

Seen by Angels

Pg 1

"These things I write unto you, hoping to come unto you shortly; but if I tarry long, so that you may know how you ought to behave yourself in the House of God, which is the Church of the Living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. And by-confession, great is the Mystery of Godliness: God, Who was Revealed in the Flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by Angels, proclaimed in the nations, believed in the world, taken up in glory." (1 Timothy 3:14-16)

Seen: from the Greek word *ophthe* which means: was-seen; from *horao*: to see (to see with the eyes), to perceive, to appear, to attend to, to behold, to look upon, to experience, to perceive, to discern; properly, to see, often with metaphorical meaning: "to see with the mind" (i.e. to spiritually see; to perceive with inward spiritual perception). by extension, to attend to, to visit.

Angels: from the Greek word *angelois* which means: angels. From *aggelos*: an angel, a messenger, generally a (supernatural) messenger from God, an angel, conveying news or orders or commands from God to men. Properly, a messenger or delegate – either human or heavenly (a celestial angel). Someone sent (by God) to proclaim His message. In the Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, angels are the host of heavenly spirits that wait upon God, the Creator of the universe, who are sent by Him to earth to execute His purposes. The context is that of angelic (or human) messengers sent from God to attend to Jesus; i.e. to minister to Jesus in some manner.

Some brief characteristics of heavenly celestial angels are:

- They number in the thousands - (Revelation 5:11)s
- They abide in heaven - (Matthew 22:30)
- They are Holy - (Mark 8:38)
- They are subject to Christ Jesus - (1 Peter 3:18-22)
- They are ministering spirits - (Hebrews 1:13-14)
- They excel in strength - (Psalm 103:20-21)
- They serve and obey God's commandments - (Psalm 103:20-21)
- They continually worship the Father & Son - (Heb. 1:5-6) (Ps. 148:1-2) (Rev. 5:11-12)
- They will come with Jesus at His 2nd Coming - (Matthew 16:24-27; 25:31-33)
- They will execute God's vengeance against unrepentant sinners - (Matthew 13:41-43)
- They will gather together the saints at the end of the age - (Matthew 24:30-31)

Jesus was Seen by Angels: The context 'was-seen' is past tense, and refers to situations where Jesus was seen, visited, watched over, and ministered to by angels primarily during His earthly sojourn. The seeing and watchful ministry of angels towards Jesus began when He was still a child, and was accomplished through angelic messengers, sent by God, primarily to His parents Joseph and Mary; and included messages explaining His Divine and Messianic nature, and His safety and care. And above all, they provide authentication of who Jesus is:

"And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, 'Hail, you who are highly favored, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women.' And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, 'Fear not, Mary: for you have found favor with God. And, behold, you shalt conceive in your womb, and bring forth a Son, and shalt call His name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David. And He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end.' Then said Mary unto the angel, 'How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?' **And the angel** answered and said unto her, 'The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you; therefore also the Holy One who shall be born of you shall be called the Son of God.' (Luke 1:28-35)

Seen by Angels

Pg 2

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when as His mother Mary was engaged to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child by the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privately. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, you son of David, fear not to take unto you Mary as your wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a Son, and you shalt call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins.' ” (Matthew 1:18-21)

“And being warned of God in a dream that they (the Magi from the east) should not return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, 'Arise, and take the young child and His mother, and flee into Egypt, and stay you there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young child to destroy Him.' Then when he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night, and departed into Egypt.” (Matthew 2:12-14)

“But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 'Arise, and take the young Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead who sought the young Child's life.' And he arose, and took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judea in the place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth...” (Matthew 2:19-23)

On two occasions Angels visited and directly ministered to Jesus:

"And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him: And there came a voice from heaven, saying, 'You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.' And immediately the Spirit drove Him (Jesus) into the wilderness. And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered (di konoun) unto him." (Mark 1:9-12) (see also Matthew 4:1-11 - from the temptation of Jesus story)

"And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and kneeled down, and prayed, saying, 'Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me: nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.' And there appeared (ophthe - was seen) an angel unto Him from heaven, strengthening Him." (Luke 22:41-43 from the Garden of Gethsemane story)

Not only have angels seen and ministered directly to Jesus, they now have also been directly subjected to Him:

“For Christ also has suffered once for sins, the Just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but made-alive by the Spirit; by which He also went and preached unto the spirits in prison; who were sometime disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, wherein a few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure, even baptism does also now save us; not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God; by the resurrection of Jesus Christ; who has gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; **angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.**" (1 Peter 3:18-22)

Seen by Angels

Pg 3

Furthermore, in the future yet to come, angels will be working directly with and under the Command of Jesus during the events of His second coming. Consider the following:

"Nathanael answered and said unto Jesus, 'Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel.' Jesus answered and said unto him, 'Because I said unto you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these.' And Jesus said unto him, 'Truly, truly, I say unto you, Hereafter you shall see heaven open, **and the Angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.**' " (John 1:49-51)

"Then Jesus said unto His disciples, 'If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the Glory of His Father with His Angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works." (Matthew 16:24-27)

"The **Son of Man (Jesus)** shall send forth **His Angels**, and **they** shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear! " (Matthew 13:41-43)

"And then shall appear the Sign of the Son of Man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the **Son of Man** coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He shall send His Angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." (Matthew 24:30-31)

"When the **Son of Man** shall come in His Glory, and all the Holy Angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His Glory; and before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left... ." (Matthew 25:31-33)

Meanwhile, while we wait for the Coming of the Lord Jesus, He sits at the Right Hand of God in Heaven, in the sight of His Holy Angels, interceding for us:

"You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white; for they are worthy. He who overcomes, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot his name out of the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before My Father, **and before His angels.** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches." (Revelation 3:4-6)

Jesus was Seen by Angels

**Seen by Angels in the past. Ministered and strengthen by Angels in the past.
Seen by Angels in the present. ~ And to be Seen by Angels in the eternal future!
And who are now all subject to Christ Jesus!**

**Lord Jesus, I look forward to when You come in Your Glory, with all Your Holy Angels!
Come soon King Jesus!**

**As the Angels sang, so also do I say. Glory be to God most High,
and all praise to You Jesus, My Prince of Peace, and everlasting Savior!**

Come soon Lord Jesus! Amen and Amen !!!