

Angels

Part 5 Guardian Angels

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Today

- ❑ Guardian angels are the main stream stuff in North America
- ❑ 100s of ways are prescribed to get in touch with your guardian angel

Today

- Guardian angels will
- Surround yourself with true love and protection
- Free yourself from all stress and worry
- Never feel alone again
- Heal illness
- Solve problems
- Make your personal dreams come true
- Improve your life in an astonishing way

“Doesn't sound Biblical”

Cradle Hymns

HUSH! my dear, lie still and slumber,
Holy angels guard thy bed!
Heavenly blessings without number
Gently falling on thy head.

When the babes are sleeping
Father guard their bed
May the wings of angels
Over them be spread

Scriptures to understand Guardian Angels

- ❑ Psalm 91:1 & 2 and 11 & 12
- ❑ 1 Corinthians 4:9
- ❑ Psalm 34:7
- ❑ Hebrews 13:2
- ❑ Hebrews 1:14
- ❑ Matthew 4:11
- ❑ Daniel 6:22
- ❑ Luke 1:11-12
- ❑ Luke 16:22

Two Scriptures about Guardian Angels

- *Matthew 18:10 "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven."*
- *Acts 12:14-15 14 When she recognized Peter's voice, because of her gladness she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate. 15 But they said to her, "You are beside yourself!" Yet she kept insisting that it was so. So they said, "It is his angel."*

Listen to St. Thomas Aquinas

St. Thomas Aquinas who has written more about angels believes that "everyone receives a Guardian Angel at birth. Moreover, he states that the Guardian Angel of the mother guards her child while it is still in the womb".

Listen to John Calvin

Whether individual angels have been assigned to individual believers, for their protection, I dare not affirm with confidence. Specific angels have been appointed as guardians over kingdoms and provinces. But we ought to hold as a fact that the care of each one of us is not the task of one angel only, but all with one concern watch over our salvation. For if the fact that all the heavenly hosts are keeping watch of his safety will not satisfy a man, I do not see what benefit he could derive from knowing that one angel has been given to him as a special guardian. Indeed those who confine to one angel the care that God takes of each one of us are doing a great injustice both to themselves and to all the members of the church.

No matter what you believe.

If you believe that one angel is taking care of you according to Matthew 18:10 , go ahead and believe. But if you are not convinced having one guardian angel what you have to do, is to fall back on the promise that all the angels in God's created world is responsible for you, they are all going to take care of you.

More than one angel involved with one person.

- 2 Kings CH6, when Elisha was surrounded by the Syrian army
- In Luke CH. 16 it was several angels carried Lazarus' soul to Abraham's bosom
- When Jesus was confronted in the garden He said. "If I want to I can call for 12 legions of angels"

Angels interject themselves in the following situations

1. When we are in times of confusion angels might be sent to direct us.
2. In times of crisis God might send an angel to strengthen us
3. In times of sickness they assist us
4. Angels meet us in our desperate moments
5. In most dangerous moments

My wife, Ruth, tells of a strange incident in a Christian bookroom in Shanghai, China. She learned of it through her father, the late Dr. L. Nelson Bell, who served in the hospital in Tsing-kiangpu, Kiangsu province. It was at this store that Dr. Bell bought his gospel portions and tracts to distribute among his patients.

The incident occurred in 1942, after the Japanese had won control of certain areas of China. One morning around nine o'clock, a Japanese truck stopped outside the bookroom. It was carrying five marines and was half-filled with books. The Christian Chinese shop assistant, who was alone at the time, realized with dismay that they had come to seize the stock. By nature timid, he felt this was more than he could endure.

Jumping from the truck, the marines made for the shop door, but before they could enter, a neatly dressed Chinese gentleman entered the shop ahead of them. Though the shop assistant knew practically all the Chinese customers who traded there, this man was a complete stranger. For some unknown reason, the soldiers seemed unable to follow him, and loitered about, looking in at the four large windows, but not entering. For two hours they stood around, until after

eleven, but never set foot inside the door. The stranger asked what the men wanted, and the Chinese shop assistant explained that the Japanese were seizing stocks from many of the book shops in the city, and now this store's turn had come. The two prayed together, the stranger encouraging him, and so the two hours passed. At last the soldiers climbed into their truck and drove away. The stranger also left, without making a single purchase or even inquiring about any items in the shop.

Later that day the shop owner, Mr. Christopher Willis (whose Chinese name was Lee), returned. The shop assistant said to him, "Mr. Lee, do you believe in angels?"

"I do," said Mr. Willis.

"So do I, Mr. Lee." Could the stranger have been one of God's protecting angels? Dr. Bell always thought so.

Two valuable thoughts

1. Guardian angels are not for everybody.

Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

2. Angels can be anybody.

Hebrews 13:2 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.