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Monday

Luke 2:13 And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God.

Angels worship! That is one of the things that angels have in common with saints. Both are compelled to worship their God. So before the throne of God today you may join the angelic hosts as they proclaim the holiness and righteousness of God. When you go before Him in worship you are angelic in your activity. When you praise Him, thank Him, and extol Him, you are joining the multitude of angels who before his throne declare "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is the LORD God Almighty." When you join others in public worship, you are also joining the angels and they are joining you in the worship of the King.

Tuesday

Matt. 6:10 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.'

What is this plea if not a plea for men to be as angels? Angels serve God! When God speaks, these celestial servants do not bicker or argue. They do not debate the merits of a command. You know as well as I that when God gives a command, expresses a desire, or gives instructions the angels immediately execute the plan and desire of God. He speaks. They hear. They obey! When you pray the Lord's Prayer, you are asking that such obedience become the norm upon the earth. God speaks. You hear. You obey. Do you follow the angels in quick obedience?

Wednesday

Heb. 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

Angels serve saints! Angels move at the beckoning of God to minister to those who believe in Jesus. At times they stand to protect a believer under attack by the enemy or his minions. At other times they provide nourishment, comfort, or direction. Often, I suspect, their ministry is unknown to the believer to whom they minister. I wonder how often an angel has stood between you and disaster. So, in a way, you are taking the position of an angel when you stand to protect, provide for, or bring comfort to another believer. You do not need wings or a halo to work as an angel, just an obedient, willing, and caring heart.

Thursday

Luke 2:10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people.

Angels announce Good News! In fact the term used to designate the heavenly beings in both the Old Testament and the New is a word that means 'messenger'. Angels are heavenly messengers delivering the plan of God to people on earth. They delivered words of warning: sometimes words of judgment. Pinnacle of their experience must have been when God sent them to deliver the message of the Messiah's birth. Gabriel got the privilege to announce the good news to Mary. (By the way "Gospel" means "good news.") A host of angels got to announce the birth to the shepherds. Now you can be an angel, a messenger of the Gospel. Do tell!

Friday

Heb. 13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

I'll not forget the day a disheveled black lady showed up on my doorstep in rural South Mississippi. When I answered the door she simply said something like, "The scripture says, 'Whoever does not receive you shake the dust off your feet.'" Well it certainly shook me up! I did my best to minister to that lady that day. After all I knew this 'entertaining angels' verse. How often, I wonder, does God put us to the test. What if the waitress is an angel sent to test the people of God, or the teller, or the cashier. What if the transient is or the driver beside you? Angels walk among us.