

School of the Prophetic Lesson 6

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3. Spiritual Touch

This is very linked to or overlaps with prophetic impressions in our bodies.

In Luke 8, Jesus was walking through a city and the people were pressing in and cramming together touching Him. The woman with the issue of blood touched Him in a different way and healing virtue flowed out of Him. Jesus "perceives" this and says "Somebody has touched Me, for I **perceive** that virtue has gone out of Me."

And^{G1161} Jesus^{G2424} said,^{G2036} Somebody^{G5100} hath touched^{G680} me:^{G3450} for^{G1063} I^{G1473} perceive^{G1097} that virtue^{G1411} is gone^{G1831} out of^{G575} me.^{G1700} (Luk 8:46KJV+)

Perceive – G1097 - gino⁻sko⁻

Thayer Definition:

To learn to know, come to know, get a knowledge of perceive, feel; to become known. To know, understand, perceive, have knowledge of; to understand; to know. Jewish idiom for sexual intercourse between a man and a woman. To become acquainted with, to know.

Jesus knew that somebody had touched Him because He felt in His body that virtue had gone out of Him.

As previously discussed, many people receive words of knowledge to pray for someone's healing. God will allow us to feel a sensation or impression on our body, which reveals someone else's injury or sickness.

Spiritual touch is also useful in discerning of spirits, as different spirits have different feels, tastes, smells, etc. Often when we have been exposed to or even wounded by certain spirits in the past, for example Jezebel (control/manipulation) we become sensitized to these spirits and are often able to "feel" very easily when this spirit is in action.

On Wednesday 1 Oct I could feel the stings of witchcraft (domination, control, fear, intimidation) coming against me by about lunch time. I hadn't had any interaction with someone in particular to have this manifest, but spiritually I could sense it. God was preparing me for Thursday when I would have a confrontation with that spirit manifesting through someone. It has a specific feel in the spirit realm. Often with the stings of witchcraft, they can manifest to bring discouragement, depression, and the person can be stung into inactivity, a feeling of being powerless to do something. This is not to say that every time one feels these feelings, it is a result of witchcraft, but at times it may very well be.

The feeling can be very intense and at times, especially if we do not understand what is happening, we can mistake whatever we are picking up spiritually as our own problem. For example, when coming into close contact with someone who is under the influence of a spirit of lust or fear, one may begin to feel feelings and think thoughts associated with that spirit. It is important to recognize the source of these things and that it is the gift of discernment of spirits in operation.

Often when I walk through a place where there is a lot of idols, dream catchers, buddhas, etc., I get a particular feeling. It is difficult to describe, but the best description is probably that it feels like I am walking through a giant cobweb.

This can also operate in the distinguishing of a specific anointing present at any one time, or a specific mantle on someone.

Many of us can feel the presence of the Lord, when he manifests Himself amongst us.

This is all spiritual touch in operation.

Sometimes it takes laying hands on someone before the prophetic words will begin to flow with the flow of virtue towards someone. Sometimes you can pray for impartation for a line of people and one person will literally draw the virtue out of you and with the next person there will just be a block and nothing will happen. You can feel it.

Just as you can feel something as in touch, you can also feel the emotions of people. During the sermon (on Spiritual Alliances), I could feel the resistance coming from

the congregation. I was sitting in the front and I could feel it behind me so strongly. I could feel the emotions some people were feeling,- the emotions of resisting the message. Like with spiritual hearing, if you believe you have done what God wants you to do with it (pray, etc.) this volume button has to be turned down so it doesn't distract you completely from whatever else God is doing and saying. God is simply sharing with His friend.

4. Spiritual Smell

And^{G2532} when^{G3753} he had taken^{G2983} the^{G3588} book,^{G975} the^{G3588} four^{G5064} beasts^{G2226} and^{G2532} four *and* twenty^{G1501 G5064} elders^{G4245} fell down^{G4098} before^{G1799} the^{G3588} Lamb,^{G721} having^{G2192} every one of them^{G1538} harps,^{G2788} and^{G2532} golden^{G5552} vials^{G5357} full^{G1073} of **odours,**^{G2368} which^{G3739} are^{G1526} the^{G3588} **prayers**^{G4335} of saints.^{G40} (Rev 5:8KJV+)

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of **incense**, which are the **prayers** of the saints. (Rev 5:8NKJV)

Odours (incense) – G2368 – thumiamā (*thoo-mee'-am-ah*)

From G2370; an *aroma*, that is, fragrant *powder* burnt in religious service; by implication the *burning* itself: - incense, odour.

Prayers - proseuche⁻ - G4335 – (*pros-yoo-khay'*)

From G4336; *prayer (worship)*; by implication an *oratory (chapel)*: - X pray earnestly, prayer.

And another angel came and stood over the altar. He had a golden censer, and he was given very much incense (fragrant spices and gums which exhale perfume when burned), that he might mingle it with the prayers of all the people of God (the saints) upon the golden altar before the throne. [Ps. 141:2.] And the smoke of the incense (the perfume) arose in the presence of God, with the prayers of the people of God (the saints), from the hand of the angel. (Rev 8:3-4AMP)

Let my prayer be set forth as incense before You, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. (Psa 141:2AMP)

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. (Eph 5:1-2NKJV)

Just as in sight and hearing, God can cause us to spiritually smell things that are messages or revelations. God often uses this with the gift of discernment of spirits. One can become familiar with the "smells" of certain spirits and use this to identify them.

I was trying to focus in worship and had asked the Lord what He wanted to say to His people. I didn't feel anything strongly, or get a scripture or anything. I didn't even have a strong sense of what He was doing in the worship; in fact to be honest, I was struggling to sense his Presence at all. At a certain point towards the end of worship, I smelt this awful smell. It was a mixture of old urine and faeces that hadn't been cleaned up and had dried somewhere. My first reaction was to wonder if the carpet smelt. I then realised that I smelt something in the spirit. I asked Paul if he could smell it, and he said that he couldn't. The Lord showed me that there is defilement in our midst, as a congregation. I had a vision of small huddled groups of people, and I could hear whisperings, murmurings, complaints in my ears. In each group they were whispering, murmuring, speaking against the church, leadership, etc. I could see that these things were demonically inspired. I could see a black demon assigned to each one of these groups inciting this. I had a sense that these things being spoken about were part of what was resulting in the defilement.

When Paul started preaching, I was focussed on the message and not thinking about smelling anything. Suddenly I began to smell this spicy clean smell. It wasn't a smell I recognise, but it smelt similar to what some aftershaves smell like. I knew that I smelt something in spirit again. It hadn't been there before. I was wondering what it meant and I heard the Holy Spirit say "by the washing of the Word of God He'll present you Holy".

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, (26) So that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word, (27) That He might present the church to Himself in glorious splendour,

without spot or wrinkle or any such things [*that she might be holy and faultless*]. Eph 5:25-27AMP.

I remember a particular Friday night a couple of months ago. I had had a harrowing few days, and I was driving to band practise in the early evening. I remember praying and then beginning to smell this beautiful, refreshing smell. It was similar to a clean, mint-type of smell. It has a similar effect, calming, refreshing. It was the peace of God. I sensed God speaking to me that it was the spiritual smell of His peace. I could sense his presence strongly and was filled with peace.

I also remember once being in a mug n bean restaurant and about 3 men walked past me. The Holy Spirit spoke to me in an inner audible voice, “they stink”. Carnality has a smell in the spirit.

5. Spiritual Taste

O taste^{H2938} and see^{H7200} that^{H3588} the LORD^{H3068} is good: ^{H2896} blessed^{H835} is the man^{H1397} that trusteth^{H2620} in him. (Psa 34:8KJV+)

Taste – H2938 – .t a[^] am – (*taw-am*)

A primitive root; to *taste*; figuratively to *perceive*: - X but, perceive, taste.

This is very similar to receiving revelation by spiritual smell.

G. Trances

And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said: He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, *which* saw the vision of the Almighty, **falling into a trance, but having his eyes open:** (Num 24:15-16KJV)

The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he **fell into a trance and saw heaven opened** and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth. In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean." And a voice *spoke* to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common." This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again. (Act 10:9-16NKJV)

"Then a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good testimony with all the Jews who dwelt there, came to me; and he stood and said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight.' And at that same hour I looked up at him. Then he said, 'The God of our fathers has chosen you that you should know His will, and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth. For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.' "Now it happened, when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, **that I was in a trance and saw Him saying to me,** 'Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, for they will not receive your testimony concerning Me.' (Act 22:12-18NKJV)

During a trance natural senses are suspended and most, if not all, awareness of natural surroundings is obscured. The person in the trance participates in the scene transpiring with various actions. Trances can last from a few seconds to many hours. These forms of experiences are not subjective as they can't be started and stopped at will, but happen as the Lord wills. Trances have been described as another world opening up to one whilst one is awake.

H. Being Caught Up in the Spirit

Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me a great thunderous voice:

"Blessed *is* the glory of the LORD from His place!" I also *heard* the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels beside them, and a great thunderous noise. **So the Spirit lifted me up and took me away**, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me. Then I came to the captives at Tel Abib, who dwelt by the River Chebar; and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days. (Eze 3:12-15NKJV)

This is similar to a trance except you seem to be transported somewhere.

Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO THE SLAUGHTER; AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT, SO HE OPENED NOT HIS MOUTH. IN HIS HUMILIATION HIS JUSTICE WAS TAKEN AWAY, AND WHO WILL DECLARE HIS GENERATION? FOR HIS LIFE IS TAKEN FROM THE EARTH." So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, *here is* water. What hinders me from being baptized?" Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. Now when they came up out of the water, **the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away**, so that the eunuch saw him no

more; and he went on his way rejoicing. But **Philip was found at Azotus**. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea. (Act 8:26-40NKJV)

Apparently Azotus was about 34 miles from Gaza.

J. Being Caught Up to the Third Heaven

*“I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago **was caught up to the third heaven**. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man, whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—**was caught up to paradise**. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell.” 2 Cor 12v2-4*

This is a trip into heaven where God’s throne and angels are.

The book of Revelation

Rick Joyner as related in his books: The Final Quest and The Call.

Heaven is for Real: A book about the experience of young Colton Burpo who visited heaven in early 2003.

K. Visitations of the Lord

The lord Himself appears to some people. Like angels, He will often come in dreams, visions, or even reveal Himself visibly to us.

I was in the Spirit [*rapt in His power*] on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a great voice like the calling of a war trumpet, Saying, I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last. Write promptly what you see (your vision) in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia--to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea. Then I turned to see [*whose was*] the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, And in the midst of the lampstands [*One*] like a Son of Man, clothed with a robe which reached to His feet and with a girdle of gold about His breast. [*Dan. 7:13; 10:5.*] His head and His hair were white like white wool, [*as white*] as snow, and His eyes [*flashed*] like a flame of fire. [*Dan. 7:9.*] His feet glowed like

burnished (bright) bronze as it is refined in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. [*Dan. 10:6.*] In His right hand He held seven stars, and from His mouth there came forth a sharp two-edged sword, and His face was like the sun shining in full power at midday. [*Exod. 34:29.*] When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as if dead. But He laid His right hand on me and said, Do not be afraid! I am the First and the Last, [*Isa. 44:6.*] And the Ever-living One [*I am living in the eternity of the eternities*]. I died, but see, I am alive forevermore; and I possess the keys of death and Hades (the realm of the dead). (Rev 1:10-18NKJV)

John, the apostle, received the book of the Revelation from an actual visitation of Jesus.

Paul also had a visitation from the Lord (Acts 9:3-7).

Now as he travelled on, he came near to Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him, And he fell to the ground. Then he heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me [*harassing, troubling, and molesting Me*]? And Saul said, Who are You, Lord? And He said, I am Jesus, Whom you are persecuting. It is dangerous and it will turn out badly for you to keep kicking against the goad [*to offer vain and perilous resistance*]. Trembling and astonished he asked, Lord, what do You desire me to do? The Lord said to him, But arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do. The men who were accompanying him were unable to speak [*for terror*], hearing the voice but seeing no one. (Act 9:3-7NKJV)

Jesus has been known to visit people in various forms, e.g. Saul on the Damascus road, to Kenneth Hagin (The Triumphant Church), and Rick Joyner (The Final Quest).

It seems that Jesus has appeared to many Muslims in dreams.

In the Old Testament, these were pre-incarnate visitations of the Angel of The Lord. A. Throughout the Old Testament we see the appearance of one called "The Angel of the Lord" or the "Angel of Jehovah". This Angel is none other than a theophany of the Lord Jesus Christ before His incarnation. The word "theophany" means an appearance of God.

Some examples:

Again the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years. Now there was a certain man from Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had no children. And the Angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, "Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. Now therefore, please be careful not to drink wine or *similar* drink, and not to eat anything unclean. For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines." So the woman came and told her husband, saying, "A Man of God came to me, and His countenance was like the countenance of the Angel of God, very awesome; but I did not ask Him where He was from, and He did not tell me His name. And He said to me, 'Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. Now drink no wine or *similar* drink, nor eat anything unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.' " Then Manoah prayed to the LORD, and said, "O my Lord, please let the Man of God whom You sent come to us again and teach us what we shall do for the child who will be born." And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the Angel of God came to the woman again as she was sitting in the field; but Manoah her husband was not with her. Then the woman ran in haste and told her husband, and said to him, "Look, the Man who came to me the *other* day has just now appeared to me!" So Manoah arose and followed his wife. When he came to the Man, he said to Him, "Are You the Man who spoke to this woman?" And He said, "I *am*." Manoah said, "Now let Your words come *to pass*! What will be the boy's rule of life, and his work?" So the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful. She may not eat anything that comes from the vine, nor may she drink wine or *similar* drink, nor eat anything unclean. All that I commanded her let her observe." Then Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, "Please let us detain You, and we will prepare a young goat for You." And the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "Though you detain Me, I will not eat your food. But if you offer a burnt offering, you must offer it to the LORD." (For Manoah did not know He was the Angel of the LORD.) Then Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, "What is Your name, that when Your words come *to pass* we may honor You?" And the

Angel of the LORD said to him, "Why do you ask My name, seeing it is wonderful?" So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it upon the rock to the LORD. And He did a wondrous thing while Manoah and his wife looked on—it happened as the flame went up toward heaven from the altar—the Angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar! When Manoah and his wife saw *this*, they fell on their faces to the ground. When the Angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah and his wife, then Manoah knew that He was the Angel of the LORD. And Manoah said to his wife, "We shall surely die, because we have seen God!" But his wife said to him, "If the LORD had desired to kill us, He would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering from our hands, nor would He have shown us all these *things*, nor would He have told us *such things* as these at this time." So the woman bore a son and called his name Samson; and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him. (Jdg 13:1-24NKJV)

The Angel of The Lord also appeared:

- To Hagar in Gen. 16:9-11.
- To Balaam and his donkey in Num. 22:22-35.
- To Gideon in Judg. 6:11-22.

Jacob wrestled with the Angel of the Lord:

Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. 25 Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. 26 And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" 27 So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." 28 And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed." 29 Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there. 30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." Genesis 32:24-30

It should be noted that no such appearance of the Angel of the Lord occurs after Christ's incarnation.

L. Angelic Visitations

Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. And now in these final days, He has spoken to us through His Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son He created the universe. The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and He sustains everything by the mighty power of His command. When He had cleansed us from our sins, He sat down in the place of honour at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven. This shows that the Son is far greater than the angels, just as the name God gave Him is greater than their names. For God never said to any angel what He said to Jesus: "You are My Son. Today I have become Your Father." God also said, "I will be His Father, and He will be My Son." And when He brought His supreme Son into the world, God said, "**Let all of God's angels worship Him.**" Regarding the angels, He says, "**He sends His angels like the winds, His servants like flames of fire.**" (Heb 1:1-7NLT)

[*THIS IS*] the revelation of Jesus Christ [*His unveiling of the divine mysteries*]. God gave it to Him to disclose and make known to His bond servants certain things which must shortly and speedily come to pass in their entirety. And He **sent and communicated it through His angel (messenger)** to His bond servant John, Who has testified to and vouched for all that he saw [*in his visions*], the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. (Rev 1:1-2AMP)

Angels often brought messages to the saints in the book of Acts. They often came in dreams or visions. Angels are heavenly protectors, warriors, worshippers, messengers. The word "angel" actually means "messenger". Paul had angels speak to him (Acts 27v23-24), and Peter was released from prison by an angel who physically appeared and literally opened locked doors for him.

Many years ago I was in a particular difficult season in my life and I was on a fast. An angel came and put something into my hand. He gave me a message, and the message was a gentle rebuke about how I saw myself! He said among other things, "you see yourself like Gideon, but the Lord says you are a Deborah..."

There was a time at our home when there was a couple present in our lounge and I could see an angel standing behind the husband. His hands were inside the chest of the husband and I could see the word FAITH written across his chest in capital letters. We prayed for him and the presence of God was very strong. God was doing something in Him regarding activating and awakening the gift of faith.

At Ignite I saw angels doing multiple things.

Often when an angel is ministering to someone and doing something, God may want to use you to minister. I am learning to do what I see the angels do, or at least have someone do what I see them do.

- Angels are messengers of God that bring encouragement to people as God desires e.g. acts 1:10-11, 8:26, 10:3, 12:7, 27:23. We are neither to command angels nor worship them (Heb 2:5-9; Rev 22:8-9).
- Acts 8V26: "Now an ANGEL OF THE LORD said to Philip, "Go south to the road... the desert road...that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza."

This next section is taken from Bill Scheidler's lecture on angels in his course entitled Basic Doctrine 2, which can be accessed at www.churchleadershipresources.com.

What is the ministry and function of angels?

A. Angels have a primary ministry unto God.

1. They were created to bring glory to God (Col. 1:16; Rev. 4:6-11; Ps. 148:2).

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. Colossians 1:16

2. They are ministers of worship unto God (Is. 6:3; Heb. 1:6; Rev. 5:8-13).

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and

honor and glory and blessing!” 13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: “Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!” Revelation 5:11-13

3. They execute the will of God (Ps. 103:20-21).

Bless the LORD, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His word. 21 Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, you ministers of His, who do His pleasure.

a. In controlling nature (Rev. 7:1).

After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.

b. In governing nations (Dan. 10:13, 21; 12:1).

“At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people... Daniel 12:1a

c. In executing God's judgments (Gen. 19:1; Ps. 78:43, 49).

He cast on them the fierceness of His anger, wrath, indignation, and trouble, by sending angels of destruction among them. Psalm 78:49

D. Angels have a unique ministry to the people of God (Heb. 1:13-14).

Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Hebrews 1:14

... sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? –NIV

But angels are only servants. They are spirits sent from God to care for those who will receive salvation. – NLT

1. They protect the people of God (Ps. 35:4-5; 34:7; 91:11-12; II Kgs. 6:13-17;

Is. 63:9; Dan. 6:22; 12:1; Heb. 1:14).

For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. Psalm 91:11-12

2. They guide the believer at times (Acts 8:26; 10:3). In this sense they are deliverers of messages from the Lord.

Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." Acts 8:26

As time permits read Acts 10:1-8

3. They minister to the physical needs of God's people (1 Kgs. 19:5-8).

The experience of Elijah:

Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat." 6 Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again. 7 And the angel of the LORD came back the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you." 8 So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.

4. They strengthen and encourage the believer (Mt. 4:11; Luke 22:43; Acts 5:19-20; 27:24).

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him. Matthew 4:11

Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. Luke 22:43

But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life." Acts 5:19-20

And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong

and whom I serve, saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.' Acts 27:22-24

5. They seem to have a special ministry to children (Mt. 18:10).

"Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven."

6. They serve as agents in the answering of our prayers (Dan. 10:10-12; Acts 12:1-17). Peter released from prison while the saints were praying.

7. They carry or escort the spirits of those who die in the Lord home (Luke 16:22).

So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.

8. They are interested in salvation and rejoice when a sinner comes to Christ (I Pet. 1:12; Luke 15:10)

"Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:10

9. They will come with Christ for the believers at the Second Coming (II Th. 1:7-8; Mt. 25:31-32).

...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels... II Thessalonians 1:7

10. They will gather together the elect in conjunction with the Second Coming (Mt. 24:31) separating the just from the unjust (Mt. 13:39-42, 47-50).

So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth." Matthew 13:49-50

And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. Matthew 24:31