

# **ANGELS- GOD'S MINISTERING SPIRIT'S**

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This is an account of a dream my 10-year-old son Gabriel had. For a period of time he had several supernatural encounters that has brought such awareness to our home of what is going in the heavenlies. This one had to particular significance to how angels war and fight for us.

## ***As the sun was rising I was suddenly awakened...***

I gazed up to see before me a very shiny ladder that had appeared to come down from my ceiling into my bedroom. Stunned I just looked as hundreds of what seemed to be angels came down from the ladder. Then suddenly I saw angels numbering in the thousands wearing silver armor, which had great detail on every piece of the armor. I heard loud screams, I was not sure where they were coming from, but I seemed to instinctively know they were fighting and winning against demons. I could not help but think they were fighting a battle over me, It felt like they were saving me. I knew it was happening below me, but I was too scared to look down. As this dream continued, I then saw a huge angel about 10 feet in height, to me he looked like a giant, wearing gold plated armor. He was the tallest angel of them all. And on every joint of his body, even on his fingers, he had gold plated armor, about an inch thick that moved easily with every movement. It seemed as if he was in charge of the large group of angels. As the mixture of fear and excitement rose in me, the angel then came directly to me and placed a weapon in my hand and said; ***“Here is a weapon. Every person that knows my God has one. But every person’s weapon has a different purpose and not everyone uses it. Your purpose for this weapon is to tell people of the experiences and dreams encountering the supernatural.”*** Then I woke up. I felt like I was still holding the weapon, cause my hands were very tightly gripped.

I ran upstairs to tell my parents and as I ran my hand was still frozen in a clenched position like holding a weapon. I could not stop thinking about the giant angel, his army and how weird it was with him right in front of me, right in my face. I remembered how before I had this dream I was having a nightmare. I was so shocked at how loud the screams of the demons were! I thought that the whole neighborhood would have heard it.

***“He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth with it’s top reaching to the heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it”. (Geneses 28:12)***

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## **I. GOD CREATED ANGELS**

***“For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible.” (Colossians 1:16)***

- A. God created Angels like men.
  - B. Considered to be “*sons of God*” (Genesis 6:2)
  - C. They cannot reproduce, marry, or be given to marriage (Mark 12:25)
  - D. There are millions of angels: ***“innumerable (myriads- a great but indefinite number) company of angels.” (Hebrews 12:22)***
  - E. The Bible calls them ministering “*spirits*”. (Hebrews 1:14). They do not possess a physical body, although they may take on physical bodies when God appoints them to special tasks.
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- F. Angels have been a part of the Old and New Testament, doing mighty exploits sent by God to Abraham, Moses, David and countless others.
- G. References to angels far outnumber references to Satan and his subordinate demons.
- H. Angels speak.
- I. Angels are beautiful, stunning and bring a majestic presence. Many times bring great fear in our presence.
- J. Angels appear and reappear.
- K. Angels never draw attention to themselves, but always bring God's glory and represent His message to us. They are never to be worshipped or prayed to.
- L. God uses angels to work on behalf of destinies of men and nations.
- M. God made man "*a little lower than the angels*" Yet his angels are "*ministering angels sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation.*" (Hebrews 2:5-7; 1:3-14) Men are lower- but eventually higher through redemption. Man is lower than angels in respect to their bodies and to their place while here on earth.

## **II. ANGELS HAVE DIFFERENT RANKS**

- A. **ARCHANGEL:** Michael: "*At that time Michael, the great prince (archangel) who protects your people, will arise.*" **Daniel 12:1.** Arch or prince suggests a chief principal or great angel. Right now there is only one archangel. Michael is the angel above all angels. In Rev. 12:7-12 leads the armies in the battle against Satan, the great dragon, and all of his demons.
- B. **MESSENGER:** Gabriel is primarily God's messenger. He is never referred to as an archangel. However, he is mentioned more than Michael. "*While I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, who I had seen in the former vision, being caused to fly swiftly, came near to me and touched me about the time of the evening sacrifice. And then he said, "understand the vision."*" (Daniel 9:21, 23)
- C. **SERAPHIM:** Meaning "*burning ones*" We find them in Isaiah 6:1-6; "*Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.*" Isaiah was overcome with the awe inspiring sight of the six winged seraphim above the throne of the Lord. They are positioned above the throne, unlike the Cherubim who are beside Him. Their job is to constantly glorify God.

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- D. **CHERUBIM:** They have wings, feet and hands. **Ezekiel 10** describes them being full of eyes, encompassed by wheels, within wheels. The Cherubim have to do with the glory of God. They are constantly giving glory to God and beside the throne of God.

## **III. LUCIFER AND HIS ANGELS FALL**

- A. Lucifer: An angel of light, also called the son of the mourning; ***“You had the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty...” “You were the anointed Cherub who covers and I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God. You walked in the midst of the stones of fire. You were blameless in your ways from the days you were created. Until unrighteousness was found in you...” “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty: You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor.”*** (Ezekiel 28:12-17)
- B. Lucifer's 5 “I will's” (Isaiah 14)
1. ***“I will ascend into heaven”***
  2. ***“I will exalt my throne above the stars of God”*** (angels represent stars)
  3. ***“I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation”***
  4. ***“I will ascend above the heights of the clouds”***
  5. ***“I will be like the most high”***
  6. Lucifer was not satisfied with being under His creator. He wanted to usurp God's throne. The ***“I will”*** spirit is the spirit of rebellion. He wanted to be worshipped, not to worship. Satan had the sin of pride, which underneath his rebellion and pride lurked the sin of coveting. He wanted what didn't belong to him. He had lust for what belonged to God alone.
- C. The angels, who fell, fell against God. ***“God spared not the angels that sinned but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into the chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment.”*** (1 Peter 2:4)
- D. Greatest catastrophe in the history of the universe was Lucifer's defiance of God and the consequent fall of 1/3 of the angels. Lucifer and his angels chose to deny the authority of God and participate in Lucifer's “war program”.
- E. As a result of this defiance, Lucifer and his angels are reserved for ***“everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels”.*** (Matthew 25:41)
- F. Adam and Eve were faced with the tempter. Lucifer had no tempter when he sinned, therefore making his guilt great.

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- G. Lucifer and his angels will be cast into everlasting fire but until then they wreak havoc on individuals, families, and nations! They are dangerous, vicious and deadly. They want you under their control. And they will pay to get you.
- H. Lucifer description: ***"He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."*** (John 8:44)

## **IV. ANGELS MINISTER & HELP US**

***"Are they (angels) not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation"?*** (Hebrews 1:14)

- A. Angels bring us strength, messages and fight on our behalf. (Daniel 10)
- B. 2 Kings 6:14-17, Elisha, the prophet saw armies of angels protecting him and the city. Their army was bigger than that of the human army. Elisha ***"Could see horses and chariots of fire everywhere on the hills surround the city."***
- C. When Daniel was thrown into the lion's den, in Daniel 6:22 we read, ***"My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions."***
- D. King Nebuchadnezzar learned of an angel with Shadrach, Meshach and Abendnego when they refused to bow to the idol and the king threw them into a fiery furnace. The king said ***"I see four men...in the midst of fire"*** (Daniel 3:25)
- E. Paul encountered an angel who said, ***"Last night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve, stood beside me and said, "Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you"*** (Acts 27:23-24)
- F. Some Christians believe that an angel is assigned to watch over them, ***"See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven."*** (Matthew 18:10)
- G. Angels protect us; ***"For He (God) will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. (Psalm 91:1, 11, 12)***
- H. God assigns angelic powers to watch over us; ***"for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men."*** (1 Corinthians 4:9)
- I. ***"The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them."*** (Psalm 34:7)
- J. Angels love and rejoice with us; ***"In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*** (Luke 10:15)

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K. Angels are included in the great cloud of witnesses (*Hebrews 11:1*)

## **V. WAR OF ALL TIME**

***“Do not give the devil a foothold” (Ephesians 4:27)***

- A. We are in the combat of the ages and we have been given specific instruction on our part of the warfare. When we live lives of submission and humility towards God, we break any legal right to Satan and open the blessings and favor of the Lord on our lives.
- B. ***“The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.” (2 Corinthians 10:4)***
- C. We are in a war. Our weapons are not of this world, not of the flesh or of this world, but mighty through God. Pulling down of strongholds, gives the illusion of having the walls of pulling down the walls of Jericho, even in such the same manner. Strongholds are holds that the devil has garnered; they are his strength, giving him certain rights. But we can tear those strongholds down; with the weapons that God has given us (Ephesians 6). Ephesians gives us a picture of the armor of God, which every aspect of the armor has to do with the Word of God, Feet in Gospel of Peace, Helmet of Salvation, Shield of Faith, Belt of Truth, Sword of the Spirit, all of these parts of our armor are the Word of God. Using the weapons of God we tear down and demolish every idea, thought, that comes against the truth of His Word. The battles are being played out in our minds, affect our actions and have consequences on our families, cities and nations.
- D. ***“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour.” (1 Peter 5:8)***
- E. **Being “sober” means not drunk; means to be free from every form of mental and spiritual “intoxication”.** The idea then is to be calm and collected in spirit, careful, self-controlled, well balanced, clear headed. We are 100% responsible for staying sober minded but we are 100% dependent on the Spirit's enablement to exercise restraint and keep ourselves free from excess, from evil passions, from rashness, etc. Peter calls for urgent action. He gives urgency; you must ***“Do this now. Keep your head clear!”*** And we need to remain watchful and vigilant, for we have a watchful, vigilant adversary!
- F. We don't battle alone. We rely on the Holy Spirit to help us, who dwells in us.
- G. We are protected. Here is an example where Satan is speaking to God about Job and does this over us as well; ***“Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land.” (Job 1:10)***
- H. We have a hedge around us, a hedge of angels to protect us.

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- I. Angels are nearer than you think; God has given *“his angels charge of you, to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.”* (Psalm 91:11,12)

## **V. ANGELS - ACTIVE TODAY**

*“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (Ephesians 6:12)*

- A. Lucifer, our archenemy controls principalities, powers and dominions. Every nation and city has felt his evil breath of his power.
- B. Jesus has defeated him, abolished death and brought us to life through His blood. *“Has gone into heaven (Jesus) and is at God’s right hand – with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to Him.”* (1 Peter 3:22)
- C. *“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”* (Hebrews 13:2)
- D. Angels protect, minister, strengthen, give direction, speak God’s messages, fight on our behalf and do God’s bidding! Lets thank God for the ministry of Angels in our lives.

## **V. HOW TO ACTIVATE ANGELS IN YOUR LIFE**

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- A. God’s angels are on assignment from God Himself. As you **walk humbly and obediently** before your God, His angels will protect and defend you and your family.
- B. God Himself has given you access to His angels, through your diligent **fasting and praying**. Your prayers activate the angels. (Daniel 10)
- C. Great battles are being won and lost by our **wielding of the Word in prayer**, as we **stand firm** on the promises of God. Releasing and strengthening angels is dependent on our **un-relenting persistent prayer** that goes before God’s throne. **When we pray to God it moves His heart, He releases resources on earth and He sends His angels to do His bidding. Our job is to pray and not give up (Luke 18:1).**