



## Your Unseen Allies – Message 5

### Warm-up

Do you know which book in the Bible records the most angelic activity? Is it Daniel, Ezekiel, Luke or Revelation? Answer found at the bottom of this lesson.

### Overview

Over the last few weeks of the *Unseen* series, we have explored what the Bible says about the spiritual realm, our authority as believers, and the role of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life. In Message 5, we will discover more about angels--our unseen allies. Let's learn what they are and what they do.

### Word and Application

#### What are Angels?

Angels are God's servants. They are supernatural beings created by God for God's glory.

1. Angels are worshippers.

**Read Hebrews 1:6 and Luke 2:11-14.** Wherever we find Jesus, we will typically find angels worshipping Him. In what ways do we express our worship to Jesus? **Read Psalm 34:1.** Are you satisfied with the amount of time you spend worshipping Jesus? What are practical ways to increase our worship of Him each day?

2. Angels are warriors.

**Read Daniel 10:12-15, 1 Chronicles 21:27, and Joshua 5:13-15.** From these verses, we see examples of warrior angels who do battle with the sword. When believers are involved in spiritual warfare, what is the sword that we use in battle? (See Ephesians 6:17 for the answer.)

3. Angels are messengers.

Compare **Luke 1:11-20** with **Luke 1:30-38**. How was Zacharias' response to Gabriel's message different from Mary's response to Gabriel's message? What can we learn from these two accounts?

## What Do Angels Do?

1. Angels confirm God's direction.

**Read Matthew 1:20.** God redirected Joseph through an angel that appeared to him in a dream. Joseph had made up his mind to quietly send Mary away, but that would not have been God's will. Have you ever experienced a situation when your mind was made up but God redirected you through an angel, a dream, His Word, or godly counsel?

2. Angels protect you from danger.

**Read Psalm 34:7 and Psalm 91:11,12.** As believers, we are surrounded by, kept in all of our ways, protected, and delivered by God's angels. Is this truth a new concept to you? In your opinion, do you think this truth about angels is recognized and utilized by most believers? Why or why not?

3. Angels minister to you.

**Read Matthew 4:11 and Hebrews 1:14.** Can you imagine a God that loves you so deeply that He would send warriors to surround you, to guide you, to protect you, to minister to you? Because we are believers who will inherit salvation according to Hebrews 1:14, angels (ministering spirits) are sent to serve us. But how do we activate the angelic realm? **Read Psalm 103:20.** Angels submit to the Word of God. What Scriptures do you need to speak forth now to activate the angelic realm in your current circumstances?

### Life Challenge

We activate the angelic realm as we speak the Word of God over our lives, our minds, our homes, our families. We don't have to live beat up, torn up, sleepless. God has angels moving on our behalf. When we declare God's Word, angels fight on our behalf. They heed the voice of God's Word. Do a topical study of the Bible that relates to what you need guidance, protection and ministering to now (Hint: search YouVersion for a study plan). Speak forth the Scriptures that the Holy Spirit brings to your attention and then rest in faith that God has this. What did Gabriel tell Mary after she believed his message? "For with God, nothing will be impossible."

### Prayer

*Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us beyond our comprehension. You have created angels to direct, protect and minister to us. Thank You! By the power of Your Holy Spirit, illuminate the truth of Your Word so that we can speak it forth daily to access the ministering spirits You have assigned to us. We praise You along with Your angelic hosts. In Jesus' Name. Amen. Pray for the specific needs of the group.*

Answer to Warm-up question: Revelation