

ANGELS WATCHING OVER ME  
(AND YOU)

Dear Friends:

Do we have a guardian angel watching over us? Some say yes, some say no. That's a debate that can be fun, but it is certainly not worth splitting a church over or starting a whole new denomination over. How do you picture angels? Study a little bit of art history and you will find that over the centuries artists' perception have changed. In a way we have tamed the looks of angels.

In the past, say, 1,000 years A.D., angels were rather intimidating looking beings. In Michaelangelo's era, angels had a gentler appearance, but still a bit intimidating. From Michaelangelo's era to today, angels have transformed to smaller more gentle looking beings. You can still find plenty of angelic pictures where they are chubby cherubs floating on clouds playing a harp. All very nice, but definitely not the Bible's picture of angels.

Almost every time an angel appears to a man or woman, he or she either falls down face on the ground or shakes in fear. I guess you would say that today we have lost our awe for angels. We need more angelic appearances (like in Revelation) and the awe will quickly return. Here are a few facts we do know about angels. First, they are invisible – mostly. There are multiple appearances of angels in the Bible and the book of Hebrews says we can encounter angels in human form, but for the most part, angels are invisible. Second, angels are invincible. There is no power on earth or in hell that can overpower an angel. An angel in the Old Testament took out an entire army. The New Testament? They say the stone in front of Jesus' grave could have weighed as much as 8,000 lbs. An angel "rolled the stone away". Third, angels are innumerable (just way, way too many to count). The thousands upon thousands, upon thousands near the throne of God is not the entire population of angels.

I thought it might be good to learn a bit more about angels today. A guardian angel assigned specifically for each of us? Maybe, maybe not, but one thing I feel is certain – God uses his angels to do his work and I think some of that work is to protect us!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayer: Bonnie Boone, Midge Gathers, A person you know who needs Jesus!

Events: Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – Management Team Meeting; Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm – Women's Ministry; Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm – Start of History/Bible Study: Wars, Rumors of Wars, and the Return of Christ