

## Hebrews 2.16

### Not to Angels...

From television, to movies, to books we are a people fascinated with "spiritual" things, and nowhere is that more evident than in our obsession with angels. But we tend to handle our spiritual understanding with a fairly loose hand... choosing to revel in imagination rather than revelation. There is nothing in the Bible that would even speculate towards some of the things that we all "know" about angels...

every time a bell rings...

God needed another angel so He took ...

Angels are beautiful women with wings

Angels are fat little babies

Angels are ...

## I. ANGELS IN THE CULTURE

a. Based on opinions and idle speculations

b. Exalts angels to high places of false power and authority

c. Blurs the lines between men and angels

i. Dead people do not become angels

ii. Appointed to die then the judgement

Hebrews 9.27

iii. Angels and men are both in heaven

Revelation 7.9-11

iv. The redeemed will judge the angels

1 Corinthians 6.3

v. Angels do not get saved, are not God's children

vi. Angels serve the God of heaven and the redeemed that He loves

d. It does deep disservice to the real servants of God called angels

- i. They serve God faithfully, not having fallen in the rebellion
- ii. They are His messengers to do us good at His command
- iii. The word translated as angel literally means messenger
- iv. They always point to God and Christ, never to themselves

### Revelation 19.9-10

- v. They are powerful spiritual beings who wear the authority of Heaven, terrifying in aspect and awesome in power... the first words of nearly every angel in scripture are do not be afraid...

## II. OUR PROBLEM WITH TRUTH

This all speaks at a deeper level to the manner in which we handle truth in general

## a. Some of the cultural lies about truth

- i. No one can tell me my "truth"
- ii. I am unassailable in my own opinions for they are "my truth"
- iii. I can find my own truth and if I believe it, it becomes true for me
- iv. What is true for you is not necessarily true for me
- v. My truth can change as I need/want it to

## b. The real issues of truth

- i. Truth exists apart from us –
- ii. It is revealed by God to us
- iii. We can either accept it or deny it but we cannot make it untrue

- iv. We will be held accountable to God for the truth that IS, not for what we wanted it to be
- v. Our ignorance of what is true, or refusal to accept it is not an excuse

### Romans 1.18-23

## III. IT IS FAR BETTER TO BE A MAN THAN AN ANGEL

a. Our natures are not like theirs

- i. Man's nature was higher than angels before the fall

Angels are not created in the image of God

- ii. After the fall, we are made a little lower than the angels

### Hebrews 2.6-7

- iii. In Christ we are more than angels will ever be
- b. We are the blood bought, adopted children of God

### Galatians 4.1-5

- i. Have been so since before time, chosen in Christ
  - ii. Waiting until the fullness of time
  - iii. Now we are fully displayed to the watching cosmos that we are His
- c. We are full joint heirs with Christ

### Romans 8.12-17

- d. We are permitted the privilege of knowing the grace of God

### Ephesians 1.3-12

e. Angels wish they could know it

**1 Peter 1.12**

f. There is no salvation promised to angels, in fact here the writer asserts that it is denied to them

g. We are the ones who know the powerful aid of Christ

#### **IV. HE IS HELPING US**

a. Came and died to save us

b. He became one of us, lowering Himself to our level so that He could aid us in our ruin

c. Present tense - is not helping angels, **IS HELPING US**

- Whatever your need
- Whatever your pain
- Whatever your sorrow
- Whatever your fear
- Whatever your temptation
- Whatever your trial

CHRIST and CHRIST ALONE is the answer to that need... do not think ever that an angel or some other power within you or outside of you will ever answer your need.

- d. All of our help comes from Christ, from no other source and not only will angels NOT be helped, they could not (on their own) supply the help that we need.
- e. These are the promises made to Abraham, fulfilled to us. To all who are his seed, Jew and Gentile, all redeemed by the blood of the risen savior.
- f. Destroys the heresy of dispensationalism which asserts that Jews in the end times will be saved by adherence to the OT law.
- g. To toy with this truth is to:
  - Deny the aid of Christ,
  - To spit in the face of the almighty



- To declare that you are superior to Him
- Scream that you are not in need of that which He offers
- Assert that you are willing to stand on your own two feet on the day of His wrath (although you won't be able to...)

h. I beg you in light of the promises of God, both the pleasant and the terrifying, to run to the shelter of the blood of Jesus, shed on the cross of Calvary. There is no other hope offered, neither in men or angels or any other created thing (and all things are created!) plead for mercy, you will find it in Christ!