

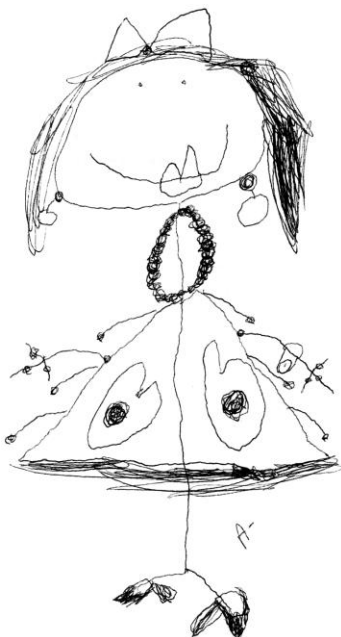


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INTRODUCTION.

A. OPENING COMMENTS.

- SERIES INTRODUCTION: **Angels - the Special Agents of God's Care**

- Today we're continuing in our series entitled, "**Angels - the Special Agents of God's Care.**" In this Exciting Series we are Exploring From a Biblical Point of View the Wonderful and Encouraging Subject of Angels.

- TODAY'S MESSAGE: **Celebrate the Ministry of Angels in the Life of Jesus!**

- Today I want to talk to you about **Celebrate the Ministry of Angels in the Life of Jesus!** ***It is a fact of the Bible that when you look through its pages that Angels are no more associated with any person or event than with the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. That fact alone triggers a sense of curiosity and makes us realize that it is worth studying this subject today.***

- Looking After His Friends, Dealing With His Enemies...

- The Angels at the Tomb...

- Matthew 28:1-7 - READ

- Why would Angels be so much Associated with the Life and Ministry of Jesus?

1. Because of Who He Is.

2. Because of What He Came to Do.

3. Because Jesus is God's Ultimate Miracle.

B. TEXT AND EXEGESIS.

- Hebrews 1:1-6 - READ

- I am confident...

I. RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INCARNATION!

A. POINT #1. (vv. 3a, 6b - 3aThe Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word...6b And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him.")

Exegesis

- v. 3a – Notice what it says about Who Jesus Is...

- Colossians 1:16-17 – READ

- *THE WORD "FIRSTBORN"* signifies Jesus' Rank and not His Origins...

- Hebrews 12:23 – You Have Come to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.

- "Worship" (v. 6b) - Notice that it says that since Jesus is God, that He Is Worshiped by the Angels!

- Hebrews 12:22 -You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly.

- Notice the Focal word is "All" (v. 6b)

- On the occasion of Jesus' Coming, Every single one of the Angels Worshiped Him!

- Isaiah 6:3 - And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

- If we're going to Celebrate the Ministry of Angels in the Life of Jesus!, than we must Recognize the Importance of the Incarnation! ***The Importance of the Incarnation of Jesus must never be let go of by the Church! What does the Word, "Incarnation" mean? It means that God became a Human Being.***

- 1 John 4:1-3 - READ

- We live in a day and time when Christian teaching is being deemphasized! It has been pointed out that while some leave the faith in a dramatic fashion, others just drift away.

- Hebrews 2:1 - We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.

- **REALIZE THE MARVEL OF JESUS' COMING!**

- John 1:14 - The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- John 8:24 - I told you that you would die in your sins: if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins."

- Romans 10:9, 13 – READ (v. 13 is a Quote of Joel 2:32)

- **The Angel & Angelic Choir with the Shepherds:**

- While People today tend to forget the Incarnation, the Angels showed up to Celebrate it! In the Christmas story, did you notice that Angels are popping up left and right? They communicated with ordinary people – people like you and I.

- Luke 2:8-15 – READ

- John 3:16 - QUOTE.

- **Tavis Smiley & Michael Kransy:**

- Kransy, Author of "Spiritual Envy."

- In His Introduction, speaks of Faith in God as being a Child's state of Mind. Yet, the Gospels tell us that Jesus came primarily to convince ADULTS of His Incarnation...

- John 20:24-28 - READ

- Irony of the fact that in the Baptist Church we only Baptize Adults...

II. SEE THE LIFE OF JESUS THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF THE ANGELS!

A. POINT #1. (vv. 4, 6 – v. 4 So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs... v. 6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”)

Exegesis

- vv. 4, 6 – Our verses state that Jesus is Superior to the Angels...and as such, the Angels Worship Jesus!

- In the Bible what you Worship, you Serve!

- Genesis 18:2 - Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

- If we’re going to Celebrate the Ministry of Angels in the Life of Jesus!, than we must See the Life of Jesus Through the Ministry of the Angels! A good exercise is to cross reference the word “Angel” or “Angels” with the Ministry of Our Lord – from His Birth to His Second Coming, in a Bible Concordance. There you will see that Jesus is continually accompanied by the angels in his earthly Ministry.

- This does not mean that Jesus NEEDED any Angelic help. What it does signify is that Jesus, as God, was constantly attended by an Honor Guard of Angels.

- Numbers 7:89 - When Moses entered the Tent of Meeting to speak with the LORD, he heard the voice speaking to him from between the two cherubim above the atonement cover on the ark of the Testimony.

- **Angels in Jesus' Life:**

- *After His Temptation.*

- **Matthew 4:1-11 - READ**

- *In a Time of Need.*

- **Matthew 17:26-27 - READ**

- *Their Help Not Put to Use / Employed.*

- **Matthew 26:53-54 - READ**

- A Roman Legion in this time numbered between 5,000-11,000 Soldiers. That would mean 60,000-132,000 Angels. It was not Nails that held Jesus to the Cross, it was Love.

- **2 Kings 19:35 – READ/REFER**

- **SEE YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF THE ANGELS!**

- **1 John 2:6 - Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.**

- **Psalm 34:4-10 - READ**

- **Paul (In Grave Danger) & the Angel:**

- **“the lives of all who sail with you...”**

- **Acts 27:23-25 - READ**

III. REJOICE IN THE THOUGHT OF JESUS' GLORIOUS SECOND COMING!

A. POINT #1. (v. 2 - but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.)

Exegesis

- The Bible tells us that because Jesus suffered and died for us, that God resurrected him Never to Die Again – and made Him Lord of All.

- Psalm 2:8 - Ask of me, I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

- Philippians 2:8-11 - READ

- The Bible further tells us that it is at Jesus' Return that He Claims His Inheritance!

- If we're going to *Celebrate the Ministry of Angels in the Life of Jesus!*, than we must *Rejoice in the Thought of Jesus' Glorious Second Coming!* You can't disassociate the Ministry of Angels in Jesus' Life with the Fact of His Promised Second Coming!

- Luke 9:26 - If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

- Are you Ready for that Heavenly Sight which will Happen when Jesus Returns? Will you Be Ready to See Jesus Come in all of Glory, accompanied by the Angels - with the Church rising to Meet Him in the Air?

- 2 Peter 3:10 - But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar: the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

- The Angels Will Accompany Jesus at His Return!

- The Angels that Rejoiced at Jesus' First Coming, Will SHOUT When He Comes Again...

- 1 Thessalonians 4:16 - For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

- Revelation 19:1-2a, 11-14 - READ

- REALIZE THAT THE ANGELS ARE COMING TO TAKE YOU HOME!

- At His Coming:

- Matthew 25:31 - "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory.

- "What will the Angels be doing?"

- Matthew 24:30-31 - READ

- When We Die:

- Luke 16:22 - The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried.

- Hebrews 1:14 - Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

- Betty's Death:

- _____ . Although we could not see them, the Angels were there...

- John 14:3 - And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

CONCLUSION.

A. CHALLENGES.

1. **Recognize the Importance of the Incarnation!**
2. **See the Life of Jesus Through the Ministry of the Angels!**
3. **Rejoice in the Thought of Jesus' Glorious Second Coming!**

***- If you're Going to Follow These Steps and
Celebrate the Ministry of Angels in the Life of Jesus!
this Week, Say "Amen!"***

B. THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP / THE GOOD NEWS.

Dear Jesus,

I believe that you are the Son of the Living God and that you died for my sins and rose from the grave.

I repent of my sins and give you complete control of my life.

Please forgive my sins and make me clean of all I've done wrong.

Come into my heart and lead me in your ways.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

C. PUBLIC COMMITMENT.

- Indicate a decision for Christ, Ask for Spiritual Help or Prayer, Join our Church.

Hymn of Invitation: _____