

## THINGS ANGELS DO

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There is much misunderstanding in the world today about the nature and work of angels. This is caused mainly by a lack of knowledge of what God has revealed about angels in His word. It is there that we find the truth about angels and what they do. Consider some things that angels do:

**WORSHIP** – “And all the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen’” (Revelation 7:11-12; 5:11-12). The angels of heaven worship God and praise Him for His wisdom and power. God created all things in heaven and on earth (Colossians 1:16). Angels are created spiritual beings, and they worship their Creator, just as we are to worship our Creator (Psalm 95:6-7). Man, though, looks to and worships God as his spiritual Father who has given “aid” through Jesus to provide him eternal salvation (Hebrews 2:16-18). The angels worship God, and so should we!

**REJOICE** – “I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance...Likewise, I say to you, there is *joy* in the presence of the *angels of God* over one sinner who repents” (Luke 15:7, 10). The angels of God rejoice over the repentance of just one sinner. They are genuinely happy when a person turns from their evil ways to follow the path of righteousness. The angels understand that this is what God desires of each of us, for all men have sinned (Romans 3:23). Do you rejoice when a sinner turns from sin to God? Do you rejoice when an erring brother repents of his sins? Don’t let Satan fill your heart with a bad attitude while the angels are rejoicing!

**MINISTER** – “And of the angels He says: ‘Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire’...Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?” (Hebrews 1:7, 14). A minister of God is a servant. Angels serve God in doing His will. This passage reveals that the angels minister “for those who will inherit salvation” which are Christians. Just how angels minister for us is not revealed in detail by God, so we must be careful about unlearned speculation. But we can have great assurance that the angels are interested in us and do minister for us. As we have seen, they rejoice when a sinner repents. We may safely assume that they are saddened when we sin. Are you making the angels happy or sad with your life?

Angels are spiritual beings that are busy in the service of God. They worship God, rejoice when sinners repent, and minister for the saints. These are things angels do. Now, are you doing what God wants you to do to be saved?

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