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God is a God of order; whenever He creates something, He first establishes an order in which the thing created will exist. Ten times in the first chapter of Genesis while God was creating the various life forms that were to live upon the earth He established an order of kind “after his kind.” In other words each kind had the capacity and instruction to produce after its kind.

Whenever God organizes an order of things He uses that established order to maintain the created entity. In all of nature we see order and systems as they cooperatively interact with each other; lets consider some of God’s order. Notice the “Earth’s Rotation Cycle,” the “Weather Cycle” and the “Water Cycle,” all three are governed by mutually exclusive systems and yet they completely interact with each other. Oceans evaporate and the wind carries the clouds that then produce rain and snow upon the earth. High in the mountains the snow forms an ice pack from which waters melt and flow all year long; over time the waters naturally flow back into the oceans and the unending cycle continues.

Solomon wrote about the glory of these same cycles, “The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to *his place where he arose*. 6 The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again *according to his circuits*. 7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; *unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again*” (Eccl 1:5-7). The point is that God is a God of order. He puts things in their order and He then uses that same order to maintain or perpetuate His creation.

Likewise, there is an order that God has established in all living things. The order is not determined based upon seniority; rather God establishes the order out of His sovereignty. For example, grass, herbs, and fruit trees were the first living things that populated the face of the earth. Nevertheless, they were not the apex of living things; instead, they became servants to the next group of living things, which were whales, water creatures, and birds. In essence, the concept behind the order of the first group was that they would become servants to second group.

In our modern society we have little understanding of the whole concept of servitude. Since our American, indeed much of the world’s history includes the whole repugnant episode involving human slavery; we have come to look upon servitude with great deal of disdain. The Scriptures seem to echo a loathing for the condition of slavery. It cannot be denied that the first biblical occurrence of the word “servant” is expressed in a foul context. Notice Noah’s sharp words over his second son’s child, “Cursed be Canaan; a *servant* of



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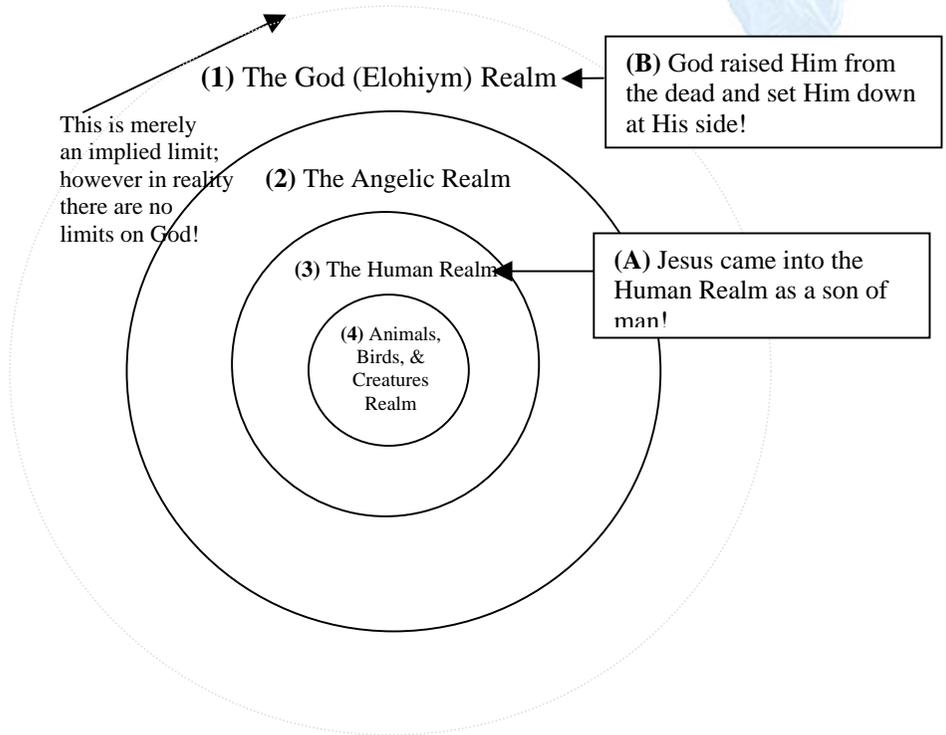
*servants* shall he be unto his brethren” (Gen 9:25). This should cause deep questions in our minds because our LORD Said, “whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant” (Matt 20:27). Clearly, we need to learn a great deal concerning godly ordained servitude.

We will return to the issues of servitude; but for now, let’s revisit the concept of order. Notice the order that God has placed over all living beings. We must start with (1) the Divine family known as God (Elohiym). Since this family (*multiple beings in one group*) never had a beginning, the family has always existed and is not a created entity!

Consequently, the God family is outside of the order of living things and is, “exalted far above all gods” (Ps 97:9). The second group is the angelic realm (2). These beings were created before the earth, “Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding . . . When the morning stars sang together, and *all the sons of God shouted for joy?*” (Job 38:4-7). The third group is the human realm (3) and the fourth group (4) is the animal, bird, and creature realm. Amazingly, the Father ordered all of these realms to be ruled by the Messiah, “God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil 2:9-11).

However, we must understand that the Messiah entered into the physical existence of the earth at a level below the angelic realm (see (A) above)! He came as the son of man; therefore he was situated in the human realm which is below the angelic realm, “Thou madest him *a little lower than the angels*” (Heb 2:7). Regardless of Jesus’ relatively low rank as part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> level realm, God performed a mighty work through the Messiah “being found in fashion *as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross*” (Phil 2:8)! God continued His great works, “Which he wrought in Christ, *when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality and power, and might, and dominion*, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come” (Eph 1:20-21). According to this passage, Jesus was set far above the inhabitants the angelic realm. Essentially, Jesus was repositioned from the 3<sup>rd</sup> level (*Human Realm*)

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beyond the 2<sup>nd</sup> level (*Angelic Realm*) and into the 1<sup>st</sup> level (*God Realm*) see (B) above. He went beyond “principality and power and might and dominion;” these four words are

Old English terms that identify the various ranks within the angelic realm. Do not miss this important concept; in essence, Jesus was a son of man who was born of God, He was elevated into the Elohiym or God Realm! **God** set the Messiah far above the angels! The Father totally bypassed the (2) angelic realm, “to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?” (Heb 1:13).

What is the Bible narrative regarding the angelic realm? Long before the creation of the human realm, there was an exalted being in the angelic realm who was not satisfied with his position in the established order of things. He planned in his own heart to rebel against the Most High and alter the established order to suit his personal desires, “For thou hast **said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.** (Clearly this self willed satan wanted to readjust his position in the order of things.) 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit” (Isa 14:13-15). This rebellious angel who the Bible described as a “great red dragon,” persuaded 1/3 of all of the Angelic Realm to join in his rebellion against God, “a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. 4 And **his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, (angels) and did cast them to the earth**” (Rev 12:3-4). In His pre-incarnate state Jesus was an eyewitness at the time that God put down satan’s rebellion. During Jesus’ earthly ministry He sent out His disciples with authority over devils (*the demons*) who are all fallen spirits from the angelic realm. Notice their reaction along with Jesus’ response when the disciples returned to Him, “Lord, even **the devils are subject unto us through thy name.** 18 And he said unto them, **I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven**” (Luke 10:17-18). Jesus who had seen the quashing of the original rebellion gave His disciples authority in His name to subjugate the demons.

All of God’s angels were aware of satan’s rebellion; which leads to the question, “What was the reaction of those in the Angelic Realm to the rebellion?” For that matter, how has humanity reacted to the rebellion? You will recall that the Biblical terms, “Principality and powers” identify just a few of the various ranks within the Angelic Realm. Having those terms in mind, let’s notice a hidden plan (*or mystery*) that God long ago established. He intended through His plan that He would teach a lesson to men and to angels, “And **to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery,** which from the beginning of the world hath been **hid in God,** who created all things by Jesus Christ: 10 To the intent that now unto **the principalities and powers** in heavenly places **might be known** by the church the manifold wisdom of God, 11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Eph 3:9-11). In essence, God is revealing a hidden mystery through the auspices of the church; as the mystery unfolds angels are getting an education about the “manifold wisdom of God!”

We need to understand the purpose of the angelic realm. The writer of one of the Psalms made a clear statement regarding the relative position of angels. He wrote, “Who maketh his angels spirits, his **ministers** a flaming fire” (Ps 104:4). The Hebrew word (*sharath*) translated into the English word “ministers” means to attend to one’s needs such as to serve



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or to wait upon another. These angels of God are servants; yet they shimmer with might and appear as, “a flame of fire!” The concept of a servant by Biblical standards is

first established in the account of Joseph. We see in the example of his position as a servant that there is a vast difference between a slave and a servant! Joseph was sold to an Egyptian master named Potiphar, “And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he *serv*ed him; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand. 5 And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field” (Gen 39:4-5). Joseph was a servant (*sharath*) to Potiphar. Yet, he was not a slave; rather, a personal and financial steward over his master's affairs. In this same sense, the angelic realm was created by God to be servants to those who exist in the God Realm! God's purpose is clear, the angelic realm was created to serve the God Realm.

So who are these living beings known as angels? Let's examine the purpose of these beings from the 2<sup>nd</sup> realm known as angels. We are scripturally aware of one specific duty in which they are involved. Jesus made an interesting statement regarding the angelic realm and the harvest at the end of the age; He said concerning that harvest of mankind, “the tares are the children of the wicked one; (*fallen angels*) 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; (*satan*) the harvest is the end of the world; and **the reapers are the angels**” (Matt 13:38-39). Everybody say along with Jesus, “The reapers are the angels!”

Let's take a close look at the Biblical commission of the angels. I am going to ask you to literally turn to our next unambiguous scripture found in Heb 1:14; let's read some revelation concerning angels, “Are they not all (*All angels are placed in this category!*) **ministering** spirits, **sent forth to minister** for them who shall be heirs of salvation?” (Heb 1:14). They are to minister, the Greek word (*diakonia*) is not much of a difference from the Hebrew word, (*sharath*). ‘*Diakonia*’ means a servant; the English word ‘*deacon*’ comes from this Greek word. The Bible teaches that the first deacons were to minister or serve tables, “It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and **serve** (*diakonia*) tables” (Acts 6:2). Clearly, angels are servants in the spirit realm. We should think of a servant in the same fashion in which a butler or a maid would serve the master who owns a great mansion. We have already observed that this is exactly how Joseph served in the house of his master; however his position was more of a steward. Although angels were made for service, their service is not mundane, that is to say, waiting earthly tables; their service is of a spiritual nature. So the point is that angels were created to minister or serve.

Secondly, notice in verse fourteen of Hebrews one that they are “sent forth!” This means that they were not created to decide, “to go,” on their own; an angel must be sent! The verse reads, “Are they not all ministering spirits, **sent forth.**” Everyone say, “they must be sent!” Angels are “sent forth” for service, “to minister.” We know that angels reap a harvests and they must be sent forth.

Next we need to make sure that we understand who the angels are supposed to serve, “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for **them who shall be heirs of salvation?**” (Heb 1:14). Christians are inheritors of salvation (*soteria*) meaning deliverance, health, and salvation. Obviously, the angels were created and sent forth to be servants for us with regards to deliverance, health, and salvation!



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Angels are servants sent to help Christians! Now, I know that this concept may be difficult because you most likely have never even seen your own personal spirit servant!

Nevertheless, your angel does exist and is probably listening to me or observing you as you read my words at this very moment! I also know that we all can get a little nervous when we begin to consider that we actually have angels working for us. We understand that God has given His angels charge over us; we comprehend that they are supernatural agents who protect us. However, and pay close attention to this concept; we have the power to put these angels to work for us! Angels do not direct us; we are supposed to be directing them. Notice the example of Abraham, who is our father in the faith. When Abraham sent Eliezer to find a wife for Isaac he said of God, “he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence” (Gen 24:7). Abraham prayed to God who sent an angel with Eliezer. Notice Eliezer’s account of Abraham’s commission, “The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way” (Gen 24:40). Abraham’s message to Eliezer was certainly without any possibility of doubt! He acknowledged with complete confidence (*faith*) that God would send an angel!

We observed that Jesus alluded to the fact that the angels are the reapers which means those workers involved in the harvest. Next we saw the scriptures that explained that they are ministers (*servants*) for those born of God (*Christians*). Now let me ask you a question, “Do you have anything that you need to be harvesting that is at all associated with your salvation?” Do you have need of a healing, a promotion, a personal deliverance or for someone in your family to be delivered? The angels are servants sent forth to help us bring in these various harvests! The angels are here to minister on our behalf!

Clearly, Jesus is our example; “as he is, so are we in this world” (1 John 4:17). Paul said, “Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ” (1 Cor 11:1). Therefore it is important that we carefully observe and realize that Jesus ministered not only as the Son of God but also as the Son of man. The same spirit that was on him is in us! We encounter the same Holy Spirit that He experienced. Now let’s notice some specifics surrounding Jesus’ temptation at the end of a forty day fast. The devil said, “All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve” (Matt 4:9-10). Now carefully observe what happened next, “Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him” (Matt 4:11). From this example we learn that before we reap any harvest originating in the spiritual realm we must first resist the enemy. Once the devil left, “behold, angels came and ministered unto him” (Matt 4:11). In essence, the angels strengthened Jesus; keep this strengthening in mind. Remember also that the angels must be “sent;” they will not do anything on their own. Therefore, either the father sent them at that moment or Jesus must have understood the operation of His supernatural assistants and called them





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forth on His own! He might have said, “Father, I need you to send help to lift me up!” or simply, “Come, help me!” In either case Jesus summoned the help and the angels

immediately ministered unto Him.

Let’s look at another powerful instance where the service and ministering of an angel is observable in scripture, “In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia **a thing was revealed unto Daniel**, (*The context of the passage is that Daniel obtained a harvest of revelation.*) whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, but the time appointed was long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision. 2 In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. 3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled” (Dan 10:1-3). Keep in mind the entire episode took place in support of Daniel’s revelation.

The story continues, “And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel; 5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold (*Here we begin an angelic description.*) a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: 6 His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude. 7 And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves” (Dan 10:4-7). Only Daniel saw the vision because the angel dispatched with the vision had been sent only to Daniel. When the men fled away, “I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained **no strength in me**: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and **I retained no strength**. 9 Yet **heard I the voice of his words**: and when **I heard the voice of his words**, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground. 10 And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. 11 And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: **for unto thee am I now sent** (*Here we have a confirmation of our description from Hebrews; Daniel’s angel was sent!*) And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. 12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for **from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand**, (*Understanding is key here; Daniel had set his heart to get understanding. Remember from verse 1, the whole purpose for Daniel’s fast was that he might obtain revelation; The passage starts as Daniel claims that “a thing was revealed” to him.*) and to chasten thyself before thy God, **thy words were heard** (*Daniel’s words were heard from the first day that he cried out to God. The next sentence might be the most powerful in this section!*), **and I am come for thy words.**” (Dan 10:8-18) The angel was sent forth because of Daniel’s request for understanding; essentially, the angel came to Daniel because of his “words!”

Now let’s get our bearings here! Daniel had been asking specifically for a revelation, “In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia **a thing was revealed unto Daniel**.” We know that he had been asking because the angel told him, “**and I am come for thy words**.” Jesus taught us this same idea, “If ye shall **ask any thing in my name**, I will do it” (John 14:14). Since the angels are servants of Jesus delivering whatever we ask, our words are essentially dispatch angels. In the context of our study, we need to realize that when the angel showed up with revelation, Daniel essentially reaped a harvest of revelation and understanding!



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We will continue; however, we must remember that the angel told Daniel that from the beginning of Daniel’s words the angel had been sent with the harvest that Daniel had requested! The Apostle James who is Jesus’ brother may perhaps have had a more detailed experience with our LORD. James taught us to ask for wisdom, “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God” (James 1:5); later James told us that we need to ask for healing, “Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them **pray** (*Which means to ask!*) over him, anointing him with oil **in the name of the Lord**: 15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up” (James 5:14-15). James also told us earlier in his book, “yet ye have not, because **ye ask not**” (James 4:2). We need to understand that whenever we ask in the name of the LORD we are essentially dispatching angels! According to James, the content of our package dispatched from God and delivered by angels is not of any significance: it might be healing; it might be wisdom; it might be prosperity. The content of the package is not the issue of importance.

Now before we return to Daniel’s story we must remember with whom we contend, “For we wrestle **not against flesh and blood**, but against **principalities, against powers**, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, **against spiritual wickedness** in high places” (Eph 6:12). We have earlier observed that “principality and powers” identify two of the specific ranks **within** the Angelic Realm. Daniel continues, “But the **prince** of the kingdom of Persia (*This being was a fallen angel who fell with satan during his rebellion and was of the “principality” rank.*) withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me” (Dan 10: 13). Last week we learned that the Old Testament examples are for our learning, “all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for **our admonition**, upon whom **the ends of the world are come**” (1 Cor 10:11). The point is that Daniel did not understand what was happening in the spirit realm; if he had known, he could have shortened his twenty-one day waiting period! In essence, sons of God on the earth can call for more helpers when they recognize that there has been a delay of their requests!

Finally, Daniel’s harvest of revelation, “14 Now **I am come to make thee understand** what shall befall thy people in the latter days: (*Here the angel comes with the actual revelation.*) for yet the vision is for many days. 15 And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb. 16 And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength. 17 For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me. 18 Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me. 19 And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, **be strong, yea, be strong** (*Here we find the angel is ministering by speaking strength into Daniel*). And when **he had spoken** unto me, I was strengthened, (*Notice that strengthening came at the word of the angel.*) and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me. (*It was the angel’s speech that caused Daniel to be weakened in the first place; now the angel’s words strengthened him.*) 20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? (*In other words the angel said, “Do you know why I am here?”*) and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia



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shall come. 21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael *your prince* ” (Dan 10:8-21)!

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*(Here Daniel gets a revelation that there is a specific prince that was assigned to him in order that he could accomplish his mission. The point for us to grasp is that there is a specific angel appointed for every assignment that we have been or will be given by God! In the same fashion, angels are assigned to assist the Church in its collective and individual purposes! Angels are servants sent here to uphold and assist in the purposes of God on the earth. God releases these beings to minister and strengthen His servants in order that they may accomplish His work! Get the realization that we are not involved in mere earthly endeavors; there is an active warfare in the angelic realm!)*

Lets find a biblical example of an individual who understood his assignment. Notice Joshua at the time that he was getting ready to go into a spiritual battle, “And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? 14 And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD” (Josh 5:13-14). Now let’s get a clearer idea of that dialogue; Joshua asks, “Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?” And the powerful being answerd, “Nay!” He was essentially saying, “I am not on your side and I am not on the side of your enemy; I am the captain of the army of the LORD! My purposes are the LORD’s purposes. I am not on your side; I am on God’s side! If you get on God’s side, I will fight for you, if not you will lose. It is nothing personal, I have simply been designed to accomplish God’s purposes!”

The concept of an angel serving the purposes of God is confirmed in another instance where God spoke to Moses, “Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. *(The angel’s mission was to safely deliver the children of Israel to the place God wanted.)* 21 **Beware of him**, and obey his voice, **provoke him not**; for **he will not pardon your transgressions**: for **my name is in him**. 22 But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; *(Notice that the angel is the voice; however, the words are the LORD’s words.)* then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. 23 For **mine Angel shall go before thee**, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off” (Ex 23:20-23). Now we can more clearly understand the dialogue, “Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?” “No!” The angels’ purposes always support the LORD’s purposes! We only need to discover the LORD’s purposes.

Now we must review a New Testament story from which we can glean the concept of angels being sent to accomplish God’s purposes. Notice Luke’s account, “And a certain centurion’s servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die. 3 And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come



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and heal his servant. 4 And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That **he was worthy for whom he should do this**: 5 For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue. 6 Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, **the centurion sent friends** to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof: 7 Wherefore **neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee**: but **say in a word**, and my servant shall be healed. 8 For I also am a man **set under authority**, having under me soldiers, and **I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it**. 9 When Jesus heard these things, **he marvelled at him**, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, **I have not found so great faith**, no, not in Israel” (Luke 7:2-9).

With this understanding that angels are sent in response to the word of God and for His purposes, notice the psalm which says, “Bless the LORD, ye **his angels**, that excel in strength, that **do his commandments**, (*God’s purposes*) **hearkening unto the voice of his word**. 21 Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, **that do his pleasure**” (Ps 103:20-21). The angels hearken not to the word of God but, **“unto the voice of his word!”** Notice the concept that the angels are spirit and therefore **voice activated**; they hearken to the voice of his word! Jesus said, “the **words that I speak** unto you, they **are spirit**, and they are life” (John 6:63). The point is that angels hearken to the **voice** of His word! If my voice speaks the words of Jesus, which are spirit, the angels hear **the voice of his word**! It does not make any difference who would be speaking His word; they hearken to the voice of his word! If my mouth or yours speaks God’s word the resonance in the ears of the angels is the same; they will react! Everyone, say, “The angels are voice activated!”

Another psalm records, “God hath **spoken once; twice have I heard** this; that power belongeth unto God” (Ps 62:11). In this passage God spoke merely once; the question is, “Why did the psalmist hear it twice?” Because the second time he heard it, was when God’s word was spoken out of his own mouth! Now we can understand how God upholds all things “by the **word** of his power” (Heb 1:3). When the angels hear the second voice of his word, they essentially say, “I hear the **voice** of his word, its time to go to work!”

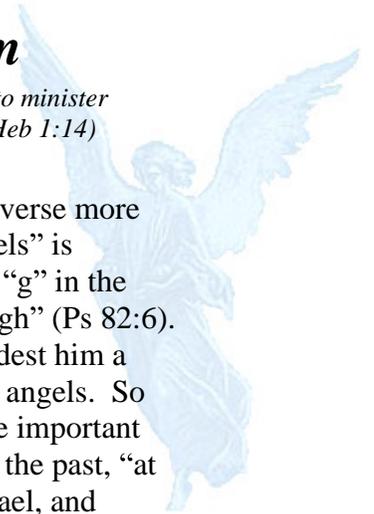
Here is an example of a word that God spoke once and I have heard at least twice. God’s word has spoken, “and with his stripes we are healed” (Isa 53:5); and I said in faith concerning my thyroid which the doctors claimed had already become “grave disease” “and with his stripes we are healed.” The angelic realm moved, they arrested my overactive thyroid and it began to operate properly; and I received my harvest of healing. The concept is that whatever promises we can find within God’s word and speak a second time, the angels must hearken, **“unto the voice of his word”** (Psalm 103:21). Isn’t it interesting, the name, “grave disease?” Thank God that no **grave** can hold me; I have been set free from the law of sin **and death**!

Someone probably is thinking, “I just don’t feel comfortable at the idea of commanding the angels!” Beside that, doesn’t the scripture say, “What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5 For **thou hast made him a little lower than the angels**” (Ps 8:4-5). Therefore since man is lower than the angels how can mere human beings even begin to think that they can command the angels?



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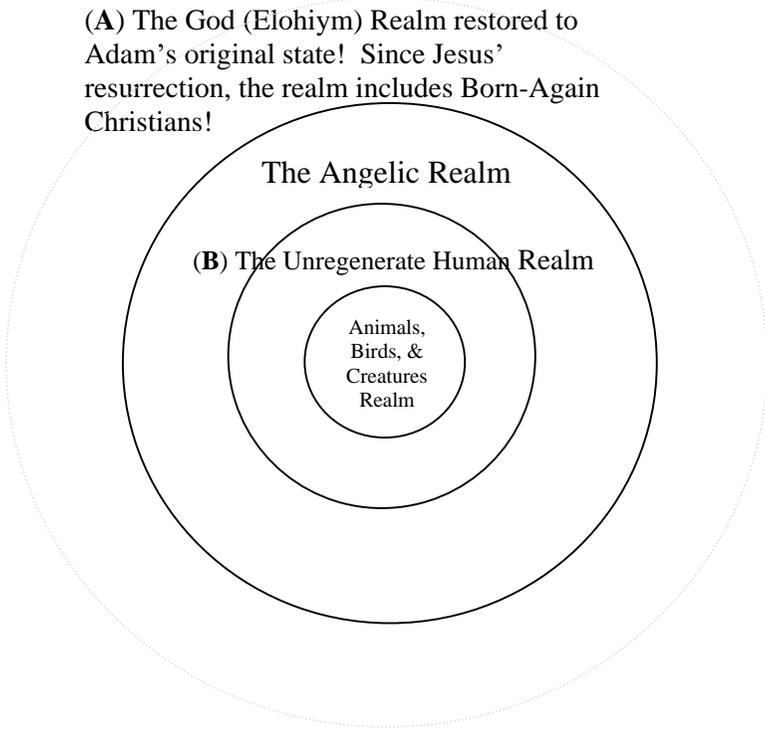
The answer is two-fold. First let's study that verse more carefully. Notice the Hebrew word for “angels” is (*elohiym*) meaning “gods.” Notice the little “g” in the passage, “I have said, Ye are **g**ods; and all of you are children of the most High” (Ps 82:6). But this is even more confusing because the New Testament says, “Thou madest him a little lower than the angels” (Heb 2:7) and that word (*aggelos*) clearly means angels. So does mankind exist above or below the angels? The simple answer lies in the important designation, “in Christ.” Those without Jesus are unregenerate as we were in the past, “at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and **without God in the world**” (Eph 2:12) (*See (B) below*). On the other hand, if you are Christ’s then, “ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead” (Col 2:12). If we have been raised with him where does that put us? The answer, “when he raised him from the dead, and **set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion**, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come” (Eph 1:20-21). That same book says in the very next chapter, “Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us **together with Christ**, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And **hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ**

**Jesus**” (Eph 2:5-6). We have been raised to sit together in heavenly places with Christ **far above all principalities!** (*See (A) above right*). Now notice Psalm 8:5 correctly claims that man was made, “a little lower than the angels” (*See (B) above right.*) the next verse explains, “and hast crowned him with glory and honour. 6 **Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet**” (Ps 8:6). Man is intended to be elevated!

Those who are Born of God live in a drastically altered realm of existence, “But as many as received him, **to them gave he power to become the sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:12-13)! Angels serve us because we are Sons of God!

## God’s Divine Order of Living Creatures

(A) The God (Elohiym) Realm restored to Adam’s original state! Since Jesus’ resurrection, the realm includes Born-Again Christians!



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