

Day 2



ANGELS

In this series we are taking a closer look at the mysterious role that angels play in delivering Good News to Creation. In this devotion we'll explore a couple of ways in which we are similar to angels.

In Colossians 1:16 Paul tells us that angels were created by Christ and for Christ.

For in Him all things were created: things in Heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him."

Paul also asks a rhetorical question in Hebrews 1:14:

"Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?"

Should we assume that there was always a separation between us and those heavenly creatures? I think not. It wasn't until the fall (Genesis 3), when sin entered God's world, that we became separated from the presence of God and the heavenly beings. Possibly, we were originally created to be co-workers with the angels, living as caretakers of God's perfect garden.

In Revelation, the apostle John is so overwhelmed by the presence of angels that he (on two occasions) tries to fall down and worship them, but the angels quickly tell him not to.

"Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of

Jesus. Worship God!" (Revelation 19:10)

But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll.

Worship God!" (Revelation 22:9)

The angel was God's servant, just as John and the apostles were God's servants. And just as all of us are God's servants when we give testimony about the **Good News!**

When we reach Heaven, we all wish to hear Jesus say to us, "Well done good and faithful servant!" So we serve God now by serving others, since that is the example Jesus set for us.

Our privilege to serve God will continue in eternity. John was able to see a glimpse of what the future would be like for those who have been "washed in the blood of the Lamb." In Revelation 22, John sees that the Garden of Eden is going to be restored: "No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His *servants will serve Him.*" We will be joined together once again with the angels in the restored Garden. May we learn to love serving Him in this life, so that by the time we reach Heaven, we will enjoy it all the more!



Why not stretch yourself now by learning all you can about serving in different areas, even if it takes you outside of your comfort zone? Are you actively engaged in worship through acts of service? There are a lot of opportunities and ways you can join in here at The Foundry... just reach out and take the first step.