

4. Angels On Assignment Deliverance by Guardian Angels

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Why do we need guardian angels? Because we have an enemy!

Jesus Christ has defeated him. *For this purpose the Son of God was manifest to destroy the works of the devil.*
(1 John 3:8) All authority belongs to Jesus Christ in heaven and earth ... **But the devil is still roaming the earth.**

1 Peter 5:8-9 *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.* ⁹ *Resist him, steadfast in the faith,*

Ephesians 6:10-14, 18 *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ **Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.** ¹² *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³ **Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.** ¹⁴ **Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth,;** ¹⁸ *praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, **being watchful** ...***

No matter what rank of fallen angel, or demon we read about Romans 8:37 tells us...

Romans 8:37-39 ... *in all these things we are **more than conquerors** through Him who loved us.* ³⁸ **For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God ...**

1. God gives every person on the earth a guardian angel!

Hebrews 1:14 NIV *Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation.*

The term 'guardian angels' – comes from Jesus' teaching in Matthew 18

Matthew 18:2-3, 10 NIV *He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. ³ And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ... ¹⁰ See **that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.***

- i. Everyone has at least one guardian angel given to them.
- ii. Our guardian angels have direct access to God.
- iii. There is no record in Scripture that says our guardian angel leaves us when we grow up.
- iv. Jesus said people who 'die in the Lord' are carried by the angels to heaven. (Luke 16:22)

2. Guardian angels are 'watchers' – patrolling the earth in order to guard us

Psalms 9:11-12 NIV *For **He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;** ¹² *they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.**

Zechariah 1:9-11 *Then I said, "My lord, what are these?" And the angel who was speaking with me said to me, ¹⁰, **'These are those whom the Lord has sent to patrol the earth.'** ¹¹ *So they answered the angel of the Lord who was standing among the myrtle trees and said, **'We have patrolled the earth, and behold, all the earth is peaceful and quiet.'****

- i. Our guardian angels patrol the place in the earth where we live. They see when it's peaceful, they also see when trouble is up ahead.
- ii. God can use angels to prompt/warn us of trouble & redirect us. We need to heed the warnings of the spirit.

3. How do we connect with angels in a biblical way (Hebrews 1:14)

- i. Angels are under authority to the Lord of Hosts. They do not go their own way, nor speak their own words.
- ii. We do NOT try to befriend angels. (people can end up talking to familiar spirits and be led astray)
- iii. We do NOT pray to our guardian angel.
- iv. We do NOT worship our angels.

Rev 22:8-9 ... *I fell down to worship before **the feet of the angel showing me these things.** ⁹ *Then he said to me, 'See that you do not do that. **For I am your fellow servant,****

- v. Guardian angels are God's covenant enforcing agents in the earth, they function by God's Word

4. People can provoke their guardian angels by speaking wrong words

Hebrews 2:1-3 NIV *We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. ² For since **the message spoken through angels was binding**, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, ³ **how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation?***

Psalms 103:20 *Bless the LORD, you His angels, who excel in strength, **who do His Word, heeding the voice of His Word.***

The words we speak determine whether we will receive supernatural assistance from our guardian angels or not!

Proverbs 6:2 NIV ***You have been trapped by what you said, ensnared by the words of your mouth.***

Ecclesiastes 5:2 ***Do not be rash with your mouth, and let not your heart utter anything hastily before God.***

Ecclesiastes 5:6 ISV KJV *Never let your mouth cause you to sin and **don't proclaim in the presence of the angel, "My promise was a mistake,"***

People can curse themselves with their words, **in the presence of their angels** ... then when bad things happen, some question why God allowed it. But the problem came from their mouth!

Example: God assigned a guardian angel to the Children of Israel

Exodus 23:20-29 NLT *See, **I am sending an angel before you to protect you on your journey and lead you safely to the place I have prepared for you.** ²¹ Pay close attention to him, and obey his instructions. Do not rebel against him, for he is My representative, and he will not forgive your rebellion. ²² But if you are careful to obey him, following all My instructions, then I will be an enemy to your enemies, and I will oppose those who oppose you. ²³ For my angel will go before you and bring you into the land ...*

*The Children of Israel **spoke rashly in the presence of their angel;** that generation never entered the Promised Land.*

5. The OT records stories of the 'families of faith', people who understood the role of God's guardian angels

- i. Abraham declared *God will send His angel before you to prosper your way.*
- ii. Jacob was taught about guardian angels from grandfather Abraham. (Note: they blessed their 'seed')

Genesis 48:15-16 ESV *The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life long to this day, ¹⁶ **the angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the boys;** and in them let my name be carried on, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.*

6. God sent an angel to deliver king Hezekiah from king Sennacherib of Assyria (2 Kings 19)

2 Kings 19:9-14 ***Now Sennacherib sent messengers to Hezekiah with this word:** ¹⁰ "Say to Hezekiah king of Judah: Do not let the god you depend on deceive you when he says, 'Jerusalem will not be given into the hands of the king of Assyria.'" ¹¹ Surely you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the countries, destroying them completely. **And will you be delivered?** ¹² Did the gods of the nations that were destroyed by my predecessors deliver them ¹⁴ Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it. Then he went up to the temple of the LORD and spread it out before the LORD.*

Hezekiah rehearsed his covenant before the Lord:

2 Kings 19:15-19 ... *"LORD, the God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, You alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth." ¹⁶ Give ear, LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, LORD, and see; **listen to the words Sennacherib has sent to ridicule the living God.** ¹⁷ "It is true, LORD, that the Assyrian kings have laid waste these nations and their lands. ¹⁸ They have thrown their gods into the fire and destroyed them, for they were not gods but only wood and stone, fashioned by human hands. ¹⁹ **Now, LORD our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You alone, LORD, are God."***

God's response to king Hezekiah's faith:

2 Kings 19:32-34 *Therefore this is what the LORD says concerning the king of Assyria: "He will not enter this city or shoot an arrow here. He will not come before it with shield or build a siege ramp against it." ³³ By the way that he came he will return; he will not enter this city, ³⁴ **I will defend this city and save it, for my sake and for the sake of David My servant.'***

2 Kings 19:35 ***That night the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning—there were all the dead bodies!***

What guardian angels have done in generations past they are here to do for us today.

7. A guardian angel delivered Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego from the fire – (Daniel Chapter 3)

Daniel 3:8-15 NLT

But some of the astrologers went to the king and informed on the Jews. ⁹ ***They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “Long live the king!”*** ¹⁰ *You issued a decree requiring all the people to bow down and worship the gold statue when they hear the sound of the musical instruments.*

¹² ***But there are some Jews—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—whom you have put in charge of the province of Babylon. They pay no attention to you, your majesty. They refuse to serve your gods and do not worship the gold statue you have set up.”*** ¹³ *Then Nebuchadnezzar flew into a rage and ordered that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought before him. When they were brought in,* ¹⁴ ... ***I will give you one more chance to bow down and worship the statue I have made when you hear the sound of the musical instruments. But if you refuse, you will be thrown immediately into the blazing furnace. And then what god will be able to rescue you from my power?”***

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego declare their covenant before king Nebuchadnezzar:

Daniel 3:16-18 *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you.* ¹⁷ ***If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, your majesty.*** ¹⁸ ***But even if He doesn’t, we want to make it clear to you, your majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.”***

Daniel 3:23-27 *So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, securely tied, fell into the roaring flames.* ²⁴ *But suddenly, Nebuchadnezzar jumped up in amazement and exclaimed to his advisers, “Didn’t we tie up three men and throw them into the furnace?”* ... ²⁵ ***“Look!” Nebuchadnezzar shouted. “I see four men, unbound, walking around in the fire unharmed! And the fourth looks like a god!”*** ²⁶ *Then Nebuchadnezzar shouted: “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!” So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stepped out of the fire.* ²⁷ ... ***Not a hair on their heads was singed, and their clothing was not scorched. They didn’t even smell of smoke!***

Daniel 3:28 *Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! He sent His angel to rescue His servants who trusted in Him. They defied the king’s command and were willing to die rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.*

Hebrews 11:32-33

...who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³³ quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies ...

- i. We have guardian angels present with us today. They go before us to guard, guide and deliver us from evil, and to lead us to our wealthy place in God.
- ii. Ultimately God is our Deliverer, our Strengtheners, our Healer. But He can and does choose to use different agents to strengthen, deliver, prosper, and heal ...

Eg ...God sends *His Word* to heal and deliver us from all destruction. (Psalm 107:20) The *Holy Spirit* is present His anointing destroys the yolk. (Is 10:27). And God uses His angels!