

Outline – October 11, 2020
Psalms 91:5-12; Matthew 18:10
Angels And You (Now And In The Future)
Revelation 14:6-13; 20:1-3

If everyone could tell their story in 2020

I. How have you (we) managed this unique year?

- A. Some haven't managed it well
- B. Some feel they are barely "hanging on"
- C. Some have experienced only "minor" change
- D. Some have faced difficulty, but have come back better, stronger, with deeper faith, greater hope, stronger love
- E. Some have thrived and overcome and managed better than they expected

II. What are the areas of life that we will face today and tomorrow?

- A. Life's pain
- B. Life's challenges
- C. Life's surprises
- D. Life's depressions
- E. Life's tribulations
- F. Life's fears and doubts
- G. Life's emotions

III. What does the Bible reveal that gives us the ability to face life's challenges and problems?

- A. Our creator, God, who has created us for His will and glory (Colossians 1:16)
 - 1. He is all powerful, present, knowing
 - 2. His creation is beyond what we know
 - 3. Our universe is but a shadow of a larger reality (Scientific America – June 2005)
 - 4. Her universe of multiple dimensions – (Albert Einstein)
 - 5. Proof of design and creation by God
 - a. Symmetry (uniformity and consistency)
 - b. Patterns
 - c. Order
 - d. Purpose – randomness cannot "produce" this
- B. His Son was sent
 - 1. To give eternal life
 - 2. To give grace and mercy
 - 3. To reconcile us to God
 - 4. To adopt us as His own
 - 5. Demonstrate amazing love
- C. He sent His Spirit to fill us
 - 1. To give insight and understanding

- 2. To give us life and liberty
- 3. To give us joy and assurance
- 4. To seal us, secure us, speak to us
- D. He also sends and gives His messengers
 - 1. His angels

IV. Why believe in the reality of angels?

- A. Jesus taught about the reality and ministry of angels
- B. The Bible mentions them
 - 1. 275 times
 - 2. 34 books of the Bible
- C. Believers have declared encounters with Angels in life and death
- D. Non-believers have witnessed them
 - 1. Those who were prevented from persecuting God's people
 - 2. Described as amazing, fearsome

V. Who or what are angels?

- A. Personal beings
 - 1. Intellect
 - 2. Emotion
 - 3. Responsibilities
 - 4. Power
 - 5. Will
- B. Spirit beings
 - 1. Not limited to material bodies
- C. Can be at one place at a time
- D. Can be seen by some and not by others
- E. Can present in physical reality
- F. Can indulge in combat
- G. Can be involved with angels and not know it

VI. Uniqueness/limitations of angels

- A. Less than God
- B. Not to be worshipped
- C. Greater than humanity
- D. Have order and rank
- E. To Humanity they are:
 - 1. To protect
 - 2. To provide
 - 3. To proclaim as God directs
- F. To God
 - 1. Worship
 - 2. Witness
 - 3. War against God's enemies

VII. The Biblical Record of Angels

- A. Found from Genesis to Revelation
- B. Protection of God's servants
 - 1. Apostles
 - 2. Lot
- C. Provision of God's people
- D. Proclamation of God's people
 - 1. To Mary
 - 2. To shepherds
- E. Involved in life of Jesus predicted, protected, proclaimed
 - 1. Birth
 - 2. Temptation
 - 3. Gethsemane
 - 4. Resurrection
 - 5. But not at the cross
- F. To believers
 - 1. Guard
 - 2. Guide
 - 3. Give
 - 4. Encourage
 - 5. Escort in life and death
 - 6. Assist in proclaiming grace
 - 7. Nonbelievers inflict judgment during Tribulation (Revelation 8, 9, 16)

VIII. Angels and the last days

- A. Angelic interaction, intervention, involvement
- B. Why the world becomes more hostile toward God and God's people

IX. The more you know about God's angels

- A. God's greatness – more experienced
- B. God's guidance – more apparent
- C. God's gift – more appreciated

**Angels Are Given For The Times
In Which We Live, As God Prepares
This World For His Return**