

ANGEL ANGLE

Pastor Dave Bechtel | Revelation 21:9

- I. Angels accomplish the assignments given to them
- II Tim 2:3-7; Matt 23:1-7;
Luke 16:1-13; Ps 52:1, 6-6a;
Jude 9; I Thess 4:16;
Matt 22:30; Job 38:7; 2:1;
Col 1:16; Matt 25:31;
Rev 12:7;
Gen 19:1; Heb 13:2;
II Kings 6:17; I Kings 19:5;
Rev 9:11; 16:5; 14:18
- A. They don't select their assignment, (God does)
- Rev 1:1; Rev 8:2; 10:1a;
Acts 12:23; Rev 21:12;
Matt 18:10; Ps 91:11-12;
Isa 37:36; I Cor 12:7-11
- B. They act with angelic attitude
- Rev 16:1-2; Matt 26:52-53;
Matt 18:10; Rev 5:11-12;
I Pet 1:12; Matt 24:36;
I Tim 3:16; Eph 3:10;
I Cor 11:10;
Rev 22:8-9; 19:10;
Luke 17:10
- II. Angels acquire their authority from the Lord.
- Matt 8:5-10
- A. Being "under His authority" gives them authority
- Rev 7:3; 14:7, 15; 19:17-18;
Rev 18:1-2; 3:5; Mark 1:27;
Acts 13:9-12; 5:1-11;
II Cor 5:20;
- B. They act accordingly
- Luke 1:18-20; Ps 132 & 134;
Dan 12:2-3; I Tim 4:16;
II Sam 12:13
- III. Angelic missions are all about people
- A. They obey God, serve people
- Heb 1:13-14; Rev 20:11-15;
Rom 15:2; Gal 1:10
- B. Because they love Him, they have His heart for His people
- Luke 15:10; John 21:15-17

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

The following is designed to help your group enter into meaningful discussion and application as you become a more fully-devoted follower of Jesus. These questions are a guide and you may not address all of them in group. Look through them ahead of time and identify questions you would like to discuss more thoroughly together. Any questions not addressed during group may be useful for personal study. Remember, our goal is to not just listen to the Word but obey it (James 1:22).

RELATE

1. Pastor Dave said that angels don't select their own assignments. God assigns them. Do remember a time when you think God gave you an assignment? Tell about it. How did it turn out?

REVIEW

1. From the sermon and other biblical references, share what you know about angels. (Suggested questions. Who are they? Where did they come from? What are they like? What do they do? What about fallen angels?)
2. In our study of Revelation, angels have had various assignments. Can you recall any of them? Recall other assignments given to angels in other books of the Bible.
3. Point IIA states that angels have authority to act because they're working under God's authority. Read Matthew 8:5-13. Whose authority was the centurion under? What kind of authority do you think he exercised? Why does Jesus make such a big deal about the centurion's statement? (see verses 9 & 10)
4. Just like angels, we are given authority. How does "blaming" others take away our authority?

APPLICATION

1. Read point IIIA. Discuss what it means and how we can apply it.
2. Refer back to question 3 in the review section. How does the issue of being under authority apply to us? What authority has God given believers? Do you have any stories about that authority being used properly? How about improperly?
3. Has God given you authority in some area that you're not exercising appropriately?
4. Have you ever focused more on how people might respond to you carrying out the assignment God has given you than faithfully carrying out the assignment? Share about it. How did it work out?

DIG

1. Read Matt 18:15-20. Verse 20 is often quoted in prayer meetings, but that isn't the meaning of this passage. What is the core issue of these verses? Who's exercising authority? What actions take place in the exercise of that authority? In this passage what is the promise God gives in the proper exercise of authority?