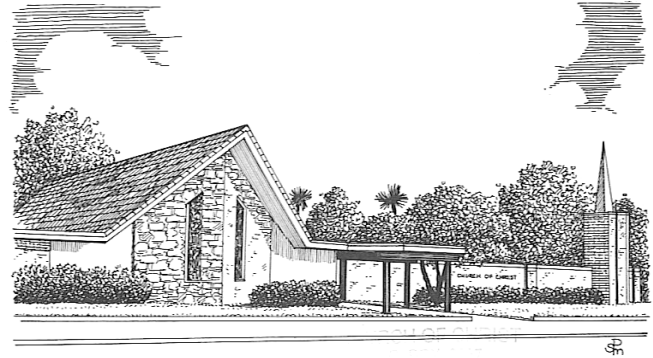


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A Look at Angels in Psalms

There is far too much speculation about the work of angels and their impact upon the earth. We need to be careful when we think about them and listen to what the Bible tells us about them. The book of Psalms clearly reveals much about their work. Look at the following description David gives about angels and then, without speculation, find comfort in what the psalmist shows us about their work.

Man Lower Than Angels but Crowned with Glory

In the eighth psalm, David extols the magnitude of the work of God and then turns his attention to men. He says, **“For you have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor” (Psa. 8:5)**. In God’s orderly creation, angels rank higher than people, but it is to mortals that God offers salvation and crowns us with glory.

His Angel Encamps All Around Us

David said, **“The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them” (Psa. 34:7)**. Think of Job and the hedge Satan said God had placed around this righteous man. While Satan might desire to conquer us by forcibly dragging us away from God, such is not the case. The wall cities of the Old Testament were protected by massive stones, but the righteous have something far better. That “wall” around them is the angel of the Lord. Those who fear the Lord can rest assured that Divine help is with them. That angel is not only around the saints, he delivers them. The next verse is so appropriate for David urges, **“Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him.”**

His Angels Have Charge Over Us and Keep Us

“For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways” (Psa. 91:11). When we read verses like this, we tend to speculate as though we are as wise as God and understand how He works. However, instead of trying by human wisdom to work all of this out, we should just thank God that He does work.

What does this verse say? It teaches us that God uses angels to keep us. What comfort this should be to simply know that He works in our lives. If He has not told us how He does this, there is no way to know the details, but how comforting it is to know that our God is personally concerned about us. Angelic beings who rank above have become servants in our lives.

So, when the darkest hours surround us, let us remove those clouds by simply remembering what we do know. God cares for us, protects us and encamps around us because He loves us. We may not be in charge of our lives, but He is!

-Dan Jenkins, pblcoc.org



We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
To give glory to God
To be unified in reaching others
To be living witnesses for Christ

*Welcome to the
Palm Springs Church of Christ*



Welcome friends! Luke reminds us that Christ came "to shine on those living in darkness and...to guide our feet into the path of peace" (Luke 1:79). Let us open ourselves to the light of the Savior and walk in love and peace with one another as children of God.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. (Ephesians 6:18)"

Pray for our Church family:

Please continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Lynette Brink, Sue Collins, Wanda Goodenough, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy McDonald, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, and Francis Pati.

Pray for family & friends:

Pray for Marjorie Counts who is in hospice care and for Dustin Parker's dad, Mike who continues to recover from a stroke. Pray for the improved health of: Jim & Mary Ann D'Arcy, Mary Fields, Joy Gabel Filippone, Keith & Lisa Britton, Kathy's husband Kevin, Derek Fields, Dail's friends Marie C. and Teddy K.

First responders: Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers: Alisha K. (EMT); Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (Patrol Officers); Dr. Janice Massey of N.C.

Military:

Jeff Mercer's son-in-law Brandon Deussenberry, Glenn Fields, and Kathy's family T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

Prayer Warriors Corner

Lord, thank You for the unique gifts You give to each of us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Strength and Grace: Laurie Garrison
Read: Romans 12:1-8

News:

Note: Our next scheduled potluck will be on February 4th following worship service, as we will not be having a potluck in January.

Wishing you a scam-free holiday season - We are approaching the time of year when gifts will be sent through the mail. Please be aware that the US Post Office and other couriers will not text or email you to confirm your mailing address. This is a scam. Scammers are illegally using the official logo of the US Post Office and others to falsely inform you that a parcel has arrived at their warehouse but they cannot forward it to you until you confirm your address. Do not click on the link they have provided, even though the website appears to be legitimate. Press delete and know that God is giving you more blessings than you can count.

The Community Food Bank is in need of: soups, vegetables, canned beans, 1 lb. packs of rice or beans and quart size storage bags. Other Non-perishable items such as: Ramen/Cup of Noodles, Rice-A-Roni, canned tomatoes, & canned fruit are needed. Thank you for your continued support, your donation is greatly appreciated.

**Scripture readings:
Luke 2:13,14 and Hebrews 1:4-5**

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

Sermon Title: "Infinitely Superior to the Angels"



Birthdays:

Jeff Mercer:	12/8
Jennifer Gutierrez:	12/15



Wedding Anniversaries:

Jerry & Camelia Munn:	12/18
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Ladies Bible Class: Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m.

Bible study: Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

Worship service: Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

WORSHIP ORDER

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

1001: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (1-3)
315: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (1-3)
COMMUNION & OFFERING: Luke 22:19-20
1002: Angels We Have Heard on High (1,3 & 4)

Brief Intermission

993: What a Mighty God We Serve (twice)

SERMON

INVITATION

915: Trust and Obey (1 and 4)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING PRAYER

Sermons on line: For the most recent locally recorded sermon, simply go to the Palm Springs Church of Christ webpage and click on the "sermons" category at the top of the page.

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