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Angel Guardians

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

The Bible

1. Dan. 6:22 (to 1st ,)

22 My God hath sent his angel,

2. Ps 68:17 (to :)

17 The chariots of God *are* twenty thousand, *even* thousands of angels:

3. Gen 19:1-7, 8 unto these, 9-13, 15-17, 30

- 1 AND there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing *them* rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;
- 2 And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night.
- 3 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.
- 4 ¶ But before they lay down, the men of the city, *even* the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:
- 5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where *are* the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.
- 6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,
- 7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.
- 8 unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof.
- 9 And they said, Stand back. And they said *again*, This one *fellow* came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, *even* Lot, and came near to break the door.
- 10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.
- 11 And they smote the men that *were* at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.
- 12 ¶ And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring *them* out of this place:

- 13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.
- 15 ¶ And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.
- 16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.
- 17 ¶ And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.
- 30 ¶ And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

4. Ps. 34:7

- 7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

5. Ps 91:11 he

- 11 he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

6. Acts 12:1-16

- 1 NOW about that time Herod the king stretched forth *his* hands to vex certain of the church.
- 2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.
- 3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)
- 4 And when he had apprehended him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.
- 5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.
- 6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.
- 7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon *him*, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from *his* hands.
- 8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.
- 9 And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

- 10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.
- 11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and *from* all the expectation of the people of the Jews.
- 12 And when he had considered *the thing*, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.
- 13 And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda.
- 14 And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.
- 15 And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel.
- 16 But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened *the door*, and saw him, they were astonished.

7. Heb. 13:2

- 2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

8. Heb. 12:22 ye

- 22 ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

9. Rev. 1:1

- 1 THE Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John:

10. Rev. 18:1 after

- 1 after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

11. Rev. 22:1-3 (to ;), 6, 16

- 1 AND he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.
- 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, *and* yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.
- 3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it;

- And he said unto me, These sayings *are* faithful and true: and the Lord
- 6 God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.
- 16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning star.

12. Ps. 148:2

- 2 Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

1. SH 174:9-14

- 9 The footsteps of thought, rising above material stand-
points, are slow, and portend a long night to the traveller;
but the angels of His presence — the spiritual
- 12 intuitions that tell us when “the night is far
spent, the day is at hand” — are our guardians in the
gloom.

Rise of thought

2. SH 224:22

- A higher and more practical Christianity, demonstrat-
ing justice and meeting the needs of mortals in sickness
- 24 and in health, stands at the door of this age, knocking
for admission. Will you open or close the door upon this
angel visitant, who cometh in the quiet of meekness, as he
- 27 came of old to the patriarch at noonday?

3. SH 482:19

- Jesus was the highest human
concept of the perfect man. He was inseparable from
- 21 Christ, the Messiah, — the divine idea of God outside
the flesh. This enabled Jesus to demonstrate his con-
trol over matter. Angels announced to the Wisemen of
- 24 old this dual appearing, and angels whisper it, through
faith, to the hungering heart in every age.

4. SH 581:4-7

- ANGELS.** God’s thoughts passing to man; spiritual
intuitions, pure and perfect; the inspiration of goodness,
- 6 purity, and immortality, counteracting all evil, sensuality,
and mortality.

5. SH 298:25-17

- Angels are not etherealized human beings, evolving
animal qualities in their wings; but they are celestial
- 27 visitants, flying on spiritual, not material,
pinions. Angels are pure thoughts from God,

Thought-

winged with Truth and Love, no matter what their individualism may be. Human conjecture confers upon angels its own forms of thought, marked with superstitious outlines, making them human creatures with suggestive feathers; but this is only fancy. It has behind it no more reality than has the sculptor's thought when he carves his "Statue of Liberty," which embodies his conception of an unseen quality or condition, but which has no physical antecedent reality save in the artist's own observation and "chambers of imagery."

My angels are exalted thoughts, appearing at the door of some sepulchre, in which human belief has buried its fondest earthly hopes. With white fingers they point upward to a new and glorified trust, to higher ideals of life and its joys. Angels are God's representatives. These upward-soaring beings never lead towards self, sin, or materiality, but guide to the divine Principle of all good, whither every real individuality, image, or likeness of God, gathers. By giving earnest heed to these spiritual guides they tarry with us, and we entertain "angels unawares."

Our angelic messengers

6. SH 548:9

How little light or heat reach our earth when clouds cover the sun's face! So Christian Science can be seen only as the clouds of corporeal sense roll away. Earth has little light or joy for mortals before Life is spiritually learned. Every agony of mortal error helps error to destroy error, and so aids the apprehension of immortal Truth. This is the new birth going on hourly, by which men may entertain angels, the true ideas of God, the spiritual sense of being.

The clouds dissolving

7. SH 501:10-13

The incarnation of Truth, that amplification of wonder and glory which angels could only whisper and which God illustrated by light and harmony, is consonant with ever-present Love.

8. SH 566:29-7

The Old Testament assigns to the angels, God's divine messages, different offices. Michael's characteristic is spiritual strength. He leads the hosts of heaven against the power of sin, Satan, and fights the holy wars. Gabriel has the more quiet task of imparting a sense of the ever-presence of ministering Love. These angels deliver us from the depths. Truth

Angelic offices

and Love come nearer in the hour of woe, when strong
faith or spiritual strength wrestles and prevails through
6 the understanding of God. The Gabriel of His presence
has no contests.

9. SH 567:14-30

Revelation xii. 9. And the great dragon was cast out,
15 that old serpent, called the devil, and Satan, which deceiv-
eth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his
angels were cast out with him.

18 That false claim — that ancient belief, that old serpent
whose name is devil (evil), claiming that there is intelli-
gence in matter either to benefit or to injure
21 men — is pure delusion, the red dragon; and
it is cast out by Christ, Truth, the spiritual
idea, and so proved to be powerless. The words “cast
24 unto the earth” show the dragon to be nothingness, dust
to dust; and therefore, in his pretence of being a talker,
he must be a lie from the beginning. His angels, or mes-
27 sages, are cast out with their author. The beast and the
false prophets are lust and hypocrisy. These wolves in
sheep’s clothing are detected and killed by innocence, the
30 Lamb of Love.

Dragon cast
down to earth

10. SH 574:3-19

3 The Revelator also takes in another view, adapted to
console the weary pilgrim, journeying “uphill all the way.”

He writes, in *Revelation* xxi. 9: —

6 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which
had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked
with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride,
9 the Lamb’s wife.

This ministry of Truth, this message from divine Love,
carried John away in spirit. It exalted him till he be-
12 came conscious of the spiritual facts of being
and the “New Jerusalem, coming down from
God, out of heaven,” — the spiritual outpour-
15 ing of bliss and glory, which he describes as the city
which “lieth foursquare.” The beauty of this text is,
that the sum total of human misery, represented by
18 the seven angelic vials full of seven plagues, has full
compensation in the law of Love.

Vials of wrath
and consolation

11. SH 372:14-17

When man demonstrates Christian Science absolutely,
15 he will be perfect. He can neither sin, suffer, be subject

to matter, nor disobey the law of God. Therefore he will be as the angels in heaven.

12. SH 512:8

Spirit is symbolized by strength, presence, and power, and also by holy thoughts, winged with Love. These angels of His presence, which have the holiest charge, abound in the spiritual atmosphere of Mind, and consequently reproduce their own characteristics. Their individual forms we know not, but we do know that their natures are allied to God’s nature; and spiritual blessings, thus typified, are the externalized, yet subjective, states of faith and spiritual understanding.

Seraphic symbols

13. SH 574:27-30

The very circumstance, which your suffering sense deems wrathful and afflictive, Love can make an angel entertained unawares.

14. SH 521:12

The harmony and immortality of man are intact. We should look away from the opposite supposition that man is created materially, and turn our gaze to the spiritual record of creation, to that which should be engraved on the understanding and heart “with the point of a diamond” and the pen of an angel.

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All glory be to God most high,
And on the earth be peace,
The angels sang, in days of yore,
The song that ne’er shall cease,
Till all the world knows peace.

God’s angels ever come and go,
All winged with light and love;

They bring us blessings from on high,
They lift our thoughts above,
They whisper God is Love.

O longing hearts that wait on God
Through all the world so wide;
He knows the angels that you need,
And sends them to your side,
To comfort, guard and guide.

O wake and hear the angel-song
That bids all discord cease,
From pain and sorrow, doubt and fear,
It brings us sweet release;
And so our hearts find peace.

Hymn 550

Christ My Refuge by Mary Baker Eddy

O'er waiting harpstrings of the mind
There sweeps a strain,
Low, sad, and sweet, whose measures bind
The power of pain,
And wake a white-winged angel throng
Of thoughts, illumed
By faith, and breathed in raptured song,
With love perfumed.
Then His unveiled, sweet mercies show
Life's burdens light.
I kiss the cross, and wake to know
A world more bright.
And o'er earth's troubled, angry sea
I see Christ walk,
And come to me, and tenderly,
Divinely talk.
Thus Truth engrounds me on the rock,
Upon Life's shore,
'Gainst which the winds and waves can shock,
Oh, nevermore!
From tired joy and grief afar,
And nearer Thee,—
Father, where Thine own children are,
I love to be.
My prayer, some daily good to do
To Thine, for Thee;
An offering pure of Love, whereto
God leadeth me.

Hymn 310

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JOHN RANDALL DUNN

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BETHLEHEM

MENDELSSOHN—CUMMINGS

Sing, ye joyous children, sing,
Glorious is the Christ, our king,
Truth has come again to earth,
Through the lowly Saviour's birth.
Men and angels, anthems raise;
Hymns of joy and shouts of praise.
Hear th' angelic song again:
Peace on earth, good will to men.
Sing, ye joyous children, sing,
Glorious is the Christ, our king.

When the stars together sang,
Then the Truth triumphant rang:
Be there light; And there was light.
Gone are chaos, fear and night;
Truth hath rolled the mists away;
Dawns on earth harmonious day.
Hear th' angelic song again:
Peace on earth, good will to men.
Sing, ye joyous children, sing,
Glorious is the Christ, our king.