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My Lines
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Angels

Who would you want to have in battle with you if it weren't God? Napoleon, Khan, Lee, Patton?

The fact that God has created a realm of personal beings other than mankind is a fitting topic. I'm not talking about UFO's and Aliens!

Humans are not the highest form of created beings. There is another being superior to man but inferior to God. This being has more intelligence and more power, angels.

Angels are referred to 196 times and found in at least 34 books of the Bible. The only problem with the topic of angels is it is incidental to other topics. They are mentioned to inform us about God, what He does and how He does it.

Angels are quite popular in our culture today. One tenth of pop songs mention angels in the last thirty years. There have been countless movies and TV shows that either document angels or have them as a part in their series.

Why so much about angels? Rationalism no longer explains life but spiritualism does.

Angel means "messenger"; it describes one who executes the purpose and will of the one whom they serve.

Angels are created beings, **"Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! Praise Him, all stars of light! Praise Him, highest heavens, and the waters that are above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created. He also established them forever and ever; He has made a decree which will**

not pass away." (Psalms 148:2-6) **"You alone are the Lord. You have made the heavens, the heavens of heavens with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them and the heavenly host bows down before you."** (Nehemiah 9:6) Angels are created beings and not the spirits of humans. They were created before the world. **"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding, who set its measurements? Since you know. Or who stretched the line on it? Or what were its bases sunk? Or who laid the cornerstone, when morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"** (Job 38:4-7)

There are thousands and thousands of them. **"Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands . . ."** (Revelation 5:11)

Angels do not die, **"for they cannot even die anymore, because they are like angels, and are the sons of God, being sons of the resurrection."** (Luke 20:36) and cannot marry, **"For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like the angels in heaven."** (Matthew 22:30) They are spirits or carry a spirit or human form, **"Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?"** (Hebrews 1:14)

They are in brilliant apparel, no wings but can fly and they are sinless. **"For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the Holy angels."** (Mark 8:38)

Angels are not to be worshipped, **"Let no one keep defrauding you or your prize by delighting in self abasement and the worship of angels, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind."** (Colossians 2:18) Although angels are powerful, they too, worship and serve God. Trust in God, not angels. They minister to us. **"Are they not all ministering spirits, sent to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?"** (Hebrews 1:14) **"They carry out God's bidding under His authority and power. "And let all the angels of God worship Him."** (Hebrews 1:6)

Abilities and powers: **"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone."** (Matthew 24:36) This suggests two things, implies superhuman powers, limited in knowledge, involved in conveying revelation, **"Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to who the promise had been made."** (Galatians 3:19), interpret visions.

Strength: **". . . those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority. Daring, self-willed, they do not revile angelic majesties, whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord."** (II Peter 2:10-11)

Angels are mighty but they are not almighty, their source of power is God. **"Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, Who alone works wonders."** (Psalm 72:18)

To be continued next week.

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil things. But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give an account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” (Matthew 12:34b-37)

In saying these words, Jesus was confronting the Pharisees and their evil thoughts. But Jesus warns us, James warns us, as does Solomon in Proverbs. No real worth can come of idle words. There are no good thoughts coming from idle words. They bring about the evil treasure of which Jesus warned us.

Jesus talks about, out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. Whatever we put inside us, whether from acquaintances, books we read, TV or movies that is what comes out. Good goes in, good comes out. Evil and trash go in, evil and trash come out. Paul also warns us of evil companions corrupting good morals. When we are exposed to evil it rubs off on us. Then we spread it to others.

Jesus also tells us that good can come from the abundance of the heart. We associate with good people, we read the Good Book, we obey what it says, and then good will come from us. From these good words and thoughts we will be justified and not condemned.

We won't be perfect like Jesus, but maybe He will not call us a “brood of vipers” or “hypocrites.” He knows our hearts, He knows we are trying. Quite possibly our idle words may be the hardest part of our spiritual life.

If we can learn to think before we speak or learn to leave worldly things out of our lives, we just might have this abundance of the heart that brings good treasure.

Remember Our Sick

Wanda Dickerson – John Clark's mother re-scheduled for stint surgery, April 29th, Little Rock Heart Hospital.

Thelma Hatcher – has another appointment June 6th, hoping this will be the final check-up.

Kathryn Hobbs – close friend of Leota Hickey, has not regained consciousness since surgery April 13th, in L.R., UAMS
Bill Lafoon and Family – fighting cancer.

Carl Lawley's Family: needs prayer.

Bill McAlister – re-admitted to Heart Hospital in LR, April 20th, congestive heart failure and colon problems.

Nolan Passmore – went for tests April 7th, no update yet.

Earl Whitted – successful knee surgery April 12th. Home recovering.

Shut-ins: Needs your prayers and visits. All live in the Dover Area.

Evelyn Burton

Louise Killer

Mae Vanzandt

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Doris Karnes Bachand, Luella Bellomo, Susie Boley, Amber Bolin, Donna Brewer, Bernice Brown, Michelle Crutcher, Jeff Davis, Bennie Drewry, Bob and Rose Lee, Lisa Link, Jerry Martin, Wayne Melton, Debbie Meyer, John and Jannie Myers, Joe Miller, Teresa Phillips, Wilma Shirley, Esther Sparks, Harold and Mildred Turner.

Expectant Mothers: Melissa Jackson and Kemah Johnson.

Special Children: (Birth Defects) - Zachary Shelton, Gabriel Ross Finlayson, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Military: John Allen, Greg Davis, Paul Holt, Randall Nixon, Cole Wetzel and Rudy Will.

Jeremy Carter, Terry Robinson and Cole Wetzel are scheduled to come home.

Devotions For Moms

“Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.” (Proverbs 31:31, NIV)

What might a description for a mom look like if it appeared in a local newspaper?

Wanted: A creative and patient woman to be a cook, chaplain, good listener, fashion consultant, decorator, recreation expert, teacher, chauffeur, nurse, psychologist, artist, gardener, economist, communication advisor, entertainer, purchasing agent, lawyer and accountant. No pay, but excellent benefits!

Another job description of a mom is found in Proverbs 31, which points out both character qualities and actions of the mother it portrays. It's impossible for any of us to live up to the example of this woman (or composite of women), but the chapter definitely gives us helpful principles to inspire us.

We are encouraged to be:

Merciful to the poor. This woman doesn't shrink from helping others.

Observant. Verse 27 informs us that she watches carefully all that goes on.

Trustworthy. Her family can rely on her own integrity.

Helpful. She opens her hands to the needy.

Energetic. She plants her own garden; she quilts her own bedspread.

Reverent toward God. She honors, obeys and spends time with Him.

Wise. She gives instructions with kindness.

Dignified. She is worthy of respect because her commitment to God lies at the foundation of everything she does.

Wow! This woman is worth so much that it's hard to put a price tag on her. Don't be intimidated by this woman, moms; be inspired! With God's help, we can each be a treasure to our family.

From: Devotions for Mom
By: Ellen Banks Elwell
Wheaton, IL

Events

ANNUAL FISH FRY

May 14th

Dover Church of Christ
Camp Caudle
Starts: 5:30 PM

More details to follow.

BABY SHOWER

May 1, 2:00 PM
Dover Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall

It's A Boy!!
Dakota Whitted
Parents: April & Neal

Mark Your Calendars

Men's Business Meeting
May 2nd, 7:00 PM
Dover Church of Christ

TEEN DEVO

May 1st,
Sunday Evening
Jim & JoAnn Killer
Following Church
Services

Men's Devo
May 12, 7:00 PM
Dover Church of Christ

Ladies Night

May 19th, 7:00 PM
Hostess: Cara Williams

Meals On Wheels

Dover Church
of Christ
May 16 thru May20

Monday thru Friday

Lawn Care
Friday, May 6
Rick Hollis/Silas Powers

MAY Birthdays

- 5 Brett Cains
Walt Davis
- 6 Randall Walters
- 7 Jessica Straight
Victoria Thomas
Carlee Williams
- 8 Shirley Pavatt
- 13 Kelli Hottinger
Tim Mitchell
- 15 Alan Boatright
Alicia Brown
- 19 Grasiemeyer
20 Shelly Culwell
- 25 Diane W. Walters
- 31 Paul Helton
Don Johnson

If we missed your birthday,
please let us know so it
won't happen again.

National Pray Day!

May 5th

Pray for our troops
and our nation!

Singles Breakfast
Every Saturday,
9:00 AM
Dewayne's

THOSE TO SERVE

May 01, 2005

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Earl Whitted
Gary Williams

Communion

Podium: Allen Veasman
Serve: Blake Walters
Brett Walters
Chris Loper
Dennis Whiteside

Scripture Reading

Donny Forehand

**Sunday P.M.
Prayers**

James Chadwick
Jim Killer

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Communion to Shut-Ins

Jim Killer
John Myers

Greeters

Marion and Joyce Helton

Wednesday Night Devotional

May 4, 2005

Earl Whitted

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes
9:45 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship
10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 P.M.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Class
10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes
7:00 P.M.

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Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Joe Miller

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Carin Chance
Sonia Williams

Sunday Service: Bonnie Vinson

Wednesday Class: Marilyn Veasman

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