

## Lesson 7-9

### The Doctrine of Angels

***“But to which of the angels has He ever said: “Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?” Hebrews 1:13-14***

There is a lot of interest in the subject of the unseen world. There is also a lot of false teaching that has arisen relating to this area, specifically the doctrine of angels. Many of the false cults have come about because of a claim regarding the appearance of and revelation from an angelic visitor. The best way to protect ourselves from the false is to study the true, that is, we must study what God says about angels and their function.

#### I. What is an angel?

A. Generally speaking the term “angel” can be applied to “an ambassador, messenger, deputy or minister.”

1. The term is used of human messengers (Luke 7:24a).

*When the **messengers** of John had departed, He began to speak to the multitudes concerning John...*

2. The term is used of the prophets (Hag. 1:13).

*Then Haggai, the LORD’s **messenger**, spoke the LORD’s message to the people, saying, “I am with you, says the LORD.”*

3. The term is used of John the Baptist (Luke 7:27).

*This is he of whom it is written: “Behold, I send My **messenger** before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.”*

4. The term is used of satanic messengers (II Cor. 12:7).

*And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.*

B. Specifically speaking, an angel is a finite, spiritual and celestial being (Mt. 22:30; Heb. 1:4-7).

*For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven. Matthew 22:30*

*God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,<sup>2</sup> has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;<sup>3</sup> who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,<sup>4</sup> having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.<sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did He ever say: “You are My Son, today I have begotten You”? And again: “I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son”?<sup>6</sup> But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: “Let all the angels of God worship Him.”<sup>7</sup> And of the angels He says: “Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire.” Hebrews 1:4-7*

## **II. How do we know that angels exist?**

A. In every section of the Old Testament the existence of angels is affirmed.

1. In the **law** (Gen. 28:12).

*Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.*

2. In the **history** (II Sam. 14:20; II Chr. 32:21).

*Now because of this King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz, prayed and cried out to heaven.<sup>21</sup> Then the LORD sent an angel who cut down every mighty man of valor, leader, and captain in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned shamefaced to his own land. And when he had gone into the temple of his god, some of his own offspring struck him down with the sword there.<sup>22</sup> Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all others, and guided them on every side.<sup>23</sup> And many brought gifts to the LORD at Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah, so that he was exalted in the sight of all nations thereafter. II Chronicles 32:20-23*

3. In the **poetry** (Ps. 34:7; 91:11; 103:20).

*For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*

Psalm 91:11-12

4. In the **prophets** (Dan. 3:28; 6:22).

*My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you.” Daniel 6:22*

B. In every section of the New Testament the existence of angels is affirmed.

1. In the teaching of Jesus in the **Gospels** (Mt. 18:10; 13:41).

*“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.”*

Matthew 18:10

2. In the teaching of the **Book of Acts** (Acts 5:19; 8:26; 12:7-11).

*Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation,<sup>18</sup> and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison.<sup>19</sup> But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,<sup>20</sup> “Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.” Acts 5:17-20*

2. In the teaching of Paul and the Apostles in the **epistles** (II Th. 1:7; I Pet. 3:22; Jude 9).

*...and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,<sup>8</sup> in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. II Thessalonians 1:7-8*

### III. Why is the existence of angels questioned by some?

A. Because of unbelief in the supernatural (Acts 23:8). Once you acknowledge the unseen world, you have a lot more than angels to deal with in the supernatural realm.

*For Sadducees say that there is no resurrection—and no angel or spirit; but the Pharisees confess both.*

B. Because of ignorance of what the Scripture teaches (Hos. 6:4).

C. Because of fear of the unseen or invisible realm of spirit beings. We all tend to have a fear of the unknown.

### IV. What names and titles are ascribed to angels in the Bible?

The following names and titles are ascribed to angels in the Bible:

- Minister or Servant (Ps. 104:4).

*Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.*

- Host or Army (Luke 2:13).

*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” Luke 2:13-14*

- Watchers (Dan. 4:13, 17).

*“I saw in the visions of my head while on my bed, and there was a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven.” Daniel 4:13*

- Sons of the Mighty or Mighty Ones (Ps. 89:6; 29:1).

*For who in the heavens can be compared to the LORD? Who among the **sons of the mighty** can be likened to the LORD? God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the **saints**, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him. O LORD God of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.*

Psalm 89:6-8

- Holy Ones or Saints (Ps. 89:6-7).

- Sons of God (Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7).

*“Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.<sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup> To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone,<sup>7</sup> When the **morning stars** sang together, and all the **sons of God** shouted for joy? Job 38:4-7*

- Morning Stars (Job 38:7).

- Ministering Spirits (Heb. 1:13-14).

*But to which of the angels has He ever said: “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool”? Are they not all **ministering spirits** sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?*

- Flames of Fire (Ps. 104:4; Heb. 1:7).

*Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a **flame of fire**. Psalm 104:4*

## V. What is the nature of angels?

A. Angels are created beings (Col. 1:16; Ps. 148:2, 5).

*For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. Colossians 1:16*

*Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!  
<sup>2</sup> Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! <sup>3</sup> Praise Him, sun and moon;  
praise Him, all you stars of light! <sup>4</sup> Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you  
waters above the heavens! <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD, for He  
commanded and they were created. Psalm 148:1-5*

1. They are each individually created for they do not reproduce after their kind as do animals and man (Mt. 22:30).

*For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.*

2. They are each individually created and therefore are referred to as “sons of God” (Job 1:6; 2:1).
3. They are each individually created and hence they are dependent, finite and limited beings (they do not possess divine attributes).
4. They were created prior to the creation of the earth and man (Job 38:4-7). There are no new angels. All of the angels that exist today were part of the original creation of God.

B. Angels are spiritual beings (Heb. 1:14; Ps. 104:4).

*Are they not all ministering spirits... Hebrews 1:14a*

1. Angels are not limited by natural bodies, yet at times they appeared to men in visible, even human form (Gen. 19:1; Judg. 2:1; 6:11-12; Mt. 1:20; 2:13; Luke 1:11-13, 28-29).

*Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.  
Luke 1:11-12*

2. Angels are apparently pretty spectacular beings. The first words out of their mouth when they appear to men is usually, “Fear not!” (Luke 1:13, 30; 2:10; Acts 27:24).

*But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.*

Luke 1:13

3. Angels are limited by space and time even though they are spiritual in nature (Dan. 9:21-23; 10:10-14).

*Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.<sup>13</sup> But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.*

Daniel 10:12-13

- C. Angels are immortal (Luke 20:36); therefore, once they are created, they never cease to exist. They are not eternal as God is because they did have a point of origin.

*But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage;<sup>36</sup> nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.*

Luke 20:35-36

- D. Angels have all of the elements of personality.

1. They have intellect (Mt. 28:5; I Pet. 1:12).

*To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into. I Peter 1:12*

- a. In intellect they are superior to man (II Sam. 14:17).

*Your maidservant said, “The word of my lord the king will now be comforting; for as the angel of God, so is my lord the king in discerning good and evil. And may the LORD your God be with you.”*

The implication in these verses is that the king has tapped into a higher knowledge just as that of the angels.

- b. In intellect they are inferior to God (Mt. 24:36; I Pet. 1:12).

*“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.” Matthew 24:36*

2. They have emotions (Job 38:7; I Pet. 1:12). Angels rejoice when sinners repent.

*When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*  
Job 38:7

3. They have a will (Is. 14:12-15; II Pet. 2:4; Jude 6). Satan was an angel who exerted his will. It was because he had a “will” that he could fall away.

## **VI. What are some other things that we know about angels?**

- A. Angels are mighty, having great power (Ps. 103:20; II Kgs. 19:35; Is. 37:36).

*And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead.<sup>36</sup> So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, returned home, and remained at Nineveh. II Kings 19:35-36*

1. Their power is greater than man (II Pet. 2:11).

*...whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.*

2. Their power is delegated to them (II Th. 1:7).

*...and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels.*

The angels are under his authority as His army. God is the Lord of hosts.

- B. Angels exist in various ranks and orders (I Pet. 3:22).

*...who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.*

1. There are Seraphim (Is. 6:2-6).

*Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. Isaiah 6:2*

Little is known about these supernatural, angelic beings. The word is a derivation of the word “noble.” For this reason the idea of “princes” or “principalities” may apply to them.

2. There are Cherubim (Gen. 3:24; Ezek. 10).

*So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life. Genesis 3:24*

Cherubim are more common in the Bible and seem to be a higher order of angelic beings associated with the ministry of guardianship and covering.

3. There are Archangels (Jude 9; I Th. 4:16).

*For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.*

I Thessalonians 4:16

- Michael (Jude 9; Rev. 12:7)
- Gabriel (Dan. 9:21; Luke 1:19, 26)
- Perhaps, Lucifer (Is. 14:12-14; Ezek. 28:11-17)

4. There was a being called the Angel of the Lord (Judg. 13; Ex. 3:2-15; Gen. 32:24-32).

There are many references to “the Angel of the Lord” in the Old Testament. Most scholars believe that this angel was, in fact, a theophany or a pre-incarnation appearance of Jesus Christ. When you read around the context of such appearances you soon come to the conclusion that this is no ordinary angel. We will discuss this more toward the end of this study.

- C. Angels are very many in number (Heb. 12:22; Mt. 26:53; Dan. 7:10; Ps. 68:17).

- D. Angels are glorious beings who are usually clothed in white (Luke 9:26; Rev. 15:1-8).

- E. Angels are swift (Dan. 9:21).

*...yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering.*

- F. Angels dwell in heavenly places even though they function here on earth (Mt. 22:30; Eph. 3:10; Jn. 1:51).

- G. Angels were involved in the delivery of the law to Moses (Acts 7:53; Gal. 3:19; Heb. 2:2).

*“...who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it.”*

Acts 7:53

*For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward,<sup>3</sup> how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation. Hebrews 2:2-3a*

## **VII. What is the ministry and function of angels?**

### **A. Angels have a primary ministry unto God.**

1. They were created to bring glory to God (Col. 1:16; Rev. 4:6-11; Ps. 148:2).

*For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. Colossians 1:16*

2. They are ministers of worship unto God (Is. 6:3; Heb. 1:6; Rev. 5:8-13).

*Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,<sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"<sup>13</sup> And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!" Revelation 5:11-13*

3. They execute the will of God (Ps. 103:20-21).

*Bless the LORD, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His word.<sup>21</sup> Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, you ministers of His, who do His pleasure.*

- a. In controlling nature (Rev. 7:1).

*After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.*

- b. In governing nations (Dan. 10:13, 21; 12:1).

*"At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people... Daniel 12:1a*

- c. In executing God's judgments (Gen. 19:1; Ps. 78:43, 49).

*He cast on them the fierceness of His anger, wrath, indignation, and trouble, by sending angels of destruction among them. Psalm 78:49*

D. Angels have a unique ministry to the people of God (Heb. 1:13-14).

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

*... sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? –NIV*

*But angels are only servants. They are spirits sent from God to care for those who will receive salvation. – NLT*

1. They protect the people of God (Ps. 35:4-5; 34:7; 91:11-12; II Kgs. 6:13-17; Is. 63:9; Dan. 6:22; 12:1; Heb. 1:14).

*For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*

Psalm 91:11-12

2. They guide the believer at times (Acts 8:26; 10:3). In this sense they are deliverers of messages from the Lord.

*Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, “Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” Acts 8:26*

As time permits read Acts 10:1-8

3. They minister to the physical needs of God’s people (I Kgs. 19:5-8).

The experience of Elijah:

*Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, “Arise and eat.”<sup>6</sup> Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again.<sup>7</sup> And the angel of the LORD came back the second time, and touched him, and said, “Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you.”<sup>8</sup> So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.*

4. They strengthen and encourage the believer (Mt. 4:11; Luke 22:43; Acts 5:19-20; 27:24).

*Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.*

Matthew 4:11

*Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. Luke 22:43*

*But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life." Acts 5:19-20*

*And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve, saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.'*

Acts 27:22-24

5. They seem to have a special ministry to children (Mt. 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."*

6. They serve as agents in the answering of our prayers (Dan. 10:10-12; Acts 12:1-17). Peter released from prison while the saints were praying.
7. They carry or escort the spirits of those who die in the Lord home (Luke 16:22).

*So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.*

8. They are interested in salvation and rejoice when a sinner comes to Christ (I Pet. 1:12; Luke 15:10)

*"Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:10*

9. They will come with Christ for the believers at the Second Coming (II Th. 1:7-8; Mt. 25:31-32).

*...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels...*

II Thessalonians 1:7

10. They will gather together the elect in conjunction with the Second Coming (Mt. 24:31) separating the just from the unjust (Mt. 13:39-42, 47-50).

*So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just,<sup>50</sup> and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth." Matthew 13:49-50*

*And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*

Matthew 24:31

## **VIII. What is the distinction between normal angels and the being called “The Angel of the Lord?”**

- A. Throughout the Old Testament we see the appearance of one called “The Angel of the Lord” or the “Angel of Jehovah” (Gen. 16:9-11; Num. 22:22-35; Judg. 6:11-22; 13:3-21).

Read Judges 13:1-24

1. The identity of this Angel seems to be a mystery (Judg. 13:6).
2. There seems to be some sort of secret in regard to the name of this Angel (Gen. 32:24-32; Judg. 13:6, 17-18).

*Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. <sup>25</sup> Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob’s hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> And He said, “Let Me go, for the day breaks.” But he said, “I will not let You go unless You bless me!” <sup>27</sup> So He said to him, “What is your name?” He said, “Jacob.” <sup>28</sup> And He said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.” <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked, saying, “Tell me Your name, I pray.” And He said, “Why is it that you ask about My name?” And He blessed him there. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: “For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.” Genesis 32:24-30*

- B. This Angel seems to have a special connection to Jehovah.

1. This Angel is a particular messenger of Jehovah (Gen. 16:7-14).

Read Genesis 16:7-14

2. This Angel promises what only God can do (Gen. 16:10).
3. This Angel is at times referred to interchangeably with Jehovah (Gen. 16:13; Ex. 3:2; Judg. 6:12, 14; Zech. 3:1-2).
4. This Angel is revered as God (Judg. 6:21-24; 13:22).

- C. At the same time this Angel appears to be distinct from Jehovah.

1. This Angel testifies to Jehovah (Ju. 13:16).
  2. This Angel intercedes to Jehovah (Zech. 1:9-11).
  3. This Angel calls upon Jehovah (Zech. 3:1-2).
- D. This Angel is none other than a theophany of the Lord Jesus Christ before His incarnation. The word “theophany” means an appearance of God.
1. It should be noted that Jesus Christ was preexistent with the Father (Jn.1:1-3, 14-18).
  3. It should be noted that Micah indicated that His “goings forth” have been from of old, from everlasting (Mic. 5:2).
- “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.”*
3. It should be noted that no such appearance of the Angel of the Lord occurs after Christ’s incarnation.

- E. This Angel seems to have had a unique ministry which parallels Christ’s ministry.
1. Revelation. He was given the honor of revealing God’s name (Ex. 3:2-6, 14). Jesus revealed the Father to the world (John. 14:9; 17:6).
  2. Commission. He commissioned Moses (Ex. 3:7-8 Acts 7:30-35), Gideon (Judg. 6:11-23) and had a big part to play in the call of Samson (Judg. 13:1-21). Jesus commissioned the leaders of the New Testament church (Mt. 28:19-20).
  3. Intercession. He interceded for Israel when they were oppressed by their enemies (Zech. 1:12-13). Christ ever lives to make intercession for us (Heb. 7:25).
  4. Lawgiver. He was instrumental in the giving of the Law to Moses (Acts 7:38). Jesus also sat on a mountain in the New Testament age and gave the laws of the kingdom (Mt. 5-7).

*“This is he who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, the one who received the living oracles to give to us...” Acts 7:38*

## **IX. What should be our attitude toward angels?**

The following is taken from *Angels*, by Dickason.

A. We may be in wonder and awe of them.

1. We may respect their persons (Dan. 8:16-17; 10:1-18).
2. We may appreciate their ministries (Heb. 1:14).
3. We may admire their example.

B. We may not worship angels.

1. We are forbidden by example. The angels worship God alone (Is. 6:1-4; Rev. 4:6-11; 5:8-14).
2. We are forbidden by command (Ex. 20:1-6; Col. 2:18).

*Don't let anyone condemn you by insisting on self-denial. And don't let anyone say you must worship angels, even though they say they have had visions about this.* Colossians 2:18, NLT

3. We are forbidden by angels themselves (Rev. 19:10; 22:9).

## **X. What specific area of God's dealing with man has not been entrusted to angels?**

Angels do not preach the Gospel. This task has been assigned to man (I Pet. 1:12; Acts 10; 11:13-14).

In Acts 10-11, angelic beings helped to get Cornelius and Peter together, but it was Peter who preached the Gospel, not the angels.

*To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.*

I Peter 1:12