Audio Transcript of Sermon April 24, 2021 Angels, Cherubim, and Seraphim

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# Psalms 91:1-11

- 1. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.
- 3. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.
- 4. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
- 5. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
- 6. Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

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- 7. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.
- 8. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.
- 9. Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;
- 10. There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
- 11. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Conversely, when people reject God, angels can be used to separate these people from God. Such was the case in the Garden of Eden when Cherubim were stationed by God to prevent mankind from accessing the tree of life. Genesis three verse twenty-two.

# Genesis 3:22-24

- 22. And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:
- 23. Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.
- 24. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

At the Garden of Eden, Cherubim guarded access to the tree of life. In heaven, they guard the throne of God and are positioned to the left and right of the throne. Psalm ninety-nine verse one.

# **Psalms 99:1**

1. The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

Ezekiel wrote extensively about Cherubim and described them as being near the throne of God. They have access to coals of fire and scatter these over the cities. From Ezekiel's vision, when God speaks, the cherubim are nearby. Ezekiel ten verse one.

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### **Ezekiel 10:1-17**

- 1. Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubims there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.
- 2. And he spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, even under the cherub, and fill thine hand with coals of fire from between the cherubims, and scatter them over the city. And he went in in my sight.
- 3. Now the cherubims stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court.
- 4. Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD'S glory.
- 5. And the sound of the cherubims' wings was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty God when he speaketh.

The cherubim are described as being near wheels that have the color of beryl. Beryl as we know it today can come in many colors. Pure beryl is clear and if there is a color it can range from green which is more common to red, which is very rare. The Hebrew word for wheel indicates a whirlwind, a quickly rotating column of air. Each of the cherubim that Ezekiel saw looked exactly the same; the four had one likeness. Verse six.

- 6. And it came to pass, that when he had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubims; then he went in, and stood beside the wheels.
- 7. And one cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubims unto the fire that was between the cherubims, and took thereof, and put it into the hands of him that was clothed with linen: who took it, and went out.
- 8. And there appeared in the cherubims the form of a man's hand under their wings.
- 9. And when I looked, behold the four wheels by the cherubims, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub: and the appearance of the wheels was as the colour of a beryl stone.
- 10. And as for their appearances, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel.

As the cherubim travel, they do not spin on their wheels and tend to travel in straight directions. Their body had eyes on all sides as does the wheel they travel on. There are some who read Ezekiel's account and claim Ezekiel saw a UFO. Maybe today, people who think they are seeing a UFO are actually seeing the wheel of a cherubim. Verse eleven.

- 11. When they went, they went upon their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went.
- 12. And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes round about, even the wheels that they four had.
- 13. As for the wheels, it was cried unto them in my hearing, O wheel.

Each of the cherubim had four faces. The first face was that of a cherub, and that description would make it very hard for us to visualize. The other faces are faces we can visualize, the face of a man, the face of a lion, and the face of an eagle. Verse fourteen.

14. And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of a cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

Where ever the cherubim travel, their wheels are nearby. These wheels travel with the cherubim. Verse fifteen.

- 15. And the cherubims were lifted up. This is the living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar.
- 16. And when the cherubims went, the wheels went by them: and when the cherubims lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them.
- 17. When they stood, these stood; and when they were lifted up, these lifted up themselves also: for the spirit of the living creature was in them.

In Revelation, John shares a vision of the throne of God. Aside from Cherubim that God sits between, John shows there are also twenty-four elders who are at the throne of God. Revelation four verse one.

### Revelation 4:1-4

- 1. After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.
- 2. And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.
- 3. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.
- 4. And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

Also near the throne of God are the seraphim, each having six wings who praise God. Isaiah describes the seraphim and also shows how one of them brought a coal from the altar of heaven to purge Isaiah from his sin. Isaiah chapter six verse one.

# Isaiah 6:1-7

- 1. In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.
- 2. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.
- 3. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.
- 4. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.
- 5. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.
- 6. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:
- 7. And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

From John's vision of the throne of heaven from the Book of Revelation, we can see there are four beasts as John described them that also had six wings who also very similarly praised God. The beasts are described as being like a lion, calf, man,

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and eagle. While John's vision does not specifically refer to these beasts as seraphim, the beasts of Revelation four and Isaiah's description of the seraphim share similarities. Revelation chapter four verse five.

# **Revelation 4:5-8**

- 5. And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.
- 6. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.
- 7. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.
- 8. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Angels are used by God to help protect us. In Genesis, there is the classic story of the angels who came to Lot while his family was living in Sodom. From the account in Genesis we can see Sodom was a city where sex openly permeated every aspect of life. It made no difference if the person was old or young. After the angels were in Lot's house, the men of the city came to his home asking to have sex with the angels, and instead Lot offered his daughters.

It is so easy to focus on the evil of the people that we overlook the protection and actions taken by the angels, who saved Lot from the mob that evening. They also helped him and his family leave the city the next morning when they were taking too long to leave. Genesis nineteen verse one.

# Genesis 19:1-16

- 1. And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;
- 2. And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.

- 3. And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.
- 4. But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:
- 5. And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.
- 6. And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,
- 7. And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.
- 8. Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.
- 9. And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.
- 10. But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.
- 11. And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.
- 12. And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place:
- 13. For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.
- 14. And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.
- 15. And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.
- 16. And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

Angels can also be used by God to punish people. When David conducted an illegal census, God decided to punish Israel, and sent an angel to destroy Jerusalem. When David repented, it was this same angel that through Gad, told David to set up an altar on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. First Chronicles twenty-one verse one.

### 1 Chronicles 21:1-18

- 1. And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.
- 2. And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know it.
- 3. And Joab answered, The LORD make his people an hundred times so many more as they be: but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel?
- 4. Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.
- 5. And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people unto David. And all they of Israel were a thousand thousand and an hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah was four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword.
- 6. But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them: for the king's word was abominable to Joab.
- 7. And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel.
- 8. And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.
- 9. And the LORD spake unto Gad, David's seer, saying,
- 10. Go and tell David, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three things: choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee.
- 11. So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Choose thee
- 12. Either three years' famine; or three months to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or else three days the sword of the LORD, even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me.

- 13. And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of the LORD; for very great are his mercies: but let me not fall into the hand of man.
- 14. So the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men.
- 15. And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.
- 16. And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.
- 17. And David said unto God, Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but as for these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my father's house; but not on thy people, that they should be plagued.
- 18. Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.

Some angels have more authority given to them than other angels, and some have their names given to us. Daniel wrote of two angels that stood by a river describing what Michael the archangel would do at the end of time. Daniel twelve verse one.

#### **Daniel 12:1-8**

- 1. And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.
- 2. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.
- 3. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

- 4. But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.
- 5. Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.
- 6. And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?
- 7. And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.
- 8. And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

From Revelation, we know Michael the archangel is a warrior angel who fights against Satan and the demons. It is the conclusion of this spiritual military action that results in the proclaiming of the Kingdom of God on earth. Revelation twelve verse seven.

# Revelation 12:7-12

- 7. And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,
- 8. And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.
- 9. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
- 10. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.
- 11. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.
- 12. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Jude wrote about these angels who left their first estate reminding us that if an angel can make the choice to fall from grace, we need to be on guard that we do not make this same choice. We need to be mindful that we do not allow others to convince us to turn the free gift of salvation we have been given into a license to sin. The best way to avoid this probability is not even to allow it to happen in the first place. It is also from Jude that we learn that Michael, the powerful archangel who may fight for the Kingdom of God does not permit ego to overtake actions. Michael and Satan fought over the body of Moses. We don't know why Satan wanted the body, nor is that important to us. We do know that Michael did not accuse Satan during the dispute instead asking God to rebuke Satan, because it was God's plan to keep the grave of Moses a secret. Jude beginning with verse three.

# Jude 1:3-10

- 3. Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.
- 4. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 5. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.
- 6. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.
- 7. Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.
- 8. Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.
- 9. Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.
- 10. But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

As Christians, we look forward to the return of Jesus Christ taking great comfort that at His return, those who have died in the faith will be resurrected and those who are alive will become spirit. Frequently overlooked in this passage is the voice of an archangel that accompanies this action. First Thessalonians four verse thirteen.

### 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

- 13. But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.
- 14. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
- 15. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.
- 16. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
- 17. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
- 18. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Michael the archangel is used in military action. Gabriel, also an archangel is used in the delivery of messages and information. In Daniel, it is Gabriel the archangel who explains Daniel's vision to him. Daniel eight verse fifteen.

### Daniel 8:15-27

- 15. And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man.
- 16. And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.
- 17. So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision.
- 18. Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me upright.

- 19. And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.
- 20. The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia.
- 21. And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.
- 22. Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.
- 23. And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.
- 24. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.
- 25. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.
- 26. And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days.
- 27. And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.

From Luke we know that it was Gabriel who not only told Elisabeth she would be the mother of John the Baptist, Gabriel also told Mary she would have a son, Jesus, who would be the Son of God. Luke chapter one, verse twenty-six.

### Luke 1:26-35

- 26. And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,
- 27. To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.
- 28. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.
- 29. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.
- 30. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

- 31. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.
- 32. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:
- 33. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.
- 34. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?
- 35. And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

With all that angels do for us, some make the mistake of worshipping angels. We are warned not to do this in Colossians chapter two beginning with verse sixteen.

# Colossians 2:16-19

- 16. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:
- 17. Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.
- 18. Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,
- 19. And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

In Revelation, we are shown that angels are not worthy of worship. Angels are our fellow servants. Revelation chapter nineteen verse seven.

# Revelation 19:7-10

- 7. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.
- 8. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.
- 9. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

10. And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

This concept is expanded further for us in the introduction to the Book of Hebrews that explains it is through Jesus that God speaks to us today. It also shows that Jesus is much more important than the angels because angels are not offered the throne of God. Hebrews shows that angels are ministering spirits to help those who are called to salvation. Hebrews one verse one.

# **Hebrews 1:1-14**

- 1. God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,
- 2. Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;
- 3. 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 on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
- 4. Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.
- 5. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?
- 6. And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.
- 7. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.
- 8. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.
- 9. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
- 10. And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:
- 11. They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;
- 12. And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

- 13. But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?
- 14. Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

We live in a world where mankind is tuned into the physical and not the spiritual. Because we have been called by God we are also tuned into the spiritual world. We may not see angels, cherubim, and seraphim. These are around us to minister to those of us who are called to salvation and are our fellow servants.

Thank you for joining us today. God-willing we'll get together next time on the Sabbath. Until then, thank you for joining us today.