



Our Guardian Angels

**Our angels show us
how important we are to God**

Prepare: Read Matt. 18:1-5, 10

You are so important to God that he has assigned an angel to you, which you share with no one else, to help you throughout your life. This angel has a name. This angel has been fulfilling its responsibilities to you all along, in ways that you can't even imagine.



When you've needed more help, God has given you more, especially when you ask for them. One of my routine morning prayers is: "Father God, surround me with holy angels who will help me know and do Your will today. Surround me with so many angels that demons cannot even see me or hear me."

Since angels are normally invisible to our eyes, and since we tend to use logic to explain away their actions, we easily forget about them. In so doing, we underestimate how important we are to God. We worry and fret that he's forgetting about us or that he'll ignore our needs and that disaster will result. Thus, we feel like we're on our own when actually we are not!

How much help we receive from our angels depends upon our trust in God. If we don't really understand that we're important enough to God for him to give us angels, we won't understand their role in our lives. We won't understand their desire to be involved.

What the disciples wanted to know in Matt. 18:1-5 is very familiar to us: Are we good enough? Are we very important? We want to feel valued. We want to believe we're indispensable. But what does Jesus think of this?

He raised up the lowliness of little children as an example of what is truly important in the kingdom of God. Toddlers know they are valued when their parents tend to their needs. Do they worry about being indispensable? Only if brother or sister takes up all of Mama and Daddy's time. When they know they are loved, children know they are important.

We, on the other hand, work hard on feeling important. Why? We spend a lot of effort to create a good image, which means we're trying to find our value in what we do instead of who we are to God.

We are God's children; we were made in the image and likeness of our Daddy-God. As we can deduce from Matt. 18:10, the angels are here to help us BE who we are.

God doesn't give us guardian angels to help us develop great reputations, because we are already great to God. Only when we cooperate with this — letting the angels minister to the child of God that we truly are — can they guide us into doing great things for God. Only then can they guard us from the evil of whatever endangers his plans for us.

If we're sincere in repenting from whatever it is that obscures who we really are, then when we look in the mirror we can see the face that our angels see. Try it. Look for the child of God in the mirror. If you're not rejecting the good person that your Daddy-God sees when he looks at you, you will discover how very valuable and beautiful you are to him.