

Clark Fork Seventh-day Adventist Church

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For Today: Are Guardian Angels Real?

It's not wise to think about the reality of guardian angels without considering who angels are biblically. Images and descriptions of angels in the media, art and literature often give us a distorted view. Some believers misunderstand angels' purposes and their activity. Are there guardian angels? Yes. But who are they guarding and why? Is guarding all they do?

Angels are mentioned 108 times in the Old Testament and 165 times in the New Testament. Angels are God's "messengers," His special creations, made right before the foundation of Earth. Created to do God's bidding, to obey His will, angels are spirit beings, not bound by natural forces. They do not marry or have children. There are various kinds of angels: cherubim, seraphim, and archangels.

The Bible describes angels as invisible unless God chooses to make them visible. Specific angels appeared throughout mankind's history, because they are immortal—not having physical, aging bodies. The angelic host is too numerous to count; although they are not all-powerful like God, angels do excel in strength. They can exercise their own will, and in times past, some angels chose to pridefully rebel against God and pursue their own agenda—later becoming mankind's greatest enemy. However, an innumerable number of angels stayed faithful and obedient to God, worshiping Him and ministering to the saints. Although angels can be present with us and hear us, they have limitations. "We're to ask God, not angels, for wisdom (James 1:5)."

Who do guardian angels guard? The Bible never says angels guard everyone. In Psalm 91:11, "For He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways." It's important to know who the "you" is in this scripture. The answer is suggested in verses 14 and 16: "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name ... I will satisfy him and show him my salvation." The angels are "ministering spirits," sent out from God to serve "for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation." Angels are commissioned to watch over and protect believers at the Lord's command.

Does every Christ-follower have an assigned angel? Throughout history, considerable controversy arose about individual Christians having specific guardian angels. Matthew 18:10 seems to suggest "little ones"—new believers or disciples with childlike trust—are cared for by "their angels." The word "their" certainly implies that these angels have a special personal role to play in relation to Jesus's disciples. But the plural "angels" may simply mean that all believers have numerous angels assigned to them. Angels are remarkable, marvelous, but our focus must be on Christ, who created and purposed these wondrous creatures. Perhaps their greatest role in our lives is to model absolute, holy submission to God, unquestioning obedience, and faithful worship.

HAPPY SABBATH!



And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

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Sabbath, July 17, 2021



Sabbath Worship

Rejoicing in God's Presence, 9:30 a.m.

Sabbath Superintendent

Sheri Bauer

Adults Sabbath School, Sanctuary, 9:50–10:35 a.m.

Robert Steele

God's Family in Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Hymn of the Month, "I Vow to Thee, My Country" Hymn 648

Welcome and Announcements, 10:45 a.m. Platform host, Manfred Bauer

Preparing our hearts for worship. Leaders and congregation kneel in prayer

Opening Hymn, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" Hymn 216

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-17 (see below)

Prayer and Praise

Congregation Hymn *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord; Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

Call for Morning Offering: Local Church Budget

Doxology, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn 694

Children's Story Wally Remitz

Special Music

Sermon **Who Do You Think You Are?** Wally Remitz

Closing Hymn, "Jesus is Coming Again" Hymn 213

Benediction

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 16:13-17 NKJV

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JESUS is

Welcome

We are glad that you came to worship Jesus with us today! Our prayer is that you will experience God's presence and blessing. Please join us for potluck in the Fellowship Hall, following our service. Vegetarian/vegan contributions preferred.

Upcoming Speakers: July 24, Pastor Jason Worf (Communion)
July 31, James Hunt

Announcements

A heart-felt thank you to all those who contributed to our Work Bee success.

Praise! New church water spigot and roof repair!

Prayers: Faith Camp meetings at Hayden this week; Bible workers in Cuba and Haiti; people suffering from drought and wildfires; breeze to blow away wildfire smoke; Melinda Kerby's husband, David (heart attack)

Spirit Lake Church Campout at Noisy Creek, Ione, Washington, August 5-8: Camping options and schedule on clipboard today.

Bonnors Ferry SDA Water Ski Party, Sunday, August 8 at Sam Owen Campground (just beside Hope), from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a vespers service. Potato salad, grillers, big franks, and canned beans will be provided. Please bring buns, chips, and condiments. Sign up is on the clipboard today.

North Idaho Camp Meeting with Pastor Doug Batchelor, August 27 and 28: Camp meeting will be held at the Bonner County Fairgrounds.

Annual Church Campout, September 17–19. Location is moving to Camp Legacy (instead of Yaak). Camp Legacy is less than 5 miles from the BF Church. Save the Date. Ralph Owens will be in charge of the campout. The tentative speaker is Mike Lambert. Attendance fees will be voluntary. The camp will cost a bit, but a donation jar will be put out. Rough suggestion: \$15/night for tent, cabin, or RV. \$10 for day users per family. Prepare your hearts and minds to visit with God!!

Prayer Meeting: Wednesday meetings are paused for the summer.

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request, please call Janet Remitz at 406-847-5526. No matter how small, no matter how large your request!

Clark Fork, sunset tonight: 8:37 p.m.; next Friday night: 8:31 p.m.

