

Session One: Embracing Angelic Ministry

In the day and hour in which we live, there is an acceleration of angelic activity on the earth. As followers of Jesus, it is beneficial for us to understand the work of God's ministering angels so that we can co-labor with them. In this series we will explore Scriptural principles that can help you understand that you have the right and the privilege to perceive and discern the work of angels around us.

God's angels are busy and active around each one of us. It is likely that at least one angel has been assigned to every believer. Before we dig deeper into these principles, it is imperative that we get one thing deep into our understanding:

We are NEVER to worship angels; we are ALWAYS to worship God.

Revelation 19:10 *And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."*

This is an important verse in understanding that we can co-labor with God and His angels. The word "servant" in this Scripture is the Greek word *sundulos*, which means co-slave, servant of a divine king.

Who is the divine king that we serve? Jesus

From the beginning of the Bible to the end, God's plans have always involved His angels.

All of God's angels have specific characteristics and ministries that God has released them to do on earth. God has specific angels that He has assigned to you. When you begin to activate the angelic ministry in your life, you will encounter incredible blessings from the Kingdom of God. We are going to look at five keys to angelic ministry that will help us understand that you have the right and privilege to co-labor with the angels as the Father releases them.

Matthew 11:12 *From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.*

Press in to the Kingdom as we go through these five principles and grab ahold of these keys to angelic ministry.

Five Keys to Activating Angelic Ministry

1. We need to have faith and believe

Matthew 12:37 *For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.*

Proverbs 23:7a *For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.*

Hebrews 1:14 *Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?*

Mark 16:17a *And these signs will follow those who believe...*

God has angels in the heavenly places that He releases from time to time to work *for* you and co-labor *with* you. The first key to activating angelic ministry is to believe this.

Who generally has the hardest time understanding this revelation of angelic ministry? Mature Believers

The word of God means what it says! Throughout this course we will take an in-depth look at what Scripture says about angels. Prepare yourself by putting aside any long-held ideas you have and be willing to take the word of God at face value.

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If you don't believe that you can co-labor with God's angels, you are going to have a difficult time accessing that dynamic of God's Kingdom and activating God's angels.

2. We loose (activate) God's angels with our words.

Matthew 16:19 *And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.*

What principle do we derive from this verse? The principle of binding and loosing.

Matthew 18:18 *Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.*

If you are born again, you can activate God's angels from the heavenly realm. How do we do this? **Psalm 103** shows us.

Psalm 103:20-21 *Bless the Lord, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His word. Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, you ministers of His, who do His pleasure.*

When we begin to decree God's word over our lives, we activate God's angels to minister on our behalf.

The angels recognize the voice of God upon the anointed word. This can be the *logos*, the written word of God, or the *rhema*, the prophetic promises that God has given you. Speaking these out loud activates your anointing and the angels hear and respond.

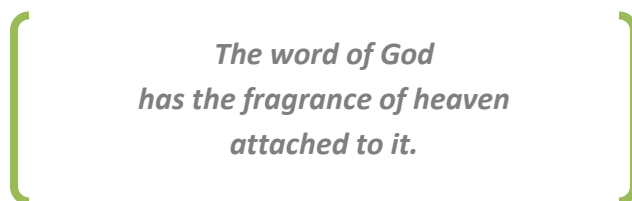
3. Pray for God to release His angels.

There are times that the Father responds to our prayers by releasing angels to bring the answer to our prayers. This is one of the most common ways that God's angels co-labor for us.

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4. Fasting can help accelerate the process.

If you really want to press in to this Kingdom dynamic and have your spiritual eyes enlightened to see God's angels, try fasting. Fasting violently appropriates the Kingdom.



Seek the will of God for the type of fast He would have you do. Whatever He asks you to do, listen Holy Spirit and be diligent to be obedient in your fast.

Fasting should always accompany prayer.

Jude 1:20 *But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.*

As we pray in other tongues, we can loose God's angels. You can also pray with understanding to activate angelic ministry in your life and the lives of those around you.

It is worth remembering that we are never to worship angels. We only worship God. Jesus Christ must remain the chief cornerstone of our faith and our entire universe.

5. Remember to activate God's angels.

Why is it important to specify that we are activating God's angels? Because we bind fallen angels from operating in our sphere of influence.

Scriptures for meditation and declaration

Ephesians 1:18 *The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.*

God can open your eyes to see into the spiritual realm. It's part of your inheritance from God.

1 Corinthians 2:9 *But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."*

God wants to give us eyes and ears to see and hear.

Luke 8:10a *To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God.*

Hebrews 1:14 *Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?*

God's angels are sent forth to minister for us.

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- believe
- decree
- faith
- read
- meditate
- fast
- pray
- seek

As you do these things, incredible manifestations of the Spirit will begin to happen.

*God's angels are only one arrow
in your quiver of spiritual weapons.*

Prayer

Father, I pray that as I hear these messages, I would understand the word that is being spoken and it would become alive and active in me. Holy Spirit, breathe upon the word. Help me to see it and hear it in a new, supernatural way. Release to me understanding of how I can co-labor with Your angels to do the works of the Kingdom in my sphere of influence. Thank You for Your activation and impartation. Thank You for including me in this exciting and dynamic inheritance.

In Jesus' name, Amen!

Personal Application

1. Take some time to think through all you know about angels. Write down the pre-knowledge you are bringing into this study. Pray over your list and ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten your spiritual understanding of angelic ministry and to help you release any unbiblical knowledge you may have.
2. Read over the list of Scriptures again from today's session. Meditate on these verses declare them aloud during your personal prayer time.
3. Memorize **Matthew 11:12**.