

Angels from the Realms of Glory: What is Their Purpose

There was a time when angels were relegated mainly to Christmas, but not anymore. Angels have infiltrated popular culture in a big way.

Angels played a significant role in the birth of Christ.

²⁰ *But after he had considered this, an **angel** of the Lord appeared to him (Joseph) in a dream... and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife... Matthew 1:20*

¹³ *When they had gone, an **angel** of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Matthew 2:13*

¹⁹ *After Herod died, an **angel** of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰ and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel... Matthew 2:19*

²² *But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. **Having been warned in a dream...** Matthew 2:22*

The appearance of Angels in scripture is not limited to the Christmas story.

John saw an unfathomable number of angels singing a song of worship to Jesus.

¹¹ *Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they sang: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” Revelation 5:11-12*

John was being punished for sharing the good news of Jesus, but God had another plan.

John experienced the most sweeping and panoramic vision ever received by a human being. John was uniquely privileged to behold Christ in His post-resurrection glory. And a 100 million angels worshipping Him.

The angels were singing, *“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”*

There is an “Angel sub-culture” in which Angels are essentially worshipped.

This is sacrilege. Christians beware!

“Angels too easily provide a temptation for those who want a fix of spirituality without bothering with God Himself.” Christianity Today

“We should not indulge in speculations concerning Angels, but search out the witness of Scripture.” John Calvin

The Bible is the only authoritative source from which we can derive knowledge about angels.

Angels were created by God to serve and worship God.

¹⁵ *He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.* Colossians 1:16

²⁰ *Praise the LORD, you his angels, you **mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.** ²¹ Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, **you his servants who do his will.*** Psalm 103:20 & 21

If you are ever a recipient of kindness or protection by an angel, it is the grace of God that is responsible.