*Tuesday, February 18, 2014*

**Angels**

Psalms 34:6-8 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. 7 The angel of the LORD encamps round about them that fear him, and delivers them. 8 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusts in him. (KJV)

Growing up I heard the term guardian angel used many times to let me know that I was being protected. God can use an angel to keep us safe as He has done throughout the Bible; more importantly we need to know that we have access to a shield of faith that keeps our Spirit man covered from the fiery darts of the enemy.

Matthew 18:10-14 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. 11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. 12 How think you? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goes into the mountains, and seeks that which is gone astray? 13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoices more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. 14 Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish. (KJV)

As a newborn babe in Christ we see that God keeps a close watch on His flock. In fact we see the angels are keeping a watch as well. It’s one thing for God to see His people perish for lack of knowledge, but it’s something else entirely to see the flock being misled by others, and it’s something He takes personally.

Exodus 23:20-22 Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. 21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him. 22 But if thou shall indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. (KJV)

The children of Israel had an angel bodyguard, and as you see this being was not someone you wanted to mess with, but who would be your best buddy if you were obedient to the voice of God. Today our Lord has made a way of escape for His people, a chosen path to follow made before the foundation of the world. Even though at times it may seem impossible, He has a way of making the impossible, possible.

Exodus 23:23-25 For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off. 24 Thou shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shall utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images. 25 And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. (KJV)

The same blessings we see in verse 25 are still in play today. The same protection and victory that was provided then is still available now. However God chooses to make a way of escape for His people He is more than capable of doing it, whether He chooses an angel of His to make it happen or not.

Matthew 26:52-54 Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. 53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? 54 But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be? (KJV)

Our Lord knew His rights and authority in the Word; He knew that if it was the will of God to make a way of escape from the situation that it would happen; and the only reason they were able to take His life is because He laid it down, which was the will of God.

God bless dearly loved, and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.