## ANGELS TEACH US

#### I. WHOM TO WORSHIP

#### A. Revelation 22:8-9

The angels of God refuse to accept worship, instead redirecting worshipers to honor the Father.

#### B. Colossians 2:18

Those who have been persuaded to worship angels have been cheated.

## C. Acts 12:20-24

An angel was sent to punish a man who received worship when he ought to have refused it and worshiped God.

## II. TO PRACTICE HOSPITALITY

## A. Hebrews 13:1-2

One of the most important reasons for practicing hospitality is that we cannot know the amount of good will be done by our simple acts. Case in point: angels who were entertained when the hosts thought their guests were men.

## **B.** Genesis 18:1-19:22

Both Abraham and his nephew Lot took care of traveling angels.

## III. TO GUARD OUR TONGUES

## A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:9-12; Jude 8-10

Even the archangel knew not to revile Satan himself.

## **B. Exodus 22:28**

Cursing rulers has never been appropriate.

## C. James 3:6-12

Cursing is incompatible with blessing.

## IV. TO FEAR DAMNATION

# A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:4, 9; Jude 5-7

Even angels who sin face God's eternal wrath.

## B. Job 4:18

He charges angels with error.

## C. Matthew 25:41

Hell itself was prepared for the devil and his angels.

## D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 1:6-8; Matthew 13:40-42

Angels, including the archangel, will be involved in punishing the wocked on the last Great day.

## V. TO DELIGHT IN THE SALVATION OF OTHERS

## A. Luke 15:7, 10

Jesus taught that angels are specifically aware of and rejoice in the salvation of individual sinners.

## B. Romans 12:15

We should rejoice with others in their joy.

## VI. THE WORTH OF OUR OWN SALVATION

## A. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:10-12; Hebrews 2:14-18

Angels are curious about our salvation. It is not a benefit they receive.

## B. Hebrews 1:14

Their role is to assist the saved.

## C. Hebrews 2:1-3; Galatians 3:19

They gave the Old Testament from God to Israel, making it very important, but Jesus personally gave the New Testament, making it far more important.

## D. Galatians 1:6-9

They are not at all authorized to alter the present covenant.

## E. Luke 16:22

The saved will be carried by angels to their reward.

# F. Revelation 3:5; Luke 12:8-9

They are witnesses of our confessions of faith.