

“God Communicates Through Angels”

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There are 285 references to angel(s) in Scripture (108 in Old Testament and 177 in the New Testament).

What Do Angels Do?

1. Angels Announce God’s Plans.

“The angel said to [Mary], ‘Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will call him Jesus. . . The angel answered, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God’”

Luke 1:30-36

2. Angels Comfort and Encourage.

*[Paul’s words to people in a violent storm on the Mediterranean Sea]:
“But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul. . . So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.’”*

Acts 27:23-25

3. Angels Protect.

[God] will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

Psalms 91:11-12

4. Angels guide to fruitful service.

“Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘go south to the road, the desert road, that goes from Jerusalem to Gaza’. He started out and, on the way, he met an Ethiopian.” [who was converted.]

Acts 8:26-27

5. Angels Can Be a Part of Someone Being Converted to Christ.

“Are not all spirits sent to serve those who will salvation?”

Hebrews 1:14

6. Angels can share important information.

“Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone, and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The angel said to the women, ‘do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come see the place where he lay Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘he has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. there will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

Matthew 28:1-10

Two verses suggest people have guardian angels:

1. “See that you do not despise one of these little ones for I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.”

Matthew 18:10-11

2. “When she (Rhoda) recognized Peter [at the door after escaping from prison], she ran back [into the house] without opening it and exclaimed, ‘Peter is at the door.’ ‘You are out of your mind,’ they told her. ‘It must be his angel.’”

Acts 12:14-15