

Serving This Week:

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Mel Hebert

Song Leader: Kyle Richardson

Opening Prayer: Bob Fisher

Scripture Reading: Dan Higgins

Lord's Supper:

Presiding: William Glover

Serving: Aaron Hebert

Robert Glover

Preaching: Howell Todd

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Brian Horner

Preaching: Howell Todd

Closing Prayer: Dan Higgins

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer: Howell Todd

Devotional: Brian Horner

Closing Prayer: Mel Hebert

Serving Next Sunday:

Pres. Lord's Supper: Howell Todd

Preaching:

Opening Prayer: Dan Higgins

Closing Prayer: Bob Fisher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for Dan and Judy's family as their nephew was killed in a car accident last week.

Men will meet tonight after services.

Please sign up in back to help clean the building.

Men, sign up in the back to preach the next two months.

Please call to inform us of News items or Prayer Requests that need to be in the Bulletin:
Kyle Richardson - 495-7106
Dorothy Jean Smith - 444-5437

GROW TEAM MEETINGS

Correspondence - Sunday evenings after worship *see Kyle Richardson.*

Visitation/Bible Study - For assignments see *Brian Horner.*

Member Care - Regarding Member needs contact **Mel Hebert: 443-7779.**

Flower Request - Please call **Danise Fisher: 237-3239**

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Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM

Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

Do Angels Have Wings?

People often begin the study of biblical themes with an erroneous assumption and consequent confusion attends their effort throughout. It is easy to assign to scriptural terms a far too limited significance or to assume that what must be the meaning of a word or phrase in one instance is its significance in every other. Often overlooked is that in the description of heavenly beings and their actions anthropomorphic language is used which attributes to angelic or heavenly beings the shapes, qualities, characteristics and actions of men.

The word "angel" is the translation of the Greek **angelos** and the Hebrew **malawk**, terms signifying a messenger. Thus, basically, the word does not denote the nature of the being at all, but rather the function which the being exercises, primarily in his relationship to deity. It is for this reason that the term appears in such a great variety of circumstances in the sacred writings. Not infrequently it is applied to human beings. Haggai is called the "messenger of the Lord" (literally, the angel), and Malachi thus designated John the Baptist the forerunner of the Christ. Priests are similarly identified in Malachi 2:7 and in Isaiah 42:19. Israel, the nation, is portrayed as God's messenger (angel) in Isaiah 42:19. That prophet also spoke of "the angel of the presence," and Moses wrote of the angel who went before Israel – very evident allusions to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Created beings, good and bad, are called angels (Hebrews 1:14; Jude 6) and heavenly beings, never possessed of flesh and blood, who neither marry nor are given in marriage, are mentioned and identified as angels, and the Hebrew writer tells us that it is the function of angels to serve those who are heirs of salvation (Matthew 22:30; Hebrews 1:13-14; Isaiah 63:9; Exodus 23:21).

From this very brief induction of the word "angel," or its equivalent, it will

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be seen that the term is of varied usage in the Scriptures. Angels are both earthly and heavenly; possessed of flesh and blood, thus men; not of flesh and blood, and hence heavenly beings, and **not** men. Angels of the latter classification are spirits, incorporeal beings, and thus without the characteristics of men in the flesh though it appears from references thereto, and they had the power of **assuming** the actions and functions of men.

They were capable of making themselves both visible and invisible (Numbers 22:31), and to appear under circumstances obviously miraculous in nature (Exodus 3:2). They could and often did assume the appearance of men as illustrated in the experience of Abraham in the plains of Mamre (Genesis 18:1-2), and the wife of Manoah when the birth of Samson was announced (Judges 13:6-13).

The ability to cover vast distances immediately is attributed to them (Exodus 12:29-30). Gabriel came from the very presence of God to Daniel while that faithful saint was engaged in prayer (see also Revelation 13:6). Because they are often said to fly, in the Bible, artists' imagination give them wings, but all such references must be regarded as figurative and are used to convey to us the idea of motion far more rapid than man is capable of achieving by any means other than flying, as they did.

They were able to exercise vast powers; Sennacherib's army as crushed by the Lord through an angel (2 Chronicles 32:21-22). Peter was released from his chains and enabled to walk through an iron door which "opened of its own accord" (Acts 12:10).

Heavenly angels, not beings corporeal and capable of vast changes in appearance, cannot be visualized with fleshly concepts and we ought not to attempt to do so.

Guy N. Woods, F.H.U. Open Forum



Remember in Prayer

Shut Ins:

Vallie Andrews
Fannie Bell Warren
Janelle Arrington

Others:

Bradley & Betty Glover
Hollis Cluck
The Pfaffs - Missionaries
Ruth Judkins
Diane Chopay
Vickie Wade
Craig Cook
Judy Higgins
Muril Todd
The entire Bryan Family
Karen Hudson - cancer
Diane G.'s mother - asthma
Charles Grisham

July Birthdays

6 - Diane Grandstaff
10 - Fannie Warren
13 - Austin Horne
15 - Vallie Andrews
23 - Robert Glover

July Anniversaries

3 - William and Sheila
3 - Mel and Barbara

Daily Bible Reading

DATE	MORN.	EVE.
June 28	1 CH 16-17	PS 110-112
June 29	1 CH 18-21	PS 113-115
June 30	1 CH 22-23	PS 116-117
July 1	1 CH 24-25	PS 118
July 2	1 CH 26-27	PS 119:1-24
July 3	1 CH 28-29	PS 119:25-48
July 4	2 CH 1-2	PS 119:49-72

This Week's Bible Trivia:

Q - What prophet cursed little children for calling him names?
Check back next week for the answer!

Last Week's Trivia:

Q - What song composer is credited with a thousand and five songs?
A - Solomon. (1 Kings 4:32)