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Angels - (Lanuvillo)
Acts 27:23

All this week my mind has been on angels. I guess it is because we are entering Lent and approaching Easter - and you know an angel played a part in the Easter story.

Angels are innocent, pure, lovely, heavenly beings who never dwell in glor. They are messengers of God - helpers it seems. on important occasions it has been their mission to break through from heaven to bring assurance. They still live
(same and at ~~the~~)

They are interested in singular humanity and rejoice over the conversion of a sinner - ~~They are in heaven~~

As far as I know we will not be angels -

Then there is another reason why I have been thinking of angels - we do need the guardian angels so very much to bear with our hope and griefs - we desire the angels of the Lord to encamp round about us. (Little girl chasing butterfly over ravine - angel over it)

Paul gives us an encouraging word (text) - "then stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am and whom I serve!" Acts 27-23. (N.T. and ~~bullet~~)

Our age does not think in angelic terms much - we are so materialistic we do not want to think of miracles etc. all that was far by gone days you know

we'll discuss aviation that takes from the earth in to the sky - on the radio the magic power that enables us to pull in sound from ⁽⁴⁾ ~~four~~ corners of the earth. we may speak of television whereby we see a person miles away on a screen before our eyes. and not be contrasted. But mention angels and people will look at you as if you were insane. (name some) see tab

Paul however, was not afraid to tell about it - (true story of storn etc)

Some one objects - "But there are no angels now" - we might counter by asking "where have they gone?"

It is a fact that they do come today nearer than we think. In the age of the Spirit we are to recognize divine presence by feeling - and the capacity in which they come depends upon our relation to God - they may come for good or ill - we are taught.

Let us consider -

1. God does send His angels - the word of God is our basis for this belief -
 - a. Turn to 91st psalm "He will give His angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways (91:11).
 - b. Second Samuel 12:20 "The wisdom of an angel of God is to know all things that are in the earth."
 - c. They have appeared to men and women

Hagar - Abraham - Lot - Jacob - Eliezer -
Zacharias - Mary and Joseph - The Shep-
herds - Peter - Philip - Paul - Then finally
John gives us a last glimpse of him as
he stands in the heavens, having finished
the great revelation of things to come.

So from Genesis to Revelation angels
have blazed a trail of light -

Some men of old did not see the
angel - prophet Balaam - (true story) -

Have you not felt a presence in
your path?

Let us look at the second part of the
statement made awhile ago -

"That the Capacity in which angels
come to us, whether it be for good
or ill, depends upon our relation-
ship to God."

The Spirit of God knocks at all heart doors
trying to obtain entrance - but the
angels encamp around only
those that fear God.

If we fear and serve God the an-
gel encamps around to deliver
us - Paul - (text)

Peter - "Now I know of a certainty
that the Lord hath sent His
angel and hath delivered
me." Stephen ^{gained his own}
^{looked - Paul did not have}

There is another Capacity in which
the angel of the Lord is sent and
that is as an avenger -

The psalmist says of the wicked "Let
them lie as chaff before the wind; and
let the angel of the Lord chase them." How
glorious to have the angel stand by -
an nights of sorrow - But how
dreadful to have your night of sorrow
lighted by the light of the avenging
angel - angels' loved persons

It must have been a dreadful
night in Egypt when the death
angel took the first born in
every home where the blood was
not on the door posts -

Heavenly angel

we are living next door to a great
spiritual world - inhabited by God, Jesus,
Holy Spirit, saints, and angels,

