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What are angels?

- Angels are spiritual servants created by God.
- Angels are not the departed, trying to earn their wings.
- Angels are <u>quardians</u>.
- Angels can <u>appear in human form</u>.
- Angels are <u>messengers</u>.

What's the message Clarence brings to me?

1. God hears me when I pray.

In my distress I screamed to the Lord for his help. And he heard me from heaven; my cry reached his ears... ¹⁰ Mounted on a mighty angel, he sped swiftly to my aid with wings of wind.

Psalm 18:6, 10 (TLB)

I will praise him for what he has done; may all who are oppressed listen and be glad! ³ Proclaim with me the LORD's greatness; let us praise his name together! ⁴ I prayed to the LORD, and he answered me; he freed me from all my fears. ⁵ The oppressed look to him and are glad; they will never be disappointed. ⁶ The helpless call to him, and he answers; he saves them from all their troubles. ⁷ His angel guards those who honor the LORD and rescues them from danger.

Psalm 34:2-7 (GNT)

2. I am never alone.

The Lord is close to everyone who prays to him, to all who truly pray to him.

Psalm 145:18 (ICB)

"Do not be afraid—I am with you! I am your God—let nothing terrify you! I will make you strong and help you; I will protect you and save you."

Isaiah 41:10 (GNT)

The angel of the Lord stays close around those who fear Him, and He takes them out of trouble.

Psalm 34:7 (NLV)

Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me. ²⁴ God's angel said, 'Paul, do not be afraid! You must stand before Caesar. And God has given you this promise: He will save the lives of all those men sailing with you.' ²⁵ So men, be cheerful! I trust in God. Everything will happen as his angel told me.

Acts 27:23-25 (NIV)

3. God wants me to trust him.

All the angels are spirits who serve God and are sent to help those who will receive salvation.

Hebrews 1:14 (ICB)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

The sacrifice that God wants is a humble spirit. God, you will not turn away someone who comes with a humble heart and is willing to obey you.

Psalm 51:17 (ERV)

4. My attitude shapes my life.

Sunrise breaks through the darkness for good people...

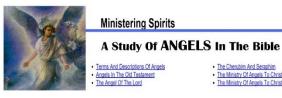
Psalm 112:4 (MSG)

A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

Proverbs 17:22 (ESV)

...fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honorable.

Philippians 4:8 (GNT)



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