

A House Full of Angels

Hebrews 13:1-25 This chapter begins with an interesting two verses: “Let brotherly love continue. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.”

In thinking over our lives I recall several encounters with what I am sure were angels. I just finished reading a book called *Awakened by Angels*, so these two verses in Hebrews particularly interest me. In this book the author had his eyes opened to see into the spirit realm, and he had ongoing encounters with angels. I must caution the reader to be careful about what kind of material he reads about angels as there are many counterfeits out there, especially in the New Age Movement. We have to remember there are two kinds of angels—the ministering spirits sent by God to minister to the saints and the angels of darkness that clothe themselves and make themselves out to be angels of light. This book on angels, however, I felt was valid because Jesus was always lifted up. The author received no teachings from the angels. He only received short messages from the angels. The Holy Spirit, who is the Great Teacher, gave all the teachings to the author, and they were all scripturally based.

One of the encounters the author had is described in the book, and I have heard many similar stories. He and his wife were traveling home by car when they saw a stranger wanting a ride. They almost picked him up, but were hesitant, so they drove to their home. Only fifteen minutes later this stranger appeared at their door. He asked for food, so they allowed him to come in and fed him. He then left. The Holy Spirit told the author later that this was not a man, but was an angel sent by the Lord to test their hospitality.

I had an encounter with what I am sure was an angel. It was right after Martin Luther King was assassinated. I had started

an interracial prayer group in the inner city. As I was driving from this meeting, an African American man dressed in a gray suit was thumbing a ride. I gave him a lift, and when he entered the car, I asked him if he was a pastor. He said, "No," and then he delivered this message to me: "The day is coming when there will be people standing in line to get into the churches in Atlanta to hear the gospel preached and to experience the power of God." He then asked me to drop him at the next corner. When I looked in my rearview mirror to see where he was going, he was no longer there.

One of the End-Time exhortations is to be given to hospitality. I understand now why we are urged to open our doors to people more than ever as the day draws close to the Lord's return. I believe God will send more and more angels our way to minister to us because the days are going to be hard before He returns. We may face persecution as many are already facing this. Don't hesitate to be hospitable, because you never know whom you may be hosting.

**READ: Ezekiel 33:1-34:31; Hebrews 13:1-25; Psalm 115:1-18;
Proverbs 27:21-22**