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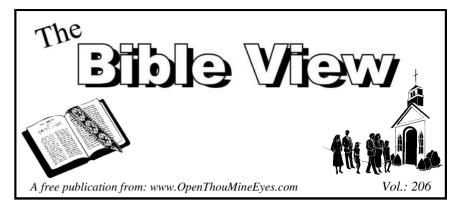
# **Large Audience of Angels**

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An old minister worked into the night on a sermon for his small congregation. His unsympathetic wife chided him for spending so

much time on a message that so few would appreciate. To this the minister replied, "You forget, my dear, how large my audience will be!" If angels are looking on, nothing on earth done for Christ is trivial.

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#### **Angels**

Bill Brinkworth

Angels are real creatures created by God. According to the Bible, they are noth-

ing like what is depicted of them by most artists. Here is some of what the Bible says about God's ministering creations:

**≪**Angels and man are different. "For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham."

Hebrews 2:16

Angels, in most cases, do not look any different than man. Several instances occurred when men were talking with angels, and did not recognize them as angels at first.

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Hebrews 13:2 Some have unknowingly talked with angels, because they did not recognize them to be any different than man.

Some of those that saw angels were: Hagar (Gen. 16:7), Lot (Gen. 19:1), Jacob (Gen. 32:1), Joseph in Egypt (Mat. 2:19), Moses (Exodus 3:2), Balaam (Num. 22:22). Gideon (Jud. 6:22), Manoah (Jud. 13:15), Manoah's wife (Jud. 13:3). David (II Sam. 24:17), Elijah Continued on Page 2

## **Board Tilts Against Gravity**

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In A Slow and Certain Light, Elizabeth Elliot told about her father's experiences with angelic helpers:

"My father, when he was a small boy, was climbing on an upper story of a house that was being built. He walked to the end of a board that was not nailed at the other end, and it slowly began to tip. He knew that he was doomed to fall, but inexplicably the board began to tip the other way, as though a hand had pushed it down again. He always wondered if it was an angel's hand."

**Angels** 

Continued from Page 1 (II Kings 1:3). Zacharias (Luke 1:11). Mary (Luke 1:30), Joseph (Mat.1:20), Philip (Acts 8:26), and Peter(Acts 12:7). None of the instances of seeing angels included any remark of their looking any different than ordinary men.

- Angels are never described as having wings.
- A seraphim is another creature created by God. It does have six wings, and it does fly! A seraphim is not an angel. It is a completely different creature. "Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; ...."

Isaiah 6:2

- A cherub is another creature of heaven, and it has two wings and can fly. It, again, is another created creature, and is not an angel.
- "And he rode upon a cherub, and <u>did fly:</u> ...." II Samuel 22:11

Also II Chronicles, Psalm 18:10 The cherub is never described as a little naked baby flying about with a

bow and arrow; as many artists have depicted cherubs!

- **≪**Angels are never described as female!
- Some angels are named in the Bible!

"...: Michael and his an-

- gels ...," Revelation 12:7
- "... <u>I am Gabriel, ..</u>." Luke1:19 Also: Luke 1:26
- Angels are God's messengers including the instances at Christ's birth (Luke 2:15) and death (Luke 24:23).
- They did and do God's bidding.
- "And there <u>came two angels to</u> <u>Sodom</u> at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom..." Genesis 19:1 Also: Genesis 28:12
- **?** They were used when a saint died.
- " ... the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: ..." Luke 16:22
- If directed, angels will protect.
- "For <u>he shall give his angels</u> charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." Psalm 91:11 Also: Matthew 4:6
- Angels are powerful. In one instance, one angel killed thousands (Isaiah 37:36).
- Angels do not marry. Some scripture indicates that they may all be male, and that may be the reason.
- "For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven." Mt 22:30 Also: Mark 12:25
- Angels minister.

"Then the devil leaveth him, [Jesus] and, behold, angels came

"All our Lord's miracles were intended to be parables. They were intended to instruct as well as to impress. They are sermons to the eye; just as his spoken discourses were sermons to the ear." -Spurgeon

and ministered unto him." Matthew 13:39 They ministered to Christ. Also: Mark 1:13

Angels are assigned to children and adults.

"Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven." Matthew 18:10

Angels are not to be worshipped!

"Let no man beguile you ... and worshipping of angels, ..."

Colossians 2:18

◆ Angels reside in heaven. See: Hebrews 12:22, Revelation 5:11, 21:12

- Some angels rebelled against God, followed Satan, and were expelled from heaven. See: II Peter 2:4, Matthew 25:41
- Angels will be heavily involved in the last days' judgments, and return of Christ. "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; ...." Matthew 16:27 Also: Mat. 13:39, 49, 24:31, 25:31, Mark 13:27, Luke 9:26, II Thess. 1:7.Rev. 9:14, 15:1, 6-8

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## **Train Stops in Time**

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The British express train raced through the night; its powerful headlamp speared the darkness ahead. The train was carrying Queen Victoria.

Suddenly the engineer saw a

"There are too many people who expect God to work by miracle what God expects people to work by muscle." — Tyson

startling sight. Revealed in the beam of the engine's headlights, a weird figure in a black cloak stood in the middle of the tracks and waved its arms. The engineer grabbed for the brakes and brought the train to a grinding halt.

He and his fellow trainmen climbed out to see what had stopped them. They found no trace of the strange figure. He walked a few yards further up the tracks. Suddenly he stopped and stared into the fog in horror. The bridge had been washed out and had toppled into a swollen stream. If he had not heeded the ghostly figure, the train would have plunged into the stream.

At the base of the engine's head lamp, the engineer discovered a huge dead moth. He looked at it a moment; then wet its wings and pasted it to the glass of the lamp.

He switched on the train's lamp and saw the "flagman" in the beam. The moth had flown into the beam, just before the train was due to reach the washed-out bridge. In the fog, it appeared to be a phantom figure, waving its arms.

When Queen Victoria was told of the strange happening she said, "I'm sure it was no accident. It was God's way of protecting us."