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The Ministry of Angels

Lesson 1—Angels Real Created Beings

APRIL 3, 1920

Daily Study Outline

1. Created heavenly beings	**Ques. 1-3**
2. Angels subject to Christ	**Ques. 4-7**
3. Controversy in heaven	**Ques. 8-11**
4. Help in the conflict	**Ques. 12-14**

5. Read "Patriarchs and Prophets," pages 35-43.
6. Review the lesson.
7. Read "Ministry of Angels," pages 7-30.

Questions

1. By what term does the apostle Paul show the close relationship that exists between all created beings? Eph. 3: 14, 15.
2. By what name are the members of this family called? Job 1: 6; 1 John 3: 1.
3. By what name are those composing the family in heaven commonly known to us? Rev. 5: 11. Note 1.
4. How far back can the existence of angels be traced? Job 38: 4-7. Note 2.
5. What other fact shows that angels are not the spirits of men who have died? Gen. 3: 24. Note 3.
6. To whom are the angels subject? 1 Peter 3: 18, 22; Heb. 1: 6.
7. What important service do these heavenly beings render? Heb. 1: 7, 14.
8. What controversy arose in heaven involving the angels? Isa. 14: 12-14; Rev. 12: 7.
9. What was the result of this war in heaven? Rev. 12: 8.
10. To what place were these evil angels finally cast down? Verse 9.
11. Because of the power of Satan and his hosts, what words of woe did an angel utter? Verse 12.
12. Under the figure of the prince of Tyrus, how is the powerful leader of wicked angels described? Ezek. 28: 11-17.
13. Against what strong influence do God's children in this world have to war? Eph. 6: 12. Note 4.
14. What aid may we have in our warfare against the powers of darkness? Heb. 1: 13, 14.

Notes

1. "There are different orders of angels. 'Cherubim' (Gen. 3:24); 'Seraphim' (Isa. 6:2, 6). . . .

"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); '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,*" *page 524.*

2. "Before the creation of man, angels were in existence; for when the foundations of the earth were laid, 'the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy.' "—"*The Great Controversy,*" *page 511.*

3. "Satan commenced his deception in Eden. He said to Eve, 'Thou shalt not surely die.' This was Satan's first lesson upon the immortality of the soul, and he has carried on this deception from that time to the present, and will carry it on until the captivity of God's children shall be turned. I was pointed to Adam and Eve in Eden. They partook of the forbidden tree, and then the flaming sword was placed around the tree of life, and they were driven from the garden, lest they should partake of the tree of life, and be immortal sinners. The fruit of this tree was to perpetuate immortality. I heard an angel ask, 'Who of the family of Adam have passed that flaming sword, and have partaken of the tree of life?' I heard another angel answer, 'Not one of the family of Adam have passed that flaming sword, and partaken of that tree; therefore there is not an immortal sinner.' The soul that sinneth, it shall die an everlasting death,—a death from which there will be no hope of a resurrection; and then the wrath of God will be appeased."—"*Early Writings,*" *page 218.*

4. The American Revised Version reads, "For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

"The power and malice of Satan and his host might justly alarm us, were it not that we may find shelter and deliverance in the superior power of our Redeemer. We carefully secure our houses with bolts and locks to protect our property and our lives from evil men; but we seldom think of the evil angels who are constantly seeking access to us, and against whose attacks we have, in our own strength, no method of defense. If permitted, they can distract our minds, disorder

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and torment our bodies, destroy our possessions and our lives. Their only delight is in misery and destruction. Fearful is the condition of those who resist the divine claims, and yield to Satan's temptations, until God gives them up to the control of evil spirits. But those who follow Christ are ever safe under His watchcare. Angels that excel in strength are sent from heaven to protect them. The wicked one cannot break through the guard which God has stationed about His people."—*"The Great Controversy," page 517.*

Lesson 2—Angels a Higher Order of Being than Man

APRIL 10, 1920

Daily Study Outline

1. Man lower than angels	**Ques. 1-3**
2. Jesus made lower than angels	**Ques. 4-8**
3. Power of angels	**Ques. 9-11**
4. Changes made by the resurrection	**Ques. 12, 13**
5. Memorize Ps. 8: 3-5.	
6. Review the lesson.	
7. Read "Ministry of Angels," pages 31-39.	

Questions

1. When man was created, what dominion was given to him? Gen. 1: 26-28; Ps. 8: 6-8.
2. In whose image was man made? Gen. 1: 26. Note 1.
3. In God's creative plan, how did man compare with angels? Ps. 8: 4, 5.
4. What questions do some ask regarding the resurrection? 1 Cor. 15: 35.
5. What differences in bodies does the apostle Paul call to our attention? Verses 36-41.
6. What change of body comes to man in the resurrection? Verses 42-44.
7. What terms distinguished these different bodies? Verse 44, last part. Note 2.
8. When the Son of God was born in Bethlehem, was He born with a spiritual or a natural body? Heb. 2: 16, 9. Note 3.
9. How did John recognize the superiority of an angel? Rev. 22: 8, 9.
10. How weak and helpless are human beings in the presence of an angel? Matt. 28: 2-4.
11. How was Daniel affected by the presence of an angel? Dan. 10: 8.

12. What change of body will be given to the righteous in the resurrection? 1 Cor. 15: 51-53, 49.

13. In what respect will the redeemed be "equal unto the angels" after the resurrection? Luke 20: 36. Note 4.

Notes

1. "Man was to bear God's image, both in outward resemblance and in character. Christ alone is 'the express image' of the Father; but man was formed in the likeness of God. His nature was in harmony with the will of God. His mind was capable of comprehending divine things. His affections were pure; his appetites and passions were under the control of reason. He was holy and happy in bearing the image of God, and in perfect obedience to His will.

"As man came forth from the hand of his Creator, he was of lofty stature and perfect symmetry. His countenance bore the ruddy tint of health, and glowed with the light of life and joy. Adam's height was much greater than that of men who now inhabit the earth. Eve was somewhat less in stature; yet her form was noble, and full of beauty. The sinless pair wore no artificial garments; they were clothed with a covering of light and glory, such as the angels wear. So long as they lived in obedience to God, this robe of light continued to enshroud them."—*"Patriarchs and Prophets," page 45.*

2. "From this scripture, it is plainly seen that there are spiritual beings with spiritual bodies—bodies unlike the material bodies we possess. Just as surely as there are earthly, or material bodies, just so surely are there spiritual bodies. 'There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.' 'It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.' Man was created with a natural, or material body. He belongs to this earth; for he was made from the dust of the ground. But though man's eyes are holden from perceiving spiritual beings with his natural senses, still these are revealed to him through the Word of God and by the influence of the Holy Spirit."—*"Ministry of Angels," page 35.*

3. When Jesus came into this world, He came as a man. He did not take "the nature of angels," but He took the nature of "the seed of Abraham." Jesus, then, was made "for a little while" lower than the angels. Read carefully Heb. 2: 7, 9, 17, noting marginal readings of the verses.

4. "Let us not forget that the promise is never given to man that he will at any time become an angel. We are assured, however, that in one respect we shall be made equal to the angels—we shall not be subject to death. Of those who are accounted worthy to have a part in the first resurrection,

Jesus Himself said, 'Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels.' At that long desired and triumphant day, the saved of earth will be made 'equal unto the angels.' Every longing of the heart will find complete satisfaction. The fear of death will be banished; and they will receive from the hand of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, the priceless gift of immortal life."—*Id., page 39.*

Lesson 3—Number and Glory of the Angels

APRIL 17, 1920

Daily Study Outline

1. Number of the angels	**Ques. 1-4**
2. Glory of the angels	**Ques. 5-7**
3. The angel and Manoah	**Ques. 8-10**
4. The angels as seen by the prophets	**Ques. 11-14**

5. Memorize Heb. 12: 22 and 1 John 3: 2.
6. Review the lesson.
7. Read "Ministry of Angels," pages 40-53.

Questions

NUMBER OF ANGELS

1. How is the vastness of God's kingdom emphasized? Isa. 40: 15, 17, 26. Note 1.
2. What is said of the number of angels in this great kingdom? Heb. 12: 22.
3. How many angel ministers did the prophet Daniel see before the throne of God? Dan. 7: 9, 10.
4. What similar vision was shown to the prophet John? Rev. 5: 11. Note 2.

GLORY OF ANGELS

5. What is the first reference in the Bible to the glory of angels? Gen. 3: 24.
6. What was the appearance of the horses and chariots that the servant saw about Elisha? 2 Kings 6: 17.
7. How are the chariot and horses that took Elijah into heaven described? 2 Kings 2: 11, 12; Ps. 68: 17.
8. How did the angel that appeared to Manoah reveal his glory? Judges 13: 19-22.
9. With what words had the wife of Manoah described this same angel? Verse 6.
10. What was the appearance of the angel who rolled back the stone from the Saviour's tomb? Matt. 28: 2-4. Note 3.

11. What description is given by the prophet Daniel of the glory of an angelic being? Dan. 10: 5, 6.
12. How is their glory pictured by Ezekiel? Ezek. 1: 13, 14.
13. How does the prophet John describe the glory of the Son of God? Rev. 1: 13-16. Note 4.
14. If faithful, what may we some day share in some degree? 1 John 3: 2.

Notes

1. "In this wonderful description, we obtain a glimpse of how this earth and its people appear in the eyes of heaven. In God's sight the earth is but as a grain of sand, the waters He can measure in the hollow of His hand, and all the inhabitants of the earth are but as grasshoppers. Looking up to the starry heavens, man can see with the naked eye something of the magnitude of God's creation. He beholds, and marvels—but his unaided eye cannot number those glittering suns. Now let him bring to his aid the strongest telescope and again gaze at some chosen spot in the heavens. What myriads of worlds before unseen are visible! Could he add to this telescope still greater magnifying power, there would be revealed still other worlds,—worlds that have been hidden from the gaze of man during all the ages past. So great is the immensity of space into which we gaze, that man has never found the end. By the aid of photography, stars otherwise invisible have been distinguished; and astronomers tell us there are 18,000,000 worlds in a single system, and that the systems are beyond counting."—"*Ministry of Angels,*" *pages 42, 43.*

2. "This language leaves us in a state of uncertainty concerning the precise number of the heavenly beings,—'thousands of thousands ministered unto Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.' We know that 'ten thousand times ten thousand' equals one hundred million, but we can form no idea of the number represented by 'thousands of thousands.' Nowhere in the Word of God is given the exact number of the heavenly beings."—*Id., page 46.*

3. "As night drew on, soldiers were stationed to guard the Saviour's resting place, while angels, unseen, hovered above the sacred spot. The night wore slowly away, and while it was yet dark, the watching angels knew that the time for the release of God's dear Son, their beloved Commander, had nearly come. As they were waiting with the deepest emotion the hour of His triumph, a mighty angel came flying swiftly from heaven. His face was like the lightning, and his garments white as snow. His light dispersed the darkness from his track, and caused the evil angels, who had triumphantly claimed the body of Jesus, to flee in terror from his brightness and glory. One of the

angelic host who had witnessed the scene of Christ's humiliation, and was watching His resting place, joined the angel from heaven, and together they came down to the sepulcher. The earth trembled and shook as they approached, and there was a great earthquake."—"*Early Writings*," *page 181*.

4. The Son of God is the "Archangel." See 1 Thess. 4: 16. To no other being is given this exalted title. The glory of His presence surpasses that of the angels.

Lesson 4—Power of the Angels

APRIL 24, 1920

Daily Study Outline

1. Angels excel in strength	**Ques. 1-3**
Memorize Ps. 103: 20.	
2. The story of Rabshakeh	**Ques. 4-7**
3. A memory test	**Ques. 8**
4. An angel's swift flight	**Ques. 9-13**
5. A speedy deliverance	**Ques. 14-17**
6. Review the lesson.	
7. Read "Ministry of Angels," pages 54-70.	

Questions

POWER

1. What does the psalmist say of the strength of angels? Ps. 103: 20.
2. Where were Peter and John imprisoned the second time? Acts 5: 17, 18.
3. What power was manifested by an angel upon this occasion? Verses 19, 20.
4. With what words did Rabshakeh, leader of the Assyrian hosts, taunt Hezekiah and defy heaven? 2 Kings 19: 10-13.
5. What did Hezekiah do when he received the letter? Verses 14-19.
6. What was the message sent by the Lord through Isaiah in answer to Hezekiah's prayer? Verses 20-34.
7. That very night, what did one angel do? Verse 35; 2 Chron. 32: 21. Note 1.
8. Cite from memory other Biblical incidents illustrative of the mighty power of heavenly angels.

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9. What description does Ezekiel give of the swiftness of the movement of angels? Ezek. 1: 14. Note 2.
10. Note the time it takes to read a certain prayer offered by Daniel. Dan. 9: 4-19.

11. While Daniel was still speaking, who appeared to answer his prayer? Verses 20-22.
12. When was Gabriel sent from heaven to answer Daniel's prayer? Verse 23.
13. What is said of the flight of this angel? Verse 21. Note 3.
14. When Herod had imprisoned Peter and designed to kill him, what did the church at Jerusalem do? Acts 12: 5.
15. What speedy deliverance was effected by an angel? Verses 6-10.
16. What was the church still doing when Peter came to the house of Mary? Verses 11, 12.
17. How were the believers affected by the prompt answer to their prayers? Verses 16, 17.

Notes

1. "What a thrilling tale of deliverance from captivity wrought by God through the agency of an angel! Where, now, is the boasting of the proud, blasphemous monarch, who defied the Lord of heaven, and said He was not able to deliver out of his hand? Before the Assyrians can shoot an arrow or throw a javelin, the God of heaven sends an angel to smite their sleeping hosts. In a single night, one hundred eighty-five thousand of Sennacherib's warriors are slain, not on the field of battle, but by this silent messenger from heaven.

"Was ever such victory won before, in the history of nations?—a whole army gone down into the jaws of death, not in battle, not on the field of campaign and strife, but while they lay sleeping, dreaming perchance of the morrow, when they hoped to scale the walls of Jerusalem, and satisfy their lust and appetite and greed in the plunder and spoils of a conquered city. From a study of this record, we must admit that the power of angels is limited only by the work which God designs they shall accomplish."—*"Ministry of Angels," page 59.*

2. Man has never attempted to measure the velocity of anything traveling faster than light. Light travels 186,000 miles a second—more than seven times around the earth in one second of time. Yet angels can travel faster than this. Ezekiel wrote of their movement that they "ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning." Men may move about by train, automobile, or aëroplane, at the speed of sixty, seventy-five, ninety, and even more, miles an hour. When we compare such movement to that of an angel, it is as nothing. Faster than the telegraph message these heavenly messengers speed on their errands of ministry to man.

3. "Here a messenger from heaven, standing before the throne of God when Daniel began to pray, was commanded

to come to the prophet, and to give him skill and understanding concerning the revelations of Jehovah. While the prayer was still on his lips, before he had closed his petition, a messenger from the throne of God was at Daniel's side, announcing, 'At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to show thee.' Surely one could not ask for a more speedy response to his supplication than this.

"Notice the expression 'being caused to fly swiftly.' Our Father knows the need of immediate help for His children, and when the occasion demands, He causes His more than lightning-swift messengers to quicken their flight. The angel did not have to search from place to place in Babylon to find Daniel. He did not have to look for him in the palace of the king, or in the council halls of the wise men, or among the throngs in the streets, but he came direct from the throne of God to Daniel's side. No earthly monarch ever sent so swift a messenger to bear tidings of good or ill as Jehovah sent to this prophet in prayer. No heart of love, bound by the strongest cords of devotion, ever yet sent so quick an answer to the object of his affections as God sends through His holy angels to those who trust in Him. For our Lord is no respecter of persons; what He did for Daniel, He will do for the humblest of His children who serve Him in sincerity and offer their petitions to Him in faith."—*Id., pages 65, 66.*

Count your church members.
Multiply the number by twenty-five.
Multiply the product by thirteen.
The sum thus given should be the financial goal for your school for one quarter.

Lesson 5—Guardian Angels

MAY 1, 1920

Daily Study Outline

1. Attending angels	**Ques. 1-3**
2. Satan complains	**Ques. 4, 5**
3. Elisha's defenders	**Ques. 6-9**
4. Daniel's guard	**Ques. 10-14**
5. The final conflict	**Ques. 15**

Memorize Ps. 34: 7; 91: 11, 12.

6. Review the lesson.

7. Read "Prophets and Kings," pages 255-257, 539-545.

Questions

1. What do even the least of God's children have accompanying them? What shows that these attending angels have access to the throne of God? Matt. 18: 10.
2. What charge does God give His angels concerning the care of His people? Ps. 91: 11, 12. Note 1.
3. What comforting assurance is given to those who fear God? Ps. 34: 7. Note 2.
4. What question did God once ask Satan regarding Job? Job 1: 6-8.
5. How did Satan complain of the protection about Job? Verses 9, 10.
6. What caused the perplexity of the king of Syria in his warfare against Israel? 2 Kings 6: 8-12.
7. What action was therefore determined against the prophet Elisha? Verses 13, 14.
8. How did the situation affect Elisha's servant? Verse 15.
9. Why was not Elisha afraid? Verses 16, 17. Note 3.
10. What did the scheming of men not prevent Daniel from doing? Dan. 6: 10, 11.
11. What did the king reluctantly do? Verses 14-17.
12. What question did the anxious king ask Daniel early the next morning? Verses 18-20.
13. Who had stood guard between Daniel and the lions? Verses 21-23. Note 4.
14. Whose lives did the angels not guard? Verse 24.
15. In the final conflict, what extra provision will be made for the protection of God's people? Note 5.

Notes

1. "I have seen the tender love that God has for His people, and it is very great. I saw angels over the saints with their wings spread about them. Each saint had an attending angel.

If the saints wept through discouragement, or were in danger, the angels that ever attended them would fly quickly upward to carry the tidings, and the angels in the city would cease to sing. Then Jesus would commission another angel to descend to encourage, watch over, and try to keep them from going out of the narrow path; but if they did not take heed to the watchful care of these angels, and would not be comforted by them, but continued to go astray, the angels would look sad and weep. They would bear the tidings upward, and all the angels in the city would weep, and then with a loud voice say, 'Amen.' But if the saints fixed their eyes upon the prize before them, and glorified God by praising Him, then the angels would bear the glad tidings to the city, and the angels in the city would touch their golden harps and sing with a loud voice, 'Alleluia!' and the heavenly arches would ring with their lovely songs."—*"Early Writings," page 39.*

2. " 'The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them;' God commissions His angels to save His chosen ones from calamity, to guard them from 'the pestilence that walketh in darkness,' and 'the destruction that wasteth at noonday.' Again and again have angels talked with men as a man speaketh with a friend, and led them to places of security. Again and again have the encouraging words of angels renewed the drooping spirits of the faithful, and carrying their minds above the things of earth, caused them to behold by faith the white robes, the crowns, the palm branches of victory, which overcomers will receive when they surround the great white throne."—*"The Acts of the Apostles," page 153.*

3. "Between the servant of God and the hosts of armed foemen was an encircling band of heavenly angels. They had come down in mighty power, not to destroy, not to exact homage, but to encamp round about and minister to the Lord's weak and helpless ones.

"When the people of God are brought into strait places, and apparently there is no escape for them, the Lord alone must be their dependence."—*"Prophets and Kings," page 257.*

4. "From the story of Daniel's deliverance, we may learn that in seasons of trial and gloom, God's children should be just what they were when their prospects were bright with hope and their surroundings all that they could desire. Daniel in the lions' den was the same Daniel who stood before the king as chief among the ministers of state and as a prophet of the Most High. A man whose heart is stayed upon God will be the same in the hour of his greatest trial as he is in prosperity, when the light and favor of God and of man beam upon him. Faith reaches to the unseen, and grasps eternal realities.

"Heaven is very near those who suffer for righteousness' sake. Christ identifies His interests with the interests of His faithful people; He suffers in the person of His saints; and whoever touches His chosen ones touches Him. The power that is near to deliver from physical harm or distress is also near to save from the greater evil, making it possible for the servant of God to maintain his integrity under all circumstances, and to triumph through divine grace."—*Id., page 545.*

5. "Said the angel, 'List ye!' Soon I heard a voice like many musical instruments all sounding in perfect strains, sweet and harmonious. It surpassed any music I had ever heard, seeming to be full of mercy, compassion, and elevating, holy joy. It thrilled through my whole being. Said the angel, 'Look ye!' My attention was then turned to the company I had seen, who were mightily shaken. I was shown those whom I had before seen weeping and praying in agony of spirit. The company of guardian angels around them had been doubled, and they were clothed with an armor from their head to their feet. They moved in exact order, like a company of soldiers. Their countenances expressed the severe conflict which they had endured, the agonizing struggle they had passed through. Yet their features, marked with severe internal anguish, now shone with the light and glory of heaven. They had obtained the victory, and it called forth from them the deepest gratitude, and holy, sacred joy." —*"Early Writings," pages 270, 271.*

Lesson 6—Angels and the Judgment Books

MAY 8, 1920

Daily Study Outline

1. The Judgment	**Ques. 1-5**
2. A record kept	**Ques. 6-8**
3. Actions, words, thoughts	**Ques. 9-11**
4. Names in the book of life	**Ques. 12-15**

5. Memorize Mal. 3: 16, 17.
6. Review the lesson.
7. Read "Ministry of Angels," pages 84-97.

Questions

1. For what event has God appointed a time? Acts 17: 31.
2. How many must appear before the judgment bar? 2 Cor. 5: 10.
3. When Daniel beheld the scene of judgment, how many of God's ministers assisted in the work? Dan. 7: 9, 10.
4. What witness is there of our actions and words? Eccl. 5: 6. Note 1.
5. Where did the psalmist indicate that his life record was kept? Ps. 56: 8.
6. When all men finally stand before the "great white throne," what records will be opened? Rev. 20: 11-15.
7. Who have kept these records? Note 2.
8. For whom is a book of remembrance kept? Mal. 3: 16, 17. Note 3.
9. What is taken into account in the Judgment? Matt. 12: 36, 37. Note 4.
10. What will then be revealed? 1 Cor. 4: 5; Heb. 4: 12. Note 5.
11. What shows that the secrets of our lives are registered in heaven? Eccl. 12: 14. Note 6.
12. In what book are the names of the overcomers registered? What will be done before the angels for these names? Rev. 3: 5.
13. Who will be delivered in the "time of trouble"? Dan. 12: 1.
14. Who only will enter the city of God? Rev. 21: 27.
15. Why should the Christian rejoice? Luke 10: 20.

Notes

1. "Many have a form of godliness, their names are upon the church records, but they have a spotted record in heaven. The recording angel has faithfully written their deeds. Every selfish act, every wrong word, every unfulfilled duty, and

every secret sin, with every artful dissembling, is faithfully chronicled in the book of records kept by the recording angel." —*"Testimonies for the Church," volume 2, page 442.*

"I was shown that the recording angel makes a faithful record of every offering dedicated to God, and put into the treasury, and also of the final result of the means thus bestowed. The eye of God takes cognizance of every farthing devoted to His cause, and of the willingness or reluctance of the giver. The motive in giving is also chronicled. Those self-sacrificing, consecrated ones who render back to God the things that are His, as He requires of them, will be rewarded according to their works. Even though the means thus consecrated be misapplied, so that it does not accomplish the object which the donor had in view,—the glory of God and the salvation of souls,—those who made the sacrifice in sincerity of soul, with an eye single to the glory of God, will not lose their reward."—*Id., pages 518, 519.*

2. It is evident that angels are familiar with every detail of our lives (Eccl. 5: 6; 10: 20; 1 Cor. 11: 10, A. R. V.), and it is reasonable to believe that they are heavenly recorders. In each note of this lesson, quotations are given from the spirit of prophecy, declaring that angels are keeping these record books. In 1882, an important testimony was sent to one of our denominational centers; the following paragraph is taken from it:

"A few weeks since, I was in a dream brought into one of your meetings for investigation. I heard the testimonies borne by students against Bro. ——. Those very students had received great benefit from his thorough, faithful instruction. Once they could hardly say enough in his praise. Then it was popular to esteem him. But now the current was setting the other way. These persons have developed their true character. I saw an angel with a ponderous book open, in which he wrote every testimony given. Opposite each testimony were traced the sins, defects, and errors of the one who bore it. Then there was recorded the great benefit which these individuals had received from Bro. ——'s labors."—*Id., volume 5, page 59.*

3. "It will pay, then, to improve the privileges within our reach, and, even at some sacrifice, to assemble with those who fear God and speak for Him; for He is represented as hearkening to those testimonies, while angels write them in a book. God will remember those who have met together and thought upon His name, and He will spare them from the great conflagration. They will be as precious jewels in His sight; but His wrath will fall on the shelterless head of the sinner."—*Id., volume 4, page 107.*

4. "Some talk too much; they stand in this position, 'Report, and we will report it.' Miserable indeed is such a po-

sition! If all these gossipers would ever bear in mind that an angel is following them, recording their words, there would be less talking and much more praying."—*Id., volume 4, page 40.*

"You all have an influence for good or for evil on the minds and characters of others. And just the influence which you exert is written in the book of records in heaven. An angel is attending you, and taking record of your words and actions. When you rise in the morning, do you feel your helplessness, and your need of strength from God? and do you humbly, heartily make known your wants to your heavenly Father? If so, angels mark your prayers, and if these prayers have not gone forth out of feigned lips, when you are in danger of unconsciously doing wrong, and exerting an influence which will lead others to do wrong, your guardian angel will be by your side, prompting you to a better course, choosing your words for you, and influencing your actions." —*Id., volume 3, pages 363, 364.*

5. "Words and actions and motives are recorded; but how little do these light, superficial heads and hard hearts realize that an angel of God stands writing down the manner in which their precious moments are employed. God will bring to light every word and every action. He is in every place. His messengers, although unseen, are visitors in the workroom and in the sleeping apartment. The hidden works of darkness will be brought to light. The thoughts, the intents and purposes of the heart, will stand revealed. All things are naked and open to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do."—*Id., volume 4, pages 589, 590.*

6. "Every man's work passes in review before God, and is registered for faithfulness or unfaithfulness. Opposite each name in the books of heaven is entered, with terrible exactness, every wrong word, every selfish act, every unfulfilled duty, and every secret sin, with every artful dissembling. Heaven-sent warnings or reproofs neglected, wasted moments, unimproved opportunities, the influence exerted for good or for evil, with its far-reaching results, all are chronicled by the recording angel."—"*The Great Controversy,*" *page 482.*

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Lesson 7—Agents in Divine Revelation

MAY 15, 1920

Daily Study Outline

1. Angel messengers	**Ques. 1-4**
2. The angel Gabriel	**Ques. 5-8**
3. A message to Zacharias	**Ques. 9-11**
4. A message to Mary	**Ques. 12, 13**

5. Memorize Rev. 22: 6, 7.
Read "The Desire of Ages," pages 97-99.
6. Review the lesson.
7. Read "Ministry of Angels," pages 98-110.

Questions

1. Through whom does God reveal a knowledge of His will? Amos 3: 7.
2. What agency does God use in communicating revelations to His prophets? Rev. 1: 1. Note 1.
3. In what more direct way does God sometimes communicate with man? Gen. 22: 11, 12, 15-18. Note 2.
4. How did God once reveal His purpose to Gideon? Judges 6: 11, 12.
5. Who was "caused to fly swiftly" in order to give Daniel "skill and understanding"? Dan. 9: 21, 22.
6. Who is "the man Gabriel"? What honored position does he occupy in heaven? Luke 1: 19; Dan. 10: 21.
7. How do we know that Gabriel is the angel chosen to open the purposes of God to men? Rev. 22: 9. Note 3.
8. How did Zechariah receive special heavenly instruction? Zech. 1: 9-17.
9. What message did the angel Gabriel bring to Zacharias? Luke 1: 11-19.
10. What judgment rested upon Zacharias because he doubted the words of Gabriel? Verses 20-22, 63, 64.
11. How was the message given to Mary concerning the birth of Jesus? Verses 26-33.
12. What relation does this angel of divine revelation sustain to Jesus? Rev. 1: 1; 22: 16.
13. How should we regard the messages carried by His angel? Rev. 22: 6, 7. Note 4.

Notes

1. "In the past, God has revealed to man many of His plans and purposes. Again and again, in different ages, He has spoken to men in various ways, through His Holy Spirit, by vision, and by sending angels to bring His messages to those through whom He would reveal His will. Almost from

the earliest records of God's dealings with His chosen people, to the closing book in the Bible, we find that God has repeatedly spoken to His prophets and His people through the agency of angels."—*"Ministry of Angels," page 98.*

2. "In this instance a direct message from heaven was given to Abraham through the agency of a heavenly being. The angel spoke in a language Abraham understood, giving him a message that greatly cheered his heart, and that revealed to him God's acceptance of his sacrifice. When the Lord had thus tested His servant, He also revealed His purpose toward him and toward his seed."—*Ib.*

3. "The words of the angel, 'I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God,' show that he holds a position of high honor in the heavenly courts. When he came with a message to Daniel, he said, 'There is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael [Christ] your prince.' Of Gabriel the Saviour speaks, in the Revelation, saying that 'He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John.' And to John the angel declared, 'I am a fellow servant with thee, and with thy brethren the prophets.' Wonderful thought —that the angel who stands next in honor to the Son of God, is the one chosen to open the purposes of God to sinful men." —*"The Desire of Ages," pages 98, 99.*

4. "Christ sent and made known the Revelation to John by 'His angel.' A particular angel seems here to be brought to view. What angel could appropriately be called Christ's angel? May we not find an answer to this question in a significant passage in the prophecy of Daniel? In Dan. 10: 21, an angel, which was doubtless Gabriel (see Daniel, chapters 9, 10, and 11: 1), in making known some important truths to Daniel, said, 'There is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.' Who Michael is, we easily learn. Jude (verse 9) calls him the 'archangel.' And Paul tells us that when the Lord descends from heaven, and the dead in Christ are raised, the voice of the archangel shall be heard. 1 Thess. 4: 16. And whose voice will be heard at that amazing hour when the dead are called to life? The Lord Himself replies, 'Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear *his voice*' (John 5: 28); and the previous verse shows that the one here referred to, whose voice will then be heard, is the Son of man, or *Christ.* It is the voice of Christ, then, that calls the dead from their graves. That voice, Paul declares, is the voice of the archangel; and Jude says that the archangel is called Michael, the very personage mentioned in Daniel, and all referring to Christ. The statement in Daniel, then, is, that the truths to be revealed to Daniel were committed to Christ, and confined exclusively to Him, and to an angel whose name was Gabriel. Similar to the work of communi-

cating important truth to the 'beloved prophet' is the work of Christ in the Revelation of communicating important truth to the 'beloved disciple'; and who, in this work, can be His angel but he who was engaged with Him in the former work, that is, the angel Gabriel?"—*"Daniel and the Revelation."*

Lesson 8—Angel Ministry to Men

MAY 22, 1920

Daily Study Outline

1. Abraham entertains guests	**Ques. 1-3**
2. Lot entertains guests	**Ques. 4-9**
3. An angel appears to Hagar	**Ques. 10, 11**
4. Hagar and Ishmael delivered	**Ques. 12-15**

5. Read "Patriarchs and Prophets," pages 158-160.
6. Review the lesson.
7. Read "Ministry of Angels," pages 124-129.

Questions

ABRAHAM AND LOT

1. What promise was made to Abraham regarding his posterity? Gen. 15: 5.
2. Who were the "three men" entertained by Abraham in the plains of Mamre? Gen. 18: 1-8, 22; 19: 1.
3. How did the Lord at this time tell Abraham the promise concerning his seed was to be fulfilled? Gen. 18: 9-15.
4. What was the mission of the angels to Sodom and neighboring cities? Verses 17-22.
5. What did Lot not know when he invited these two strangers to his home? Gen. 19: 1-3.
6. What reference is made to this incident, in the New Testament? Heb. 13: 2.
7. In what way was the real character of Lot's guests revealed? Gen. 19: 9-11. Note 1.
8. What did the angels then tell Lot regarding the object of their visit? Verses 12-14.
9. While these angels had been sent to destroy the wicked inhabitants, what was their work in behalf of Lot and his family? Verses 15-25. Note 2.

HAGAR

10. When Hagar fled from her mistress, who found her in the wilderness? Gen. 16: 6-8.
11. What message did the angel give to her? Verses 9-13.

12. When Ishmael was fourteen years of age, what difficulty arose? Gen. 21: 9-11.
13. In what distressing situation did Hagar soon find herself? Verses 12-16.
14. Who heard the cry of the dying lad who called to Hagar? Verse 17.
15. How did God help this poor discouraged mother? Verses 18, 19. Note 3.

Notes

1. Lot's "words were like oil upon the flames. Their rage became like the roaring of a tempest. They mocked Lot as making himself a judge over them, and threatened to deal worse with him than they had purposed toward his guests. They rushed upon him, and would have torn him in pieces

ENTERTAINING ANGELS UNAWARES

had he not been rescued by the angels of God. The heavenly messengers 'put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.' The events that followed, revealed the character of the guests he had entertained."—*"Patriarchs and Prophets," page 159.*

2. "We need to understand better than we do the mission of the angels. It would be well to remember that every true child of God has the coöperation of heavenly beings. Invisible armies of light and power attend the meek and lowly ones who believe and claim the promises of God. Cherubim and seraphim, and angels that excel in strength, stand at God's right hand, 'all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation.' "—*"The Acts of the Apostles," page 154.*

3. "Thus it is that Heaven ministers to man's needs. These poor exiles were hopeless and friendless. No more could they return to the abundance of Abraham's house. Moreover, He to whom the future is as an open book, knew that Ishmael would not choose to walk in the paths of righteousness; yet notwithstanding all this, He sent an angel from heaven to this sorrowing mother and her suffering child to supply their needs.

"In this dark world, there is many a mother whose heart aches as did Hagar's; many a one who, like the outcast Egyptian, knows not what to do. Often her heart is too full for utterance. There may be no true human friend to whom she can tell her sorrows, none from whom she may seek counsel. In utter hopelessness, she may feel that life is too bitter to be borne, and long for the time when she may rest from her troubles. But there is not one such who may not find comfort and help in God."—*"Ministry of Angels," page 128.*

Lesson 9—Angel Ministry to Men (Continued)

MAY 29, 1920

Daily Study Outline

1. Jacob's dream	**Ques. 1-3**
2. Jacob wrestles with an angel	**Ques. 4-6**
3. Read "Ministry of Angels," pages 137-142.	
4. Elijah discouraged	**Ques. 7, 8**
5. The three Hebrews	**Ques. 9-13**
6. Read "Ministry of Angels," pages 158-164.	
7. Review the lesson.	

Questions

JACOB

1. In Jacob's dream at Bethel, whom did he see ascending and descending between earth and heaven? Gen. 28: 10-12. Note 1.

2. What message did God speak to him? Verses 13-15.
3. How did this dream impress Jacob? What vow did he make? Verses 16-22.
4. Who met Jacob as he was returning to his father's land twenty years later? Gen. 32: 1, 2. Note 2.
5. When in distress for fear of Esau, for what did Jacob pray? Verses 9-12.
6. What experience did he have with an angel during the night? Verses 24-30. Note 3.

ELIJAH

7. For what did Elijah pray when in utter discouragement at the threat of Jezebel? 1 Kings 19: 1-4.
8. In this dark hour of despondency, who ministered to the weary prophet? Verses 5-8. Note 4.

THE THREE HEBREWS

9. What sentence did Nebuchadnezzar pronounce against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? Dan. 3: 19, 20.
10. After the sentence had been executed, what caused great astonishment to the king? Verses 21-25.
11. How complete was the deliverance? Verses 26, 27.
12. Whom did God send to keep these men in the hour of persecution? Verse 28. Note 5.
13. Why were all these instances recorded? 1 Cor. 10: 11.

Notes

1. "Heaven is brought near to earth by that mystic ladder, the base of which is firmly planted on the earth, while the topmost round reaches the throne of the Infinite. Angels are constantly ascending and descending this ladder of shining brightness, bearing the prayers of the needy and distressed to the Father above, and bringing blessing and hope, courage and help, to the children of men. These angels of light create a heavenly atmosphere about the soul, lifting us toward the unseen and the eternal. We cannot behold their forms with our natural sight; only by spiritual vision can we discern heavenly things. The spiritual ear alone can hear the harmony of heavenly voices."—*"The Acts of the Apostles," page 153.*

2. "Again the Lord granted Jacob a token of the divine care. As he traveled southward from Mount Gilead, two hosts of heavenly angels seemed to encompass him behind and before, advancing with his company, as if for their protection. Jacob remembered the vision at Bethel so long before, and his burdened heart grew lighter at this evidence that the divine messengers who had brought him hope and

courage at his flight from Canaan, were to be the guardians of his return. And he said, 'This is God's host; and he called the name of that place Mahanaim'—'two hosts, or camps.' "—*"Patriarchs and Prophets," page 195.*

3. "The struggle continued until near the break of day, when the stranger placed his finger upon Jacob's thigh, and he was crippled instantly. The patriarch now discerned the character of his antagonist. He knew that he had been in conflict with a heavenly messenger, and this was why his almost superhuman effort had not gained the victory. It was Christ, 'the Angel of the covenant,' who had revealed Himself to Jacob. The patriarch was now disabled, and suffering the keenest pain, but he would not loosen his hold. All penitent and broken, he clung to the Angel; 'he wept, and made supplication,' pleading for a blessing. He must have the assurance that his sin was pardoned. Physical pain was not sufficient to divert his mind from this object. His determination grew stronger, his faith more earnest and persevering, until the very last. The Angel tried to release Himself; He urged, 'Let Me go, for the day breaketh;' but Jacob answered, 'I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me.' Had this been a boastful, presumptuous confidence, Jacob would have been instantly destroyed; but his was the assurance of one who confesses his own unworthiness, yet trusts the faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God. . . .

"While Jacob was wrestling with the Angel, another heavenly messenger was sent to Esau. In a dream, Esau beheld his brother for twenty years an exile from his father's house; he witnessed his grief at finding his mother dead; he saw him encompassed by the hosts of God. This dream was related by Esau to his soldiers, with the charge not to harm Jacob, for the God of his father was with him. . . .

"At sight of that crippled sufferer, 'Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him; and they wept.' As they looked upon the scene, even the hearts of Esau's rude soldiers were touched. Notwithstanding he had told them of his dream, they could not account for the change that had come over their captain. Though they beheld the patriarch's infirmity, they little thought that this his weakness had been made his strength."—*Id., pages 197, 198.*

4. "Into the experience of all there come times of keen disappointment and utter discouragement,—days when sorrow is the portion, and it is hard to believe that God is still the kind benefactor of His earthborn children; days when troubles harass the soul, till death seems preferable to life. It is then that many lose their hold on God, and are brought into the slavery of doubt, the bondage of unbelief. Could we at such times discern with spiritual insight the meaning of

God's providences, we should see angels seeking to save us from ourselves, striving to plant our feet upon a foundation more firm than the everlasting hills; and new faith, new life, would spring into being."—*"Prophets and Kings," page 162.*

5. "As in the days of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, so in the closing period of earth's history the Lord will work mightily in behalf of those who stand steadfastly for the right. He who walked with the Hebrew worthies in the fiery furnace will be with His followers wherever they are. His abiding presence will comfort and sustain. In the midst of the time of trouble,—trouble such as has not been since there was a nation,—His chosen ones will stand unmoved. Satan with all the hosts of evil cannot destroy the weakest of God's saints. Angels that excel in strength will protect them, and in their behalf Jehovah will reveal Himself as a 'God of gods,' able to save to the uttermost those who have put their trust in Him."—*Id., page 513.*

"THE GATE OF HEAVEN"

Lesson 10—Angel Ministry to Jesus

JUNE 5, 1920

Daily Study Outline

1. Angels announce the birth of Jesus	**Ques. 1-3**
2. Angels in Gethsemane	**Ques. 4-6**
3. A strong defense	**Ques. 7-9**
4. The resurrection of Jesus	**Ques. 10-13**
5. The ascension of Jesus	**Ques. 14-16**

6. Review the lesson.
7. Read "Ministry of Angels," pages 165-174.

Questions

1. Who announced the Saviour's birth with joy and song? Luke 2: 8-14.
2. How were the wise men from the east guided to the birthplace of Jesus? Matt. 2: 1, 2, 9, 10. Note 1.
3. How did the angels show their interest and sympathy when Jesus was tempted in the wilderness? Matt. 4: 11. Note 2.
4. How did the Master escape the wrath of His own townsmen? Luke 4: 28-30. Note 3.
5. What other occasion of angel ministry to Jesus is recorded? Luke 22: 39-44. Note 4.
6. What experience came to that band of men in Gethsemane when Jesus answered them, "I am He"? John 18: 4-6. Note 5.
7. How did Simon Peter attempt to defend the Son of God from the attack of the mob? Matt. 26: 50, 51.
8. Instead of having twelve men to defend Him, who were at His command? Verses 52-54. Note 6.
9. What experience did Pilate's wife have during the trial of Jesus? Matt. 27: 19. Note 7.
10. What work was given an angel the morning of Christ's resurrection? Matt. 28: 2.
11. How did the angel's presence affect the soldiers who guarded the tomb? Verses 3, 4.
12. What did the angel tell the women at the tomb? Verses 5-7.
13. How many angels at least had special duties in connection with the resurrection? Luke 24: 3-5.
14. What escort was present to receive Jesus at His ascension? Acts 1: 9. Note 8.

15. Why did two angels remain with the disciples while the heavenly hosts were welcoming Jesus? Verses 10, 11. Note 9.
16. What ministry do the angels give to the children of God at the present time? Note 10.

Notes

1. "The wise men had seen a mysterious light in the heavens upon that night when the glory of God flooded the hills of Bethlehem. As the light faded, a luminous star appeared, and lingered in the sky. It was not a fixed star nor a planet, and the phenomenon excited the keenest interest. That star was a distant company of shining angels, but of this the wise men were ignorant. Yet they were impressed that the star was of special import to them."—"*The Desire of Ages*," *page 60*.

2. "After the foe had departed, Jesus fell exhausted to the earth, with the pallor of death upon His face. The angels of heaven had watched the conflict, beholding their loved Commander as He passed through inexpressible suffering to make a way of escape for us. He had endured the test, greater than we shall ever be called to endure. The angels now ministered to the Son of God, as He lay like one dying. He was strengthened with food, comforted with the message of His Father's love, and the assurance that all heaven triumphed in His victory."—*Id., page 131*.

3. "Some were casting stones at Him, when suddenly He disappeared from among them. The heavenly messengers who had been by His side in the synagogue were with Him in the midst of that maddened throng. They shut Him in from His enemies, and conducted Him to a place of safety." —*Id., page 240*.

4. "The worlds unfallen and the heavenly angels had watched with intense interest as the conflict drew to its close. Satan and his confederacy of evil, the legions of apostasy, watched intently this great crisis in the work of redemption. The powers of good and evil waited to see what answer would come to Christ's thrice-repeated prayer. Angels had longed to bring relief to the divine sufferer, but this might not be. No way of escape was found for the Son of God. In this awful crisis, when everything was at stake, when the mysterious cup trembled in the hand of the sufferer, the heavens opened, a light shone forth amid the stormy darkness of the crisis hour, and the mighty angel who stands in God's presence, occupying the position from which Satan fell, came to the side of Christ. The angel came not to take the cup from Christ's hand, but to strengthen Him to drink it, with the assurance of the Father's love. He

came to give power to the divine-human suppliant. He pointed Him to the open heavens, telling Him of the souls that would be saved as the result of His sufferings. He assured Him that His Father is greater and more powerful than Satan, that His death would result in the utter discomfiture of Satan, and that the kingdom of this world would be given to the saints of the Most High. He told Him that He would see of the travail of His soul, and be satisfied, for He would see a multitude of the human race saved, eternally saved."—*Id., pages 693, 694.*

5. "No traces of His recent agony were visible as Jesus stepped forth to meet His betrayer. Standing in advance of His disciples He said, 'Whom seek ye?' They answered, 'Jesus of Nazareth.' Jesus replied, 'I am He.' As these words were spoken, the angel who had lately ministered to Jesus, moved between Him and the mob. A divine light illuminated the Saviour's face, and a dovelike form overshadowed Him. In the presence of this divine glory, the murderous throng could not stand for a moment. They staggered back. Priests, elders, soldiers, and even Judas, fell as dead men to the ground."—*Id., page 694.*

6. "Jesus bade him put up the sword, saying, 'Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels?' I saw that as these words were spoken, the countenances of the angels were animated with hope. They wished then and there to surround their Commander, and disperse that angry mob. But again sadness settled upon them, as Jesus added, 'But how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?' The hearts of the disciples also sunk in despair and bitter disappointment, as Jesus suffered Himself to be led away by His enemies.

"The disciples feared for their own lives, and they all forsook Him and fled. Jesus was left alone in the hands of the murderous mob. Oh, what a triumph of Satan then! And what sadness and sorrow with the angels of God! Many companies of holy angels, each with a tall commanding angel at their head, were sent to witness the scene. They were to record every insult and cruelty imposed upon the Son of God, and to register every pang of anguish which Jesus should suffer; for the very men who joined in this dreadful scene are to see it all again in living characters."—*"Early Writings," page 168.*

7. "From the first, Pilate was convicted that Jesus was no common man. He believed Him to be an excellent character, and entirely innocent of the charges brought against Him. The angels who were witnessing the scene marked the convictions of the Roman governor, and to save him from engaging in the awful act of delivering Christ to be crucified, an angel was sent to Pilate's wife, and gave her information

through a dream that it was the Son of God in whose trial her husband was engaged, and that He was an innocent sufferer. She immediately sent a message to Pilate, stating that she had suffered many things in a dream on account of Jesus, and warning him to have nothing to do with that holy man."—*Id., page 173.*

8. "As He passed upward, the awe-stricken disciples looked with straining eyes for the last glimpse of their ascending Lord. A cloud of glory hid Him from their sight; and the words came back to them as the cloudy chariot of angels received Him, 'Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.' At the same time there floated down to them the sweetest and most joyous music from the angel choir."—*"The Desire of Ages," pages 830, 831.*

9. "These angels were of the company that had been waiting in a shining cloud to escort Jesus to His heavenly throne. The most exalted of the angei throng, they were the two who had come to the tomb at Christ's resurrection, and they had been with Him throughout His life on earth. With eager desire all heaven had waited for the end of His tarrying in a world marred by the curse of sin. The time had now come for the heavenly universe to receive their King. Did not the two angels long to join the throng that welcomed Jesus? But in sympathy and love for those whom He had left, they waited to give them comfort. 'Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?' "—*Id., pages 831, 832.*

10. "Heaven and earth are no wider apart to-day than when shepherds listened to the angels' song. Humanity is still as much the object of heaven's solicitude as when common men of common occupations met angels at noonday, and talked with the heavenly messengers in the vineyards and the fields. To us in the common walks of life, heaven may be very near. Angels from the courts above will attend the steps of those who come and go at God's command."—*Id., page 48.*

"From what dangers, seen and unseen, we have been preserved through the interposition of the angels, we shall never know, until in the light of eternity we see the providences of God. Then we shall know that the whole family of heaven was interested in the family here below, and that messengers from the throne of God attended our steps from day to day."—*Id., page 240.*

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Lesson 11—Angel Ministry in the Gospel

JUNE 12, 1920

Daily Study Outline

1. **Read Acts 8.**
2. **Philip and the Ethiopian** **Ques. 1-6**
3. **Read "Ministry of Angels," pages 175-180.**
4. **Peter and Cornelius** **Ques. 7-9**
5. **Result of the meeting** **Ques. 10-13**
6. **Read "Ministry of Angels," pages 180-186.**
7. **Review the lesson.**

Questions

PHILIP AND THE ANGEL

1. What did Philip do when persecution arose at Jerusalem? Acts 8: 4-8.
2. While thus working for the salvation of men, what instruction did he receive from an angel? Verse 26.
3. Following the instructions, whom did Philip see? Verses 27-29.
4. Who also were accompanying the Ethiopian? Note 1.
5. As Philip obeyed the heavenly messenger, what was the result? Verses 30-38.
6. What class is represented by the Ethiopian? What will the angels do to-day? Note 2.

CORNELIUS AND THE ANGEL

7. How did the Lord answer the prayer of a Roman officer? Acts 10: 1-4.
8. What specific directions were given Cornelius by the angel? Verses 5, 6. Note 3.
9. What influenced Peter to accept an invitation to visit this gentile army officer? Verses 9-20. Note 4.
10. Who were gathered in by Cornelius to hear the preaching of the gospel? Verses 24, 27.
11. In the presence of his "kinsmen and near friends," what did he relate to Peter? Verses 30-33.
12. What was the result of this meeting arranged by an angel? Verses 44-49.
13. In what way is this experience of Peter and Cornelius a lesson to us? Note 5.

Notes

1. "This Ethiopian was a man of good standing and of wide influence. God saw that when converted, he would give others the light he had received, and would exert a strong influence in favor of the gospel. Angels of God were attend-

ing this seeker for light, and he was being drawn to the Saviour. By the ministration of the Holy Spirit, the Lord brought him into touch with one who could lead him to the light."—*"The Acts of the Apostles," page 107.*

2. "This Ethiopian represents a large class who need to be taught by such missionaries as Philip,—men who will hear the voice of God, and go where He sends them. There are many who are reading the Scriptures who cannot understand their true import. All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in.

"An angel guided Philip to the one who was seeking for light, and who was ready to receive the gospel; and to-day angels will guide the footsteps of those workers who will allow the Holy Spirit to sanctify their tongues and refine and ennoble their hearts. The angel sent to Philip could himself have done the work for the Ethiopian, but this is not God's way of working. It is His plan that men are to work for their fellow men."—*Id., page 109.*

3. "Interesting indeed are these minute directions of the angel. He knew Simon, knew his surname, knew where he was, the name of the city in which he was stopping, the man at whose house he was lodging, his name, and the street in which he lived. Such intimate knowledge shows that angelic beings know all about man. They know his lying down and his rising up, his faithfulness or negligence, his zeal and earnestness, his lukewarmness and barrenness of soul; they are messengers of Him who knows even man's very thoughts afar off."—*"Ministry of Angels," page 182.*

4. "The angel, after his interview with Cornelius, went to Peter, in Joppa."—*"The Acts of the Apostles," page 135.*

5. "Because Cornelius was living in obedience to all the instructions he had received, God so ordered events that he was given more truth. A messenger from the courts of heaven was sent to the Roman officer and to Peter, in order that Cornelius might be brought into touch with one who could lead him into greater light.

"There are in our world many who are nearer the kingdom of God than we suppose. In this dark world of sin, the Lord has many precious jewels, to whom He will guide His messengers. Everywhere there are those who will take their stand for Christ. Many will prize the wisdom of God above any earthly advantage, and will become faithful light-bearers. Constrained by the love of Christ, they will constrain others to come to Him."—*Id., pages 140, 141.*

"Heavenly intelligences are waiting to coöperate with human instrumentalities, that they may reveal to the world

what human beings may become, and what, through their influence, they may accomplish for the saving of souls that are ready to perish."—*"Testimonies for the Church," volume 9, page 30.*

"Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents—the members of the church—to coöperate with them in the great work to be done. They are waiting for you. So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power."—*Id., pages 46, 47.*

Lesson 12—Angel Ministry in the Gospel *(Continued)*

JUNE 19, 1920

Daily Study Outline

1. Special work assigned the angels	**Ques. 1-3**
2. Three messages	**Ques. 4-6**
3. The winds held	**Ques. 7-9**
4. The sealing work	**Ques. 10-12**
5. Memorize Rev. 14: 6-12.	
6. Review the lesson.	
7. Read "The Loud Cry," "Early Writings," pages 277-279.	

Questions

1. To whom are the angels sent to minister? Heb. 1: 13, 14.
2. What shows their deep interest in the salvation of men? Luke 15: 7, 10. Note 1.
3. When the long-hidden secrets in the book of Daniel were to be unsealed, who held in his hand "a little book open"? Rev. 10: 1, 2.
4. By what symbol is the movement represented announcing that the time of the Judgment is come? Rev. 14: 6, 7. Note 2.
5. How was the fall of Babylon announced? Verse 8.
6. Who is represented as proclaiming a warning against the worship of the beast? Verses 9-12.
7. Who are instructed to hold the winds of strife while the sealing message is being proclaimed? Rev. 7: 1.
8. How intensely are the angels interested in the sealing work? Verses 2, 3. Note 3.
9. What mighty being will join the "third angel" in the last warning to man and lighten the earth with his glory? Rev. 18: 1, 2. Note 4.

10. How is the sealing work described by the prophet? Ezek. 9: 1-7.
11. What did the prophet see the angel reporting, who was sent to "set a mark upon the foreheads" of men? Verse 11. Note 5.
12. When the gospel work is finished and the angels cease to hold in check the "four winds," what will come? Note 6.

Notes

1. "The angels of glory find their joy in giving,—giving love and tireless watchcare to souls that are fallen and unholy. Heavenly beings woo the hearts of men; they bring to this dark world light from the courts above; by gentle and patient ministry they move upon the human spirit, to bring the lost into a fellowship with Christ which is even closer than they themselves can know."—*"The Desire of Ages," page 21.*

"In this work all the angels of heaven are ready to cooperate. All the resources of heaven are at the command of those who are seeking to save the lost. Angels will help you to reach the most careless and the most hardened. And when one is brought back to God, all heaven is made glad; seraphs and cherubs touch their golden harps, and sing praises to God and the Lamb for their mercy and loving-kindness to the children of men."—*"Christ's Object Lessons," page 197.*

2. "These angels are evidently symbolic; for the work assigned them is that of preaching the everlasting gospel to the people. But the preaching of the gospel has not been intrusted to literal angels; it has been committed to men, who are responsible for this sacred trust placed in their hands. Each of these three angels, therefore, symbolizes a body of religious teachers, who are commissioned to make known to their fellow men the special truths which constitute the burden of these messages respectively.

"But we are to consider further that angels, literally, are intensely interested in the work of grace among men, being sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation. And as there is order in all the movements and appointments of the heavenly world, it may not be fanciful to suppose that a literal angel has charge and oversight of the work of each message."—*"Daniel and the Revelation."*

3. "I saw four angels who had a work to do on the earth, and were on their way to accomplish it. Jesus was clothed with priestly garments. He gazed in pity on the remnant, then raised His hands, and with a voice of deep pity cried, *'My blood, Father, My blood, My blood, My blood!'* Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from God, who sat upon

the great white throne, and was shed all about Jesus. Then I saw an angel with a commission from Jesus, swiftly flying to the four angels who had a work to do on the earth, and waving something up and down in his hand, and crying with a loud voice, '*Hold! Hold! Hold! Hold!* until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.'

"I asked my accompanying angel the meaning of what I heard, and what the four angels were about to do. He said to me that it was God that restrained the powers, and that He gave His angels charge over things on the earth; that the four angels had power from God to hold the four winds, and that they were about to let them go; but while their hands were loosening, and the four winds were about to blow, the merciful eye of Jesus gazed on the remnant that were not sealed, and He raised His hands to the Father, and pleaded with Him that He had spilled His blood for them. Then another angel was commissioned to fly swiftly to the four angels, and bid them hold, until the servants of God were sealed with the seal of the living God in their foreheads."—"*Early Writings,*" *page 38.*

4. "I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven, descending to the earth, and again ascending to heaven, preparing for the fulfillment of some important event. Then I saw another mighty angel commissioned to descend to the earth, to unite his voice with the third angel, and give power and force to his message. Great power and glory were imparted to the angel, and as he descended, the earth was lightened with his glory. . . .

"Angels were sent to aid the mighty angel from heaven, and I heard voices which seemed to sound everywhere, 'Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues; for her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.' "—*Id., page 277.*

5. An angel has never failed to do a work given him of God. The Bible records no instance of an angel unable to perform a mission given him by High Heaven. On one occasion, a king "withstood" an angel for three weeks, and Michael Himself (Christ) "came to help" the angel. Dan. 10: 12, 13. When a work is given to a heavenly angel, it will be done, even if all heaven has to join him to do it. The angel with the inkhorn will finish his work. The third angel's message movement cannot fail; it is in charge of an angel.

"I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven. An angel with a writer's inkhorn by his side returned from the earth, and reported to Jesus that his work was done, and the saints were numbered and sealed. Then I saw Jesus, who had been ministering before the ark containing the Ten Commandments, throw down the censer. He raised His hands, and with a loud voice said, 'It is done.' "—*Id., page 279.*

6. "When He [Jesus] leaves the sanctuary, darkness covers the inhabitants of the earth. In that fearful time the righteous must live in the sight of a holy God without an intercessor. The restraint which has been upon the wicked is removed, and Satan has entire control of the finally impenitent. God's long-suffering has ended. The world has rejected His mercy, despised His love, and trampled upon His law. The wicked have passed the boundary of their probation; the Spirit of God, persistently resisted, has been at last withdrawn. Unsheltered by divine grace, they have no protection from the wicked one. Satan will then plunge the inhabitants of the earth into one great, final trouble. As the angels of God cease to hold in check the fierce winds of human passion, all the elements of strife will be let loose. The whole world will be involved in ruin more terrible than that which came upon Jerusalem of old."—*"The Great Controversy," page 614.*

Count your Sabbath school offerings given so far this quarter. Note how far short you are of reaching the goal for the quarter. Make up the lack on the thirteenth Sabbath.

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering is for establishing Training Schools for Colored in the Home Field and in Mission Lands.

Lesson 13—Angels in the World Harvest

JUNE 26, 1920

Daily Study Outline

1. **Separation of the wheat and the tares Ques. 1-4**
2. **Gathering the wheat Ques. 5, 6**
3. **A further description Ques. 7-11**
4. **A messenger of mercy and of wrath Ques. 12, 13**
5. **The work finished Ques. 14, 15**
6. **Review the lesson.**
7. **Read "Deliverance of the Saints," "Early Writings," pages 285-288.**

Questions

1. What is the work of the angels in the final harvest of the world? Matt. 13: 37-39.
2. What is their work in connection with the judgments of God upon the wicked? Verses 40-42.
3. When Jesus returns to earth, who will attend Him? Matt. 16: 27; 25: 31.
4. How early was this truth made known to man? Jude 14.
5. As Christ comes attended by clouds of angels, what does He send them to do? Matt. 24: 30, 31. Note 1.
6. Where are the saved taken? 1 Thess. 4: 16. Note 2.
7. How is the coming of the heavenly reapers described? Rev. 14: 14, 15.
8. Who gathers the world harvest? Verse 16.
9. What does another angel also have? Verse 17.
10. What announcement is made by an angel having power over fire? Verse 18.
11. What then comes to pass? Verses 19, 20.
12. When Peter was imprisoned by Herod, how did an angel prove a messenger of mercy? Acts 12: 7-10.
13. To whom did this same angel soon after come as a messenger of wrath? Verses 20-23. Note 3.
14. What terrible visitation will be meted out to impenitent sinners by angels? Rev. 15: 1; 16: 1. Note 4.
15. After the ascension to heaven with the saints, how will the angels participate in the "welcome home" service? Note 5.

Notes

1. "The living righteous are changed 'in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.' At the voice of God they were glorified; now they are made immortal, and with the risen saints are caught up to meet their Lord in the air. Angels

'gather together the elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.' Little children are borne by holy angels to their mothers' arms. Friends long separated by death are united, nevermore to part, and with songs of gladness ascend together to the city of God."—*"The Great Controversy," page 645.*

2. "On each side of the cloudy chariot are wings, and beneath it are living wheels; and as the chariot rolls upward, the wheels cry, 'Holy,' and the wings, as they move, cry, 'Holy,' and the retinue of angels cry, 'Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.' And the redeemed shout 'Alleluia!' as the chariot moves onward toward the New Jerusalem."—*Ib.*

3. "But suddenly a terrible change came over him. His face became pallid as death, and distorted with agony. Great drops of sweat started from his pores. He stood for a moment as if transfixed with pain and terror; then turning his blanched and livid face to his horror-stricken friends, he cried in hollow, despairing tones, He whom you have exalted as a god is stricken with death. . . .

"The same angel who had come from the royal courts to rescue Peter, had been the messenger of wrath and judgment to Herod. The angel smote Peter to arouse him from slumber: it was with a different stroke that he smote the wicked king, laying low his pride, and bringing upon him the punishment of the Almighty. Herod died in great agony of mind and body, under the retributive judgment of God."—*"The Acts of the Apostles," pages 151, 152.*

4. Heavenly angels are both ministers of mercy and messengers of wrath. In the final harvest of earth, they will both reap the saved of the ages for the garner of God and gather the tares to be burned. Blessed is the man who may be smitten by an angel as was Peter (Acts 12: 7) rather than be smitten as was Herod (Acts 12: 23).

5. "Then I saw a very great number of angels bring from the city glorious crowns,—a crown for every saint, with his name written thereon. As Jesus called for the crowns, angels presented them to Him, and with His own right hand the lovely Jesus placed the crowns on the heads of the saints. In the same manner the angels brought the harps, and Jesus presented them also to the saints. The commanding angels first struck the note, and then every voice was raised in grateful, happy praise, and every hand skillfully swept over the strings of the harp, sending forth melodious music in rich and perfect strains."—*"Early Writings," page 288.*