

ARE ANGELS REAL?

*Angels are absolutely real. The angel, Gabriel, brought the message to Mary that she was to have a baby (read Luke 1:26-38). The angel Michael, has been fighting wars on behalf of God since the fall of Satan. Revelation 12:7 says that there is a coming war where Satan will be defeated by Michael and his angels and will be cast out of heaven. And, speaking of Satan, He was the most beautiful of all angels until he decided that he was better than God and fell from his exalted position and became God's enemy and the enemy of the saints (read Isaiah 14).

All through the Bible are accounts or people interacting with angels and of angels acting on behalf of people. Angels are real servants of God but you won't know the full extent of the work they do until you get to heaven. It's exciting to finally understanding the full truth about what angels have done in my life and what they have protected me from!

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE TO ANGELS

1. To announce: Luke 1:26-38 v26: "And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee named Nazareth".....v38: "And Mary said, Behold, the handmaiden of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her." Verses 1:26-38 encompass the complete conversation between Mary and the angel Gabriel. Companion to this is Luke 1:18-19.
2. To protect: Dan 6:22 "My God hath sent his angel and hath shut the lion's mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocence was found in me: and also before thee O king, have I done no hurt".
3. In judgment: Matthew 13:41-42 v41 "The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather together out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them that do iniquity" v42 "And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth".

There are many references to angels in the Bible. *(excerpted from: www.raptureready.com)

Guardian Angel Prayer

(should be recited each morning when you awake)

**Angel of God, my Guardian Dear,
to whom God's love commits me here.**

**Ever this day be at my side
to light and guard and rule and guide.
Amen.**

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Margarete's Angel



"I believe I had some heavenly help."

Margarete's Angel
from *Moments with Angels*
by Robert Strand

Two things are in short supply — well, it could be a whole lot more when you are a college student — sleep, and money to go home on. Margarete was away at college, a hard working, diligent, college student... a sophomore. She stayed in the dormitory where sleep was a short commodity, too, Girls being girls, and studies being studies, and boys being subjects of conversation, the nights were pretty short.

The Christmas holidays were soon approaching, which meant the trip home was in sight. But, as always, college professors haven't much heart, so they schedule tests on the last two or three days preceding vacation. Again, sleep was hard to come by. Mom and Dad had sent the money for the bus ride home.

As soon as class was over on that Friday, Margarete made her way to the depot, loaded with luggage and a few presents she had purchased. She bought her ticket and her choice seat was available... the last seat in the back, next to the back door where she could stretch out and sleep without interruption until her destination of Mankato, Minnesota!

What luxury... just to stretch out. The only sounds were those of people murmuring to each other and the tires on the highway... comforting, soothing sounds to lull a tired college sophomore to sleep.

As she slept, the bus motion and tossing pushed her shoulders against the back door; then more of her body weight pressed against the door. Suddenly, without warning, the back door sprang open with Margarete pushing against it.

Awakening instantly with a start, she began to slide out the door, head and shoulders first, and to feel herself falling into the blackness of the night towards the hard concrete. Her first thought was, "I am about to die!"

She grabbed for the door frame to catch herself, but missed. She prayed a three word prayer, "Jesus, help me!"

And, to this day, she says she can almost still feel it, there was a pair of huge hands that caught her and pushed her back into the bus!

The bus driver, when the warning light came on, brought the bus to a quick stop, and came running down the aisle to check on the problem. He came to Margarete, and asked, "Are you all right? I cannot understand how it happened. Did you lose anything?"

Still in shock, she answered, "No sir, no problems."

"How did you manage to hold on and not fall out?"

"I believe I had some heavenly help."

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