

Notes: January 4, 2020

Start: 10 AM

### Order of service:

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Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: I'm No Angel...

What runs through your mind when you hear the term angel?

There are several definitions for what angel means...

a person of exemplary conduct or virtue.

"I know I'm **no angel**"

used in similes or comparisons to refer to a person's outstanding beauty, qualities, or abilities.

"you sang **like an angel**"

used in approval when a person has been or is expected to be kind or willing to oblige.

"**be an angel** and let us come in"

used as a term of endearment.

"I miss you too, angel"

When we define the term in this way, we attach characteristics that are considered to be ideal. There seems to be a perfection associated with the term angel. One of ideal perception. The term conveys what are perceived to be heavenly attributes.

And yet, this perception ignores the fallibility, the ability to make mistakes or even be wrong gets glossed over to the point of ignoring such reality as a third of Adonai's angels chose to follow Ha Satan...

**Rev 12:3** Another sign was seen in heaven: there was a great red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven royal crowns.

**Rev 12:4** Its tail swept a third of the stars out of heaven and threw them down to the earth. It stood in front of the woman about to give birth, so that it might devour the child the moment it was born.

I also want you to pay attention to the other part of the title...the ellipses...

An **ellipsis** (plural: **ellipses**) is a punctuation mark consisting of three dots. Use an **ellipsis** when omitting a word, phrase, line, paragraph, or more from a quoted passage. **Ellipses** save space or remove material that is less relevant.

We are most certainly transformed when we turn to Adonai through our accepting Yeshua as Messiah...

**2Co 3:14** What is more, their minds were made stonelike; for to this day the same veil remains over them when they read the Old Covenant; it has not been unveiled, because only by the Messiah is the veil taken away.

**2Co 3:15** Yes, till today, whenever Moshe is read, a veil lies over their heart.

**2Co 3:16** "But," says the Torah, "whenever someone turns to Adonai, the veil is taken away."

**2Co 3:17** Now, "Adonai" in this text means the Spirit. And where the Spirit of Adonai is, there is freedom.

**2Co 3:18** So all of us, with faces unveiled, see as in a mirror the glory of the Lord; and we are being changed into his very image, from one degree of glory to the next, by Adonai the Spirit.

and will be further transformed upon His return and the establishment of His Kingdom on earth for 1000 years.

**1Co 15:50** Let me say this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot share in the Kingdom of God, nor can something that decays share in what does not decay.

**1Co 15:51** Look, I will tell you a secret — not all of us will die! But we will all be changed!

**1Co 15:52** It will take but a moment, the blink of an eye, at the final shofar. For the shofar will sound, and the dead will be raised to live forever, and we too will be changed.

**1Co 15:53** For this material which can decay must be clothed with imperishability, this which is mortal must be clothed with immortality.

**1Co 15:54** When what decays puts on imperishability and what is mortal puts on immortality, then this passage in the Tanakh will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory.

But, we don't become angels or possess angelic attributes.

**Rom 11:32** For God has shut up all mankind together in disobedience, in order that he might show mercy to all.

**Rom 11:33** O the depth of the riches and the wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments! How unsearchable are his ways!

**Rom 11:34** For, 'Who has known the mind of Adonai? Who has been his counselor?'

**Rom 11:35** Or, 'Who has given him anything and made him pay it back?'

**Rom 11:36** For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

**Rom 12:1** I exhort you, therefore, brothers, in view of God's mercies, to offer yourselves as a sacrifice, living and set apart for God. This will please him; it is the logical "Temple worship" for you.

**Rom 12:2** In other words, do not let yourselves be conformed to the standards of the `olam hazeh. Instead, keep letting yourselves be transformed by the renewing of your minds; so that you will know what God wants and will agree that what he wants is good, satisfying and able to succeed.

**Rom 12:3** For I am telling every single one of you, through the grace that has been given to me, not to have exaggerated ideas about your own importance. Instead, develop a sober estimate of yourself based on the standard which God has given to each of you, namely, trust.

The standard by which we aspire to are those of Adonai, reflected in His Son Yeshua.

So, I have already told you "I'm no angel" at least by how angels are perceived,, but how are angels truly characterised in Scripture?

First and foremost, they are messengers. We see them representing Adonai, having revealed themselves in order that we may be able to see them. Their intent is to bring forth a message from Adonai. We have seen this countless times in the Tanakh...

**Num 22:21** So Bil'am got up in the morning, saddled his donkey and went with the princes of Mo'av.

**Num 22:22** But God's anger flared up because he went, and the angel of Adonai stationed himself on the path to bar his way. He was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him.

**Num 22:23** The donkey saw the angel of Adonai standing on the road, drawn sword in hand; so the donkey turned off the road into the field; and Bil'am had to beat the donkey to get it back on the road.

**Num 22:24** Then the angel of Adonai stood on the road where it became narrow as it passed among the vineyards and had stone walls on both sides.

**Num 22:25** The donkey saw the angel of Adonai and pushed up against the wall, crushing Bil'am's foot against the wall. So he beat it again.

**Num 22:26** The angel of Adonai moved ahead and stood in a place so tight that there was no room to turn either right or left.

**Num 22:27** Again the donkey saw the angel of Adonai and lay down under Bil'am, which made him so angry that he hit the donkey with his stick.

**Num 22:28** But Adonai enabled the donkey to speak, and it said to Bil'am, "What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?"

**Num 22:29** Bil'am said to the donkey, "It's because you've been making a fool of me! I wish I had a sword in my hand; I would kill you on the spot!"

**Num 22:30** The donkey said to Bil'am, "I'm your donkey, right? You've ridden me all your life, right? Have I ever treated you like this before?" "No," he admitted.

**Num 22:31** Then Adonai opened Bil'am's eyes, so that he could see the angel of Adonai standing in the way with his drawn sword in his hand, and he bowed his head and fell on his face.

**Num 22:32** The angel of Adonai said to him, "Why did you hit your donkey three times like that? I have come out here to bar your way, because you are rushing to oppose me.

**Num 22:33** The donkey saw me and turned aside these three times; and indeed, if she hadn't turned away from me, I would have killed you by now and saved it alive!"

**Num 22:34** Bil'am said to the angel of Adonai, "I have sinned. I didn't know that you were standing on the road to block me. Now, therefore, if what I am doing displeases you, I will go back."

**Num 22:35** But the angel of Adonai said to Bil'am, "No, go on with the men; but you are to say only what I tell you to say." So Bil'am went along with the princes of Balak.

and in the Brit Hadoshah...

**Luk 1:10** All the people were outside, praying, at the time of the incense burning,

**Luk 1:11** when there appeared to him an angel of Adonai standing to the right of the incense altar.

**Luk 1:12** Z'kharyah was startled and terrified at the sight.

**Luk 1:13** But the angel said to him, "Don't be afraid, Z'kharyah; because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elisheva will bear you a son, and you are to name him Yochanan.

**Luk 1:14** He will be a joy and a delight to you, and many people will rejoice when he is born,

**Luk 1:15** for he will be great in the sight of Adonai. He is never to drink wine or other liquor, and he will be filled with the Ruach HaKodesh even from his mother's womb.

**Luk 1:16** He will turn many of the people of Isra'el to Adonai their God.

**Luk 1:17** He will go out ahead of Adonai in the spirit and power of Eliyahu to turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready for Adonai a people prepared."

**Luk 1:18** Z'kharyah said to the angel, "How can I be sure of this? For I am an old man; my wife too is well on in years."

**Luk 1:19** "I am Gavri'el," the angel answered him, "and I stand in the presence of God. I was sent to speak to you, to give you this good news.

Gavri'el, one of two angels mentioned by name. His name meaning "God is my strength" appears to Z'kharyah with a major announcement. His barren wife will conceive a child. The power of Adonai is revealed here in the opening of

Elisheva's womb, thus the messenger sent, Gavri'el is rather appropriate.

From the *Jewish Encyclopedia*, entry "Angelology".[18]

- ☐ [Michael \(archangel\)](#) (translation: *who is like God?*), kindness of God, and stands up for the children of mankind
- ☐ [Gabriel](#) (archangel) (translation: *God is my strength*), performs acts of justice and power

(Only these two angels are mentioned by name in the Hebrew Bible; the rest are from extra-biblical tradition.)

- ☐ [Jophiel](#) (translation: *Beauty of God*), expelled [Adam and Eve](#) from the [Garden of Eden](#) holding a flaming sword and punishes those who transgress against God.
- ☐ [Raphael \(archangel\)](#) (translation: *It is God who heals*), God's healing force
- ☐ [Uriel](#) (archangel) (translation: *God is my light*), leads us to destiny
- ☐ [Samael](#) (archangel) (translation: *Venom of God*), [angel of death](#)—see also [Malach HaMavet](#) (translation: *the angel of death*)
- ☐ [Sandalphon](#) (archangel) (translation: *bringing together*), battles Samael and brings mankind together

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angel>

The same angel would transmit an equally powerful message to another person, conveying the strength and power of Adonai...

**Luk 1:26** In the sixth month, the angel Gavri'el was sent by God to a city in the Galil called Natzeret,

**Luk 1:27** to a virgin engaged to a man named Yosef, of the house of David; the virgin's name was Miryam.

**Luk 1:28** Approaching her, the angel said, "Shalom, favored lady! Adonai is with you!"

**Luk 1:29** She was deeply troubled by his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

**Luk 1:30** The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Miryam, for you have found favor with God.

**Luk 1:31** Look! You will become pregnant, you will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Yeshua.

**Luk 1:32** He will be great, he will be called Son of Ha'Elyon. Adonai, God, will give him the throne of his forefather David;

**Luk 1:33** and he will rule the House of Ya'akov forever — there will be no end to his Kingdom."

**Luk 1:34** "How can this be," asked Miryam of the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

**Luk 1:35** The angel answered her, "The Ruach HaKodesh will come over you, the power of Ha'Elyon will cover you. Therefore the holy child born to you will be called the Son of God.

**Luk 1:36** "You have a relative, Elisheva, who is an old woman; and everyone says she is barren. But she has conceived a son and is six months pregnant!

**Luk 1:37** For with God, nothing is impossible."

**Luk 1:38** Miryam said, "I am the servant of Adonai; may it happen to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

The second aspect regarding angels that I want to highlight is that as warriors of Adonai comprising His army.

Go back to B'midbar for a moment and notice what Bil'im saw...

**Num 22:31** Then Adonai opened Bil'am's eyes, so that he could see the angel of Adonai standing in the way with his drawn sword in his hand, and he bowed his head and fell on his face.

An angel of Adonai with a sword in his hand. Only warriors have swords in their hands.

When Elisha journeyed to Isra'el, the northern Kingdom to confront the King, we read the following...

**2Ki 6:13** He said, "Go and see where he is, so that I can send and bring him here." They told him, "He's in Dotan."

**2Ki 6:14** So he sent horses, chariots and a large army there; they came by night and surrounded the city.

**2Ki 6:15** The servant of the man of God got up early in the morning; on going outside, he saw an army with horses

and chariots surrounding the city. His servant said to him, "Oh, my master, this is terrible! What are we going to do?"

**2Ki 6:16** He answered, "Don't be afraid — those who are with us outnumber those who are with them!"

**2Ki 6:17** Elisha prayed, "Adonai, I ask you to open his eyes, so that he can see." Then Adonai opened the young man's eyes, and he saw: there before him, all around Elisha, the mountain was covered with horses and fiery chariots.

The army of Adonai, populated by His angels, his warriors.

So we too are like angels in these two attributes. Messengers and Warriors.

**Luk 24:44** Yeshua said to them, "This is what I meant when I was still with you and told you that everything written about me in the Torah of Moshe, the Prophets and the Psalms had to be fulfilled."

**Luk 24:45** Then he opened their minds, so that they could understand the Tanakh,

**Luk 24:46** telling them, "Here is what it says: the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day;

**Luk 24:47** and in his name repentance leading to forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed to people from all nations, starting with Yerushalayim.

**Luk 24:48** You are witnesses of these things.

He has opened our eyes to see Him and His message just as Elisha asked Adonai to open the eyes of the man so he could see his army.

**2Ti 2:1** So then, you, my son, be empowered by the grace that comes from the Messiah Yeshua.

**2Ti 2:2** And the things you heard from me, which were supported by many witnesses, these things commit to faithful people, such as will be competent to teach others also.

**2Ti 2:3** Accept your share in suffering disgrace as a good soldier of the Messiah Yeshua.

**2Ti 2:4** No soldier on duty gets involved with civilian affairs, since he has to please is commanding officer.

And yet a soldier / a warrior can also be a messenger.

Yet keep in mind that of the Ultimate Warrior...the one fully equipped and ready for either conveying a message or for battle...

**Eph 6:10** Finally, grow powerful in union with the Lord, in union with his mighty strength!

**Eph 6:11** Use all the armor and weaponry that God provides, so that you will be able to stand against the deceptive tactics of the Adversary.

**Eph 6:12** For we are not struggling against human beings, but against the rulers, authorities and cosmic powers governing this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm.

**Eph 6:13** So take up every piece of war equipment God provides; so that when the evil day comes, you will be able to resist; and when the battle is won, you will still be standing.

**Eph 6:14** Therefore, stand! Have the belt of truth buckled around your waist, put on righteousness for a breastplate,

**Eph 6:15** and wear on your feet the readiness that comes from the Good News of shalom.

**Eph 6:16** Always carry the shield of trust, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One.

**Eph 6:17** And take the helmet of deliverance; along with the sword given by the Spirit, that is, the Word of God;

**Eph 6:18** as you pray at all times, with all kinds of prayers and requests, in the Spirit, vigilantly and persistently, for all God's people.

Adonai said...

"I want you"

In accepting His call, you have been enlisted in His army, serving alongside the angels of Adonai, the messengers and warriors.

An army where you are to serve as His witnesses, soldiers deployed to spread the Good News of Yeshua to anyone, including combatants, those against Him. It would be the equivalent of peace (shalom) through strength. The diplomacy phase. We are His messengers.

There will be times when we will be confronted, attacked, which is when the armor provided is to be utilised.

You have your mission orders and have been deployed. Go and serve our Lord.