

Good Angels; Their Work

1. WHAT beings are around the throne of God? Rev. 5:11; Heb. 12:22.
2. Are these angels real beings with organized bodies? Isa. 6:1, 2; Eze. 1:22, 24; Ex. 25:20. Note 1.
3. Do angels eat? Gen. 19:1-3; Ps. 78:25.
4. Are angels and mankind of the same nature? Heb. 2:6, 7.
5. How did the angels come into existence? Compare Eze. 28:15 with Col. 1:16.
6. Do angels marry and beget children? Mark 12:25.
7. What is the business of the angels? Ps. 103:20. Note 2.
8. How swiftly do they go to carry out His commands? Eze. 1:14.
9. What are they sent from heaven to do? Heb. 1:14; Matt. 18:10.
10. Name some Bible incidents of their ministry:
 - Saving Lot by leading him out of Sodom. Gen. 19:15-17.
 - Helping Hagar. Gen. 16:7-9 and 21:17.
 - Serving Elijah when he was discouraged. 1 Kings 19:1-8.
 - Protecting Daniel from fierce beasts. Dan. 6:22.
 - Answering Daniel's prayer. Dan. 9:21-25.
 - Visiting the shepherds. Luke 2:9, 13.
 - Ministering to the weakened Jesus. Matt. 4:11.
 - Strengthening Jesus. Luke 22:43.
 - Delivering Peter out of prison. Acts 12:5-10.
 - Directing Philip. Acts 8:26.
11. Is it to special ones that angels come? Ps. 34:7. Note 3.
12. Should angels be worshiped? Rev. 19:10; Col. 2:18.
13. Whom do all good angels worship? Heb. 1:6.
14. When Jesus comes, why will all the angels come with Him from heaven? Compare Matt. 24:31 with 1 Thess. 4:16, 17.

Notes on Reading No. 16

NOTE 1.—“There are different orders of angels: ‘Cherubim’ (Gen. 3:24); ‘Seraphim’ (Isa. 6:2, 6); ‘Archangel’ (1 Thess. 4:16; Jude 9).

“Some of their names are: ‘Michael’ (Dan. 10:13, 21; 12:1; Jude 9); ‘Gabriel’ (Dan. 8:16; 9:21; Luke 1:19); ‘Uriel’ (2 Esdras [Apocrypha] 4:1, 36; 5:20. See 1 Chron. 15:5); and ‘Ariel’ (doubtless of angelic origin. See Ezra 8:16).

“*Michael* means, ‘Who is like God,’ and hence is a fit title for Christ. *Gabriel* signifies, ‘The strength of God,’ an appropriate name for the angel or being who stands next to Christ. Dan. 10:21. *Uriel* means, ‘The light of God;’ *Ariel*, ‘The lion of God.’”—“*Bible Readings for the Home Circle*,” p. 52½.

NOTE 2.—“Not only was Christ to give His life as the penalty for sin, to taste death for every man, that man might thus be restored through faith to sonship with God, but all heaven was called upon to join in working out man’s redemption. The angels were to give their service of ministry and love to aid man in leading a life of righteousness and obedience. They were to become ministering spirits, sent forth by Heaven to minister to those who should be heirs of salvation. Before the assembled host, God presented the ages of watchful care and untiring ministry that this service would impose. Faithfully He showed them how they must leave the courts of heaven for the sin-cursed, fallen world, and unselfishly minister to man till the end of time.”—“*Ministry of Angels*,” I. H. Evans, p. 73.

NOTE 3.—“What a comfort to know that the great heart of the Father of all has not only given to the very humblest of His children a guardian angel, but in times of special temptation, as many angels as may be needed to protect him from the assaults of the enemy are sent to his aid! These divine messengers are ever in touch with the throne of God. Thus the child of God, through the ministry of these holy beings, is ever in touch with the Father. No hour of temptation, no weakness, no trial, however great and seemingly unbearable, but the least of God’s children can reach His throne by prayer, through the ministry of these divine agents. The guardian angels can always come into the presence of God without delay, and there present the needs of His children. There are no barred doors, no guarded gateways, to hinder the entrance of the angels. To the messengers sent forth to minister to God’s children, the presence chamber is ever open.”—*Id.*, p. 75.