

The Doctrine of Angelic Communication

1. God's watch care for the believer is beyond human comprehension.

Luk 12:6 Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?

Luk 12:7 But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

1.1 God has even provided us with a guardian angel who keeps us alive and functioning in this the devil's world.

Mat 18:10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

1.2 The work of our angelic centurion is perpetual; he keeps the fiery wall about us stoked.

2. Nowhere in the Bible however does it teach that angels communicate with man after 60 A.D.; there is one possible exception.

Heb 13:2 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.

2.1 But even in this case the human entertains the angel without knowing it.

2.2 The last time in Scripture where an "angel" is said to communicate with man is Acts 27:23 in roughly 58 A.D.

Acts 27:23 Last night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood beside me
Acts 27:24 and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.'

Acts 27:25 So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.

2.3 The angel who communicated with Paul in Acts 27:23-24 may have been a Christophany rather than an elect angel.

2.4 As Scripture unfolds there are many things which change. We have certainly observed this in numerous categorical studies.

3. There is great emphasis today on angels. There was several years ago a very popular TV series called *Touched By An Angel*, people spoke about angels often. There are people on TV featured who have been delivered from danger by angels, conversed with angels etc.

3.1 Most of the people featured who have been delivered from danger by angels are either nominal Christians, or people who proudly proclaim they are not religious and many say they have no interest in matters spiritual. in fact most are liberal thinkers, when it comes to religion.

4. Given the above, let's review what the Bible teaches about this subject of angelic intervention in order to be forewarned and thus forearmed.

5. As a general warning we must never turn our intellect over to anything, person or persons be they homo sapien or angel. The devil is capable of appearing as an elect angel.

2Co 11:14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

5.1 God has provided what we are to do when confronted by Satanic influence: "resist the devil and he will flee."

Jam 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

6. Satan very often has befriended people and then led them astray into a master slave relationship. There are many anecdotal evidences of this from those poor souls who have chosen to dabble in the New Age/Occult phenomena.

Four examples of documented cases:

Will Barron in Scotland became a follower of New Age practices in hopes of finding peace. He, in 1981, discovered his spirit guide who was a sweet king and most gentle. The guide offered peace like Will had been seeking, completely taking over his life. All decisions were made by the guide and things went well for a significant period of time and then things went south, events in his life became unbearable. In 1987 he gave up the fraud of New Age principles and accepted Christ as Savior.

David Barr had a similar experience but his spirit guide made him rich and famous giving him a gift of knowledge about semi-precious and precious stones. He traveled the world lecturing and writing about gems and their effects on man while being attended by his guide. Things turned south soon however and his sufferings, like Will Barron's became unbearable. He too accepted Christ as his Savior.

Bishop Pike sought knowledge of why his son had committed suicide so he sought out mediums to communicate with his dead son. He found peace from several apparitions concerning the boy and later even communicated with the boy. He pursued his new interest in divination finding great peace however his spirit guide ultimately led him into the desert where he was promised a visit from his long lost son. His remains were later found in the desert.

Joseph Smith found an appearance of an angel helpful. He was told to look under a rock where the book of Mormons would be found and lo and behold there it was and many read it today as a new revelation from God.

The Mormon Church uses this experience to support their long established position that God still provides extra-biblical revelation to certain individuals.

7. Paul writes in the book of Galatians that even if a messenger from Heaven appears then the content of that message must be measured by the Holy Scriptures.

Gal 1:8 "But though we, or an angel from Heaven, preach any other Gospel unto you than that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

Gal 1:9 As we said before so say I now again, if any man preach any other Gospel unto you

than that you have received, let him be accursed."

7.1 The reason for this special "caveat" is found in 2Co 11:14 and 15.

2Co 11:14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

2Co 11:15 It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

7.2 The power of Satan therefore is so great we as "humankind" cannot tell from whom or from where any messenger comes. We will only be able to make such judgments when we receive our new natures, mind and body in Phase III and reign with Christ.

Mat 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

Mat 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

8. All extra Biblical revelation is "a no no." We would do well to compare Heb 1:1-2 with 1Co 2:16; 1Pe 4:1; Rom 12:2 and Phi 2:5 for greater insight into the importance of studying what we do have in terms of the mind of Christ.

Heb 1:1-2 "God, Who at various times and in different ways spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets. Has in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, Who He hath appointed heir of all things, by Whom also He made the worlds;"

1Co 2:16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

1Pe 4:1 Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin.

Rom 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-- his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Phi 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

9. We would do well to ask ourselves the question.

9.1 Would a God who cares for the very hairs of our head leave us in time to receive angelic communication from an angelic super creature that has the ability to masquerade as an elect angel?

9.2 Satan and his demons can become angels of light and Satan himself walks about planet earth seeking to devour God's people.

2Co 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

9.3 He is so powerful that even Michael would not rebuke him except in the name and at the urging of Jesus Christ.

Jude 9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

10. Elect angels are spirits assigned to minister to believers, a fact because God has revealed it to us in His Word. Heb 1:14 and Psa 91:11

Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Psa 91:11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

10.1 Just because we have a guardian angel does not mean we should assume they speak to us today.

10.2 God would never leave you in a situation where a power like Satan could influence you to the extent of verbal presentation.

10.3 Satan is far too smart for us.

10.4 Satan is capable of performing great and wondrous deeds.

10.5 Once he is established in your mind as being from God, it is then you have serious problems about which to attend.