

I AM. . . GOD OF THE ANGELS

I. Welcome and Worship, Holy God:

Playlists: Just As I AM Instrumentals
I AM . . . God of the Angels

Face it: We somehow accept the existence of angels *in scripture* but we get a little reticent about proclaiming that they still exist, work, and minister on earth today. Why is this so? As you step into a heart of worship, ask God to reveal to you the mighty truth of His angels: He created them to minister to us, to care for us, to speak to us, and to protect us. They are as real now as they ever have been.

III. Ponder and Proclaim:

Today, I dare you: be as Jacob - -and WRESTLE with God over what you believe about angels. (Genesis 32:24-30)

The spectrum of belief regarding angels is diverse throughout the world. Many Christians struggle with proclaiming that angels are real and at work in our lives today. Many non-Christians proclaim strongly a belief in their guardian angel or a belief that Grandpa Joe is now an angel watching over them. In the 1980's, a huge movement took place in American culture concerning a secular doctrine of angels, drawing very close to angel worship; but these angels were only soft, gentle cherubs or feminine beings, and did not include anything resembling the masculine warrior angels of the Bible. The enemy sure worked diligently to create his counterfeit and confuse the body of Christ. **1. What do you believe about angels? 2. Have there been times in your life when you believe you were visited or protected by angels?** The first two words angels seem to say in the Bible are "Fear not!" **3. Why do you think they say that? 4. Is it simply because they are appearing out of nowhere or could there be other reasons?**

IV. Pray and Praise:

In the midst of the story in Genesis where Jacob wrestles with God, Jacob declares, "I will not let go unless you bless me." Ask God to bless you with the ability to accept, *heart and mind and soul*, the existence of angels. As you enter prayer time, be willing to ask for both the faith *and* the ability to sense angels. Claim the capacity to pray for their strengthening in the name of the blood of the Lamb as they wage war against the enemy on your behalf. Thank Him! He created the angels, according to Hebrews 1:14, "sent out to do service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation," - - and that would be *you and me!*

II. SEEK HIM IN: *SCRIPTURE*

Genesis 24:7
Joshua 5:13-15
Daniel 10:2-19
Psalm 91:11-12
II Kings 6:14-17
Matthew 24:31
Acts 27:23-24
Hebrews 1:14
Psalm 34:7-8



In Ponder and Proclaim:
Genesis 32:24-30