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FROM THE MOUTHS OF ANGELS

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MESSENGERS Luke 1:26-31

WHO ARE THE ANGELS? Hebrews 1:14

Hebrew: מַלְאָכִים Malak · Greek: ἄγγελος Angelos = Messenger, Herald or Ambassador

Other Biblical titles: Children of God, Armies of God, Stars of Heaven, Archangels, Cherubs and Seraphim.

Characteristics & what they are made of?

- They are spirits created by God. (Nehemiah 9:6 and Colossians 1:16)
- They have personality: Intellect, emotions and will. (Job 14:20, Luke 15:10)
- They are holy or pure (Luke 9:26)
- They have no gender. (Matthew 22:30)
- They can take human form and be visible (Genesis 18:2, Hebrews 13:2)
- They are a bit superior to humans (Hebrews 2:7)

MESSENGERS OF THE NATIVITY

Angels: Sent to announce the birth of Jesus.

- The angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she will be the mother of the Savior. (Luke 1:26)
- An angel Announces to Joseph that Mary will give birth to the Savior. (Matthew 1:18-21)
- An angel announces to the Shepherds that the Savior was born and a host of angels appear with Him (Luke 2: 9-15).
- An Angel warns Joseph to take the child to Egypt to protect him. (Matt. 2:13)

Disciples of Christ: We were sent to announce the Gospel of Jesus

- Announce the Gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:15)
- Announce Peace and Good News. (Romans 10:15)

CONCLUSION 1 Peter 1: 11-12

The Angels wanted to see what the Prophets have revealed to us through the Gospel. It was not the angels whom Jesus sent to preach the Gospel but we, the disciples of Jesus. Christmas time is one of the best times to share with others the message of Hope and Peace that the Savior of the World brought.

DIGGING DEEPER

Biblical Titles for Angels:

- Children of God (Job 1:6; 2:1)
- Armies of God. (Psalm 33:6)
- Ministering spirits (Hebrews 1:14)
- Stars of heaven (Revelation 12:4; Job 38:7)

Fallen angels:

- Unclean spirits or demons (Matthew 10:1, James 2:19)
- Lucifer (Isaiah 14:12)
- Satan (Luke 10:18)

Hierarchy:

- Angels, Archangels (Daniel 10:13, Jude 9)
- Cherubim (Genesis 3:24; Ezekiel 1: 4-28)
- Seraphim (Isaiah 6: 2.6)

Characteristics of the Angels:

- They were created (Colossians 1:16; Psalm 142:2-5)
- They have personality:
 - Intellect (2 Samuel 14:20, Hebrews 1:6)
 - Emotions (Hebrews 1:6)
 - Will (Revelation 5:11; 1 Peter 1:10 -12)
 - Holy or Pure (Mark 8:38)
- They have no gender (Mark 12:25, Luke 20:35-36)
- They can take human form and be visible (John 20:11-12; 2 Kings 6: 15-17)

Messengers of the Nativity:

- God used the Angels to announce the arrival of the Messiah in the world.
- Now God has sent us disciples to announce the Gospel message to the world.
(Mark 16:15, Matthew 28: 19-20, John 20:21, Acts 13:47, Matthew 5:14)

QUESTIONS FOR LIFEGROUP

1. What attitude would you have if an angel appeared before you at this time and how would you make sure that he is an angel of God?
2. If God has revealed the Gospel message to you, how do you feel responsible for obeying the call of Mark 16:15?
3. What are the things that stop you from announcing to others the message of the gospel and how can you work to grow in this area?

NEXT STEPS

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS: Reach out and tell others about Jesus this Christmas. Who are you praying for and reaching out to invite to the Sunday services and special events coming up at Calvary? Stop in the Lobby today and pick up supplies to share cookie boxes and invitations with your neighbors, coworkers, friends or family. You can also help share it online at SantaAnaChristmas.com