

# ANGELS

## FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

### Part 1 — *SENT in Response to Prayer* (Luke 1:5-25)

- Two extremes in considering angels:

#1. \_\_\_\_\_ or #2. \_\_\_\_\_

Both are WRONG! In this series we want to look at what angels *are* and what angels *do*.

- The Bible talks about angels \_\_\_\_\_ times. Billy Graham once wrote, “I believe in angels because the Bible says there are angels; and I believe the Bible to be the true Word of God.”
- Both words in the Bible translated as “angels”—*malak* (Hebrew) in the Old Testament and *angelos* (Greek) in the New Testament mean the same thing: \_\_\_\_\_.
- Angels are \_\_\_\_\_ beings. They are not to be worshiped. Their existence, their presence, and their ministry points us to what God is doing in this world.
- Angels are \_\_\_\_\_ by God to accomplish a task. This series is meant to help us focus on Jesus, not on angels.

⇒ **LUKE 1:5-25** (page 855 in the pew Bibles)

- Angels are SENT in response to \_\_\_\_\_. See *Daniel 9:20-23* when the angel Gabriel is sent to answer Daniel’s prayer. That same angel was sent to answer Zechariah and Elizabeth’s prayers for a child as well.
- Your prayers are \_\_\_\_\_ by Almighty God.

- The “good news” from Luke 1:19 is the same word that the New Testament also translates as the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Who is Zechariah and Elizabeth’s son? \_\_\_\_\_ the Baptist!
- God did not send the angel Gabriel just to amaze and astound Zechariah and Elizabeth. It wasn’t about the angel. It was about God’s glory being revealed to Israel. God had been silent for 400 years toward His people, and now with this angelic event, He begins to unveil the Gospel plan that He had made before the foundation of the world. This wasn’t about the angel; it was about Jesus coming into the world!
- Gabriel understood that. In verse 19 he said, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_.” Gabriel recognized his place as a servant of his master.
- Elizabeth also recognized that this wasn’t about the angel; it was about the Lord. In verse 25 she says, “The \_\_\_\_\_ has done this for me.” It’s all about God. It’s His plan. His purpose. His answer. His good news.
- John the Baptist also recognized that the announcement of his birth wasn’t about him; it was about God’s plan to prepare Israel for the Messiah. See *John 1:6-9*.

*For a deeper look into the purpose and ministry of angels, check out Billy Graham’s book “Angels”. It’s only \$8 on Amazon.com.*