me too, I should focus on Him. He’s God; they’re not! And I don’t want to ignore Him or dishonor Him in any way.

Since I didn’t want to overemphasize angels, my great solution was to **marginalize them** and basically ignore completely the very assistants He’d sent to bless and help me.

Trick of the Enemy?

The other hang-up I had, and I don't know if I got this from a teaching somewhere or if it was just a sneaky little thought from the enemy trying to trip me up, but... I totally got it in my head that now that we were in the New Covenant and had the Holy Spirit in us and access to God's strength and gifts, now we totally didn't need angels. I mean, **what can angels do that God can't**, right? Nothing! Somehow I thought I was giving God more credit by not seeing any need for angels, and I believed I was doing Him a favor by overlooking their work in my life.

Allow Me to Introduce You

While I thought at least in a certain way my ideas kind of made sense, God was not impressed with any of it and lovingly made that abundantly clear the day He re-introduced me to my angels. He's like, *"OK guys, you're friends. Partners and co-laborers for and with Me. We're all on the same team! Hang out, chat. **Be friendly, and be friends.**"*

Now, I'm all for obedience. But I still felt it necessary to explain to God how I was actually trying to *be nice to Him* by ignoring my angels. I was giving my quiet times exclusively to Him, and, wasn't that so awesome and spiritually thoughtful of me? While He did appreciate the heart motive, He gently enlightened me to where He was coming from on the matter, and why **I really didn't need to worry** that He would feel hurt or discounted in any way.

Truth That Set Me Free

Jesus: *"...Because remember: **I'm the One who created family. I'm the One who made Eve for Adam because it wasn't good for him to be alone. And I'm the One who put you in a***

family with a mom and dad and brother and gave you a husband and friends and... So, I'm the One who created relationship, and put you into them. Lots of them! Interconnected. Family. Members of a body. All of all that.

"So, the point is, I'm not threatened by your having other relationships and friendships outside of your fellowship with Me. Why would I be? I'm not selfish like that. That is the way love is not jealous (1 Cor. 13:4)."

Of course. I knew that! God's not insecure. Why did I think He would be so petty? I seriously needed to get myself renewed to His mind. What He said made way more sense than what I'd been thinking all this time!

(It's funny too, a total side thought, my thinking I should not talk to angels to not focus on them too much. Satan is an angel, and we talk to him and his demons—resisting, rebuking, casting out. Why not talk with the good, non-fallen ones at least as much?)

Scriptural Precedents?

BUT, I still had my other huge concern. What about the Holy Spirit? Why would I need angels if my spirit is connected to God's Spirit? It sure doesn't seem like there should be anything missing or lacking that needs to be taken care of. there?

The only way to really know anything for sure is to find out what the Bible says, right? Turns out it said a whole lot more about angels than I ever noticed before. There are literally **hundreds of verses** on angels in the Bible. The **majority of books** at least mention them, and some places—whole chapters are made up of angelic encounter (like Daniel). Half of Zechariah is an **extended conversation with "the angel who was speaking to him,"** not to mention the entire book of Revelation. Amazingly, angels are actually

mentioned *more in the New Testament* than the Old (even though the New Testament is way shorter).

I mean, basically everyone who did anything pointful in the Old Testament met with angels. **Abraham, Jacob, Moses** and **David**. Of course **Elijah** and **Elisha**. And **Ezekiel** and **Isaiah**, just to name a few.

But what I found to be even more incredible were all of the New Testament accounts. Everyone from **Joseph** to **Mary** to **Zacharias** to **Cornelius** to...

All the Cool Kids Are Doing It

But still, my hang-up about the Holy Spirit... were there believers who were filled with the Holy Spirit, connected to God and His wisdom and power, who still needed help from angels?

How about **Peter** (Acts 5:19 and again in Acts 12:7-11), **John** (Rev. 1:1), **Philip** (Acts 8:26) and **Paul** (Acts 27:23,24).

I mean, Father God could certainly have set Peter free from the jail cell all by Himself. The Holy Spirit could have told Paul not to worry about the storm, that all the crew was gonna be safe. And Jesus could have easily given John all his revelations of heaven all by Himself, as He was standing right there and obviously a part of the vision too (Rev. 22:16).

But instead, **God chose to use angels**.

Jesus and Angels

And if that's not enough, of course we'd always say our ultimate example is Jesus. He IS God. Surely He doesn't require angelic assistance. Yeah well, turns out He does

actually. Or at least, He wants it. It's the way Father set it up. For *angelic ministering spirits to minister to us* (Heb. 1:13,14).

I mean, of course angels were there when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. And they surrounded His resurrection and later ascension. But what really amazed me was the fact that **angels ministered to Jesus** in the wilderness (Matt. 4:11), and **strengthened Him** in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:43).

If angels are such a huge thing in the Bible, in the lives of the disciples, and in the life of Jesus Himself, why haven't they been a bigger part of my life? I mean, where was I on that?

What Are They Good For?

So I'd finally gotten used to the fact that angels can be around, but, I still had some pretty specific and limited tasks I understood to be in their repertoire of usefulness. I mean, **they can protect me**, since that's a definite theme for them in Psalms. That's great.

I guess they could even explain things to me too, since there's tons of that happening all throughout the Prophets, etc. But, yeah--turns out they actually do all kinds of other things too, from **making dinner** (my angels should take a hint! 1 Kings 19:5-8) or even **playing a role in healing** (John 5:4).

This seemed kind of a stretch for me, but, yeah. I don't believe they have healing power themselves. I think they're like me. I can receive a gift of healing from God and give it to another person. It flows through my hands, but obviously isn't me. Same with angels, I think.

Angels Can't Do *THAT!*

Anyway, what really drove the point home about angels being able to do anything because that's what God wants and He set it up this way... I mean, if there is **one thing** I think we *all* could agree on that no angel should or could ever have anything to do with—it would be cleansing us from sin. Right? That's Jesus' job! And angels have nothing to do with it.

Yeah well, not according to God. Isaiah 6:1-7 really kind of sealed the deal with me on this whole angels are awesome thing. So the setting is Isaiah and he's having his great vision and he sees the Lord. God is right there on His throne, and sure yeah, there are some angels around. All well and good. BUT, when Isaiah freaks out over his sin in the presence of a holy God, what happens next? **You've gotta be kidding**. Let me quote it *exactly*...

*Then **one of the seraphim** flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth with it and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and **your iniquity is taken away** and your sin is forgiven" (Is. 6:6,7).*

What? God, You were *right* there! You were *with* Isaiah. You totally could have done this Yourself. I mean, I know it's Jesus' Blood and sacrifice that saves us—so, why let some angel give him the burning coal? See, **if I had manufactured this vision**, I totally would have had You get up from Your throne and just bring that coal over to Isaiah Yourself. You didn't need an angel to do that for You...

Father's Point of View

God: *Yeah well, of course I didn't need an angel to do it... You're right in that I don't "need" anyone to do anything. But, **I'm God, and I like it this way**. I'm the King. I'm on a*

throne. Why wouldn't I want My servants to serve on My behalf? Why wouldn't I want to commission those under My authority to do the work I want accomplished?

While you're totally right about My ability, I choose for it to be this way. **I designed for angels to be part of the spiritual landscape.** I like them! They like serving Me. It's really a win-win situation. ☐

Here you'd been thinking that by having others do My work for Me, that somehow detracts from My power or awesomeness in some way. Actually, it does the opposite. Kings and presidents and prime ministers—they don't do everything for themselves. I mean, they don't usually go out to war themselves personally, do they? They send armies out on their behalf, with their full authority and backing and strength behind them.

Play Well Together

It doesn't diminish Me to have angelic servants that I work through; it glorifies Me. And so when you realize you guys are all on the same team, partnering together to obey Me and serve Me, that thrills Me. **That's the vision!** That's how it's supposed to work.

So don't feel the need to question anymore. You've got the biblical basis, you've got My personal invitation and instruction—run with it. We can accomplish so much more through unity, of everyone on the same team aware of each other and **cooperating together with their team** members. You're not alone and never have been. I will never leave you nor forsake you, and neither do they. Because they live in perfect obedience to My will, and My will for them is watching over you (Ps. 91:11).

So What Are They Like?

OK, I think I might finally be getting it. And now that I've gotten over my hang-ups... what are my angels actually like? Well, in a word, they're really *cool*. Super relaxed and laid back. **Unexpectedly fun and funny**. Almost like stand-up comedian, buddy-comedy-flick funny.

I'm like, *"Are you guys for real?"*

Their response: *"Fun? I know, not the first thing you probably think of when you consider angelic guardians. We get that a lot."*

Ha! Now that's pretty funny. Another morning Shobi was kind of like complimenting me on my appearance and said: *"If I may say so, Milady, you are a vision..."*

Haha! I just laughed at him and said, *"Thanks, and I could certainly say the same thing about YOU"* (considering he actually IS an invisible spirit from another dimension). He totally said that just to make me laugh, I know. They do that a lot. They say they are **"guardians of my laughter"** and **"protectors of my peace."**

One day, I tried to turn the tables on them and tease them back. I'm like, *"So, about your names. I mean, Pojes and Shobis? Really? No offense, but they're just really not that cool..."*

Their response: *"Yeah, actually—we're not from around here."*

LOL! Well, I certainly couldn't argue with that.

What About You?

I guess I'd encourage everyone to just **have a chat with God** about all this. Ask Him what He'd like to share with you about His angels—in His kingdom in general, and in your life

specifically. Find out if He wants to shed light on any Scriptures for you, or if He'd like to make any angelic introductions.

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