

MESSAGE NOTES

"DO YOU BELIEVE IN ANGELS!?"



Keynote Text:

"The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them."

Psalm 34:7

Sunday - Nov 6th, 2022

Message Title:

The Angel of The LORD & Gideon

Subtitle: **"God sent an angel to tell a nobody that he was somebody "**



Series: ***"Do You Believe in Angels?"***

Judges 6:11-16

Judges 6:17-21

#1) The Angel of the LORD Call Us Out of our Smallness & into Significance.

Judges 6:11-12,14-16

11 The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the

Midianites. 12 When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior..."

14 The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?"

15 "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."

16 The Lord answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive."

#2) The Angel of the LORD helps us to see we sometimes blame GOD for troubles we bring on ourselves by drifting from GOD.

Judges 6:13

13 "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian."

Judges 6:6-10

6 Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the Lord for help.

7 When the Israelites cried out to the Lord because of Midian,

8 he sent them a prophet, who said, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

9 I rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians. And I delivered you from the hand of all your oppressors; I drove them out before you and gave you their land.

10 I said to you, 'I am the Lord your God; do not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live.' But you have not listened to me."

Hebrews 3:12-13 NIV

12 See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. 13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

Matthew 6:33 NKJV

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

#3) The Angel of the LORD should inspire us to Hospitality & Sacrificial Giving resulting in surprising Worship & Divine Strength.

Judges 6:17-24 NLT

17 Gideon replied, "If you are truly going to help me, show me a sign to prove that it is really the Lord speaking to me. 18 Don't go away until I come back and bring my offering to you." He answered, "I will stay here until you return." 19 Gideon hurried home. He cooked a young goat, and with a basket of flour he baked some bread without yeast. Then, carrying the meat in a basket and the broth in a pot, he brought them out and presented them to the angel, who was under the great tree. 20 The angel of God said to him, "Place the meat and the unleavened bread on this rock, and pour the broth over it." And Gideon did as he was told. 21 Then the angel of the Lord touched the meat and bread with the tip of the staff in his

hand, and fire flamed up from the rock and consumed all he had brought. And the angel of the Lord disappeared. 22 When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the Lord, he cried out, "Oh, Sovereign Lord, I'm doomed! I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face!" 23 "It is all right," the Lord replied. "Do not be afraid. You will not die." 24 And Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and named it Yahweh-Shalom (which means "the Lord is peace").

Hebrews 13:2 NIV

Do not forget to show hospitality *[kindness]* to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it *[were worthy to receive Angels]*.

#4) The Angel of the LORD calls us to Courageous Bold Action for GOD's Kingdom

Judges 6:25-27 NLT

25 That night the Lord said to Gideon, "Take the second bull from your father's herd, the one that is seven years old. Pull down your father's altar to Baal, and cut down the Asherah pole standing beside it. 26 Then build an altar to the Lord your God here on this hilltop sanctuary, laying the stones carefully. Sacrifice the bull as a burnt offering on the altar, using as fuel the wood of the Asherah pole you cut down."

27 So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the Lord had commanded. But he did it at night because he was afraid of the other members of his father's household and the people of the town.