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**Angels**

Revelation 12:9-12 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceives 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 knows that he hath but a short time. (KJV)

When the devil and his fallen angels landed on planet earth they brought an attitude with them. They realized that there were vacancies in heaven and that we, the Church, were going to occupy those spots instead of them, which is why the devil is not a happy camper.

Ephesians 3:9-12 And to make all men see what the fellowship of the mystery is, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: 10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, 11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: 12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. (KJV)

Those principalities and powers in heavenly places are the fallen angels who are mounting a goal line stand trying to talk you out of your heavenly reward. Instead of letting them dictate our life, it is up to us, the Church, to walk boldly and with confidence right past them to the end zone letting them know who we are in Christ and where they can stick their fallen doctrine.

Colossians 2:13-15 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it. (KJV)

God kicked a third of the angels out of heaven because of rebellion and then sent His Son to show us how to kick the enemy out of the Church. Here is a way to spoil the enemy and his influence on you, every time he tries to remind you of your past, just remind him of his future.

Galatians 1:6-9 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. (KJV)

The Church should not be such an easy pushover, because our Lord defeated the enemy and triumphed openly in victory. Your time here on earth should be one of triumph and victory as well, but you need to hold fast to your profession of faith without wavering. It doesn’t matter who or what channel the enemy uses to preach his fallen doctrine, it comes from one source and it’s not the one that will get you home.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. (KJV)

In conclusion, when looking at angels and the role they play in salvation we see that they have their place and purpose as the Lord dispatches them. We also need to be aware that there are many false prophets who have entertained fallen angels unaware because of their lack of diligence in the Word. God uses angels to protect His people from harm, but He has also given us access to the shield of faith to protect the inner man. It’s up to you personally to take hold of it and keep it up and operational otherwise you may get hit with the fiery darts of the enemy.

Stand fast dearly loved; God bless and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.