



## Part 2

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Christians around the world are claiming that angels speak to them (video example at the end of this article). Those claims raise several questions:

- Are these claims real?
- If real, how can we know that these encounters are really with angels?
- Are these angels good or evil? How can we know for sure?
- What do these angels say when they speak?
- How should we respond to what they say?

These and other questions are the focus of our new series, ***When Angels Speak***.



We are learning how angels spoke in the Bible as a way to know how they might speak today, if they speak to humans now. Many Christians claim that angels speak to them, so it is something we should investigate.

The English word 'angel' is a transliteration of the Greek word *aggelos*, which means 'messenger.' Those angels we call 'good' carry messages from God, while angels we call 'bad' carry messages from Satan (e.g. 1 Timothy 4:1, "deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons")

In the **last part of our study** we learned how God used angels to carry out His judgment on disobedient people in the past. We now turn to how God will use angels to carry out His judgment on disobedient people and bad angels in the future.

## Angels of Future Destruction

In Matthew 13 we see Jesus explaining to His disciples the meaning of the parables He had been telling the crowds. The parables were about the Kingdom of Heaven –

*“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.” Jesus said to them, ‘Have you understood all these things?’ They said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord.” MATTHEW 13:47-51*

Many angels will be involved in future judgment and destruction on earth. Here are some examples:

*“After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.” Revelation 7:1*

*“And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets ... Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up. Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter. Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night. And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, ‘Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth,*

*because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound! Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them ... Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, 'Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.' So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. And thus I*

*saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm ... Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!’ And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: ‘We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth.’ Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there*

*were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.” Revelation 8:2, 5-13; 9:1-6, 13-9; 11:15-19*

Here are three other future examples of what angels will proclaim to people on earth during the time of God’s judgment. In light of the purpose of this series, watch for both the *words* and the *tone* of the angels. We’ve seen what angels have said in the past and we’re now looking at what angels will say in the future. What angels delivering God’s messages would say to people now should be consistent with these examples –

*“Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—saying with a loud voice, ‘Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.’ And another angel followed, saying, ‘Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.’ Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, ‘If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength*

*into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.” REVELATION 14:6-11*

We also know that there are angels who will demonstrate superior power over Satan and his angels. Here are a couple of examples –

*“And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, ‘Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. Therefore*

*rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.” Revelation 12:7-12*

*“Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.” Revelation 20:1-3*

## When Satan's Angels Speak

You may be wondering what Satan's angels say when they speak. We have seen in **past studies** what Satan said to Eve in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3). Here's the conversations Satan had with God in the Book of Job –

*“Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. And the Lord said to Satan, ‘From where do you come?’ So Satan answered the Lord and said, ‘From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.’ Then the Lord said to Satan, ‘Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?’ So Satan answered the Lord and said, ‘Does Job fear God for nothing? Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!’ And the Lord said to Satan, ‘Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not*

*lay a hand on his person.’ So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.” JOB 1:6-12*

As Satan told God that he had been “going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it,” we are reminded of what the Apostle Peter told us about Satan’s activities on earth – “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.” (1 Peter 5:8)

*“Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord. And the Lord said to Satan, ‘From where do you come?’ Satan answered the Lord and said, ‘From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.’ Then the Lord said to Satan, ‘Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause.’ So Satan answered the Lord and said, ‘Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your*

*face!’ And the Lord said to Satan, ‘Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life.’ So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.” JOB 2:1-7*

We also know what God said to Satan in Zechariah 3 –

*“Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. And the Lord said to Satan, ‘The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?’ Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, ‘Take away the filthy garments from him.’ And to him He said, ‘See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes.’ And I said, ‘Let them put a clean turban on his head.’ So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the Lord stood by.” ZECHARIAH 3:1-5*

There may be a reference to Satan in the portion of Isaiah that focuses on the fall of the king of Babylon. Isaiah prophesied against someone named 'Lucifer,' who may have been the supernatural power behind Babylon's king –

*“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.”*  
*ISAIAH 14:12-15*

Lucifer's pride fits with what the Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Timothy 3 –

*“(for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.”* 1 TIMOTHY 3:5-7

We find something similar in the Book of Ezekiel where Satan may have been the supernatural power behind the king of Tyre. The first part of Ezekiel 28 appears to be a prophecy against a human being. However, the second part of Ezekiel 28 appears to be a prophecy against a supernatural being. Possibly Satan?

*“Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ‘Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord God: You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. ‘You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you. ‘By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones. ‘Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted*

*your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you. 'You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you. All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; You have become a horror, And shall be no more forever.'*

**EZEKIEL 28:11-19**

It is difficult to understand why Ezekiel would refer to the human king of Tyre as being full of wisdom, perfect in beauty, in Eden, wearing every precious stone as covering, being 'the anointed cherub who covers,' on the holy mountain of God, walking back and forth in the midst of fiery stones, being perfect in his ways from the day he was created until iniquity was found in him, if the prophecy wasn't pointing to the supernatural power behind the human king. The power behind every evil king throughout history has been Satan.

*“He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.” 1 John 3:8*

*“So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” Revelation 12:9*

*“They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”  
Revelation 20:9-10*

We don't have many examples in the New Testament. One reason is that Jesus would not allow demons to speak (Mark 1:34). However, we have a couple of examples of what they said when Jesus confronted them –

*“When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, ‘What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?’ Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, ‘If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine.’ And He said to them, ‘Go.’ So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.” MATTHEW 8:28-32*

Notice that the demons recognized Jesus as the Son of God; they admitted that Jesus was going to torment them at a future time; and they begged Jesus to permit them to go into a herd of swine after He cast them out of the possessed men.

Here's how Mark's Gospel describes demons talking with Jesus –

*“Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. And he cried out with a loud voice and said, ‘What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me.’ For He said to him, ‘Come out of the man, unclean spirit!’ Then He asked him, ‘What is your name?’ And he answered, saying, ‘My name is Legion; for we are many.’ Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. So all the demons begged Him, saying, ‘Send us to the swine, that we may enter them.’ And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered*

*the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.” MARK 5:1-13*

We do learn something interesting in the New Testament about a disagreement between Satan and Michael the archangel concerning the body of Moses. We don't know what Satan said, but we do know what Michael said –

*“Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, ‘The Lord rebuke you!’” JUDE 1:9*

That wasn't the only time Michael and Satan had disputed with each other –

*“Then he said to me, ‘Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. Now I have*

*come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come.” DANIEL 10:12-14*

Daniel’s reference to Michael as ‘one of the chief princes’ may mean that ‘the prince of the kingdom of Persia’ could refer to Satan as the supernatural power behind that kingdom. Also, how could a human prince have withstood one of the chief angels of God for 21 days?

We also know that Michael and his angels will one day fight against Satan and his angels and cast them out of Heaven –

*“And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” REVELATION 12:7-9*

## **Video: When Angels Speak Example – “Archangel Michael Testimony”**

**Archangel Michael Testimony!! Must watch!!**

### **Did You Notice?**

- Brother’s girlfriend prayed to Michael the Archangel? Does the Bible tell us to pray to angels? Which book of the Bible contains that reference?
- What happens in the Bible when Michael approaches people? Which people does he approach and for what purpose? Which book of the Bible contains that reference?
- What do you think about the description of Michael’s face, hair, clothing? Where in the Bible do we find that description of Michael? Which book of the Bible contains that reference?
- Michael allegedly told Christopher that he was ‘lost.’ What does ‘lost’ mean in the context of Christopher’s testimony? Lost because of sin or that he had lost his way in the battle between good and evil? Which would be in line with New Testament teaching? Biblical examples?

- Did Michael tell Christopher about Jesus Christ? Did Michael present the Gospel of Christ? Did Michael tell Christopher how to be saved? Did Christopher ever mention Jesus' name in his testimony? Did Christopher mention sin in his testimony? Did Christopher mention that Jesus died for sin according to the Scriptures, was buried, and rose the third day according to the Scriptures? If so, where in the testimony did Christopher mention Jesus and the basics of the Gospel?
- Did Michael ever quote from the Bible during his testimony? Where? Which verse(s) did he quote or mention?
- Michael allegedly said that ... was 'a bit lost' and needed to get back on the side of good in the battle between good and evil. Where in the Bible are we told we are 'a bit lost' and need to get back on the side of good in the battle between good and evil? Which book of the Bible contains that reference?
- Michael allegedly told ... that he was St. Christopher? ... wonders if he might be the reincarnation of St. Christopher? Where in the Bible are we told that we might be the reincarnation of a dead person? Which book of the Bible contains that reference?

- Christopher said he didn't ask the angel his name and the angel didn't mention his name. So, how did Christopher know the angel was Michael the archangel?
- Do you think an angelic being from God would tell a lost person that they have nothing to worry about when they neglect to preach sin, repentance, belief and confession? If you do, where in the Bible do you find that? Which book specifically?
- What kind of supernatural being do you think would tell someone they are lost, but will be okay without ever mentioning God or Jesus Christ?
- Christopher said that since his 'experience' he has helped friends come to 'the faith' or 'a faith.' What does that mean? What 'faith' is he referencing?
- Do you believe Christopher's 'testimony' is Christian in the sense of what the Bible teaches about salvation? If so, why do you believe that? Please defend using the Bible rather than an emotional experience.

The Bible is quite clear about what it means to be ‘lost’ and in need of ‘salvation.’ It is our contention that any salvation experience other than what we find in the Apostle Paul’s writings would not be legitimate. Do you agree? If not, why not?

*“... that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” ROMANS 10:9-10*

## **False Testimonies**

In case you think I’m being rough on Christopher, please understand that my motivation is simply this:

*” Jesus answered him, ‘The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” MARK 12:29-31*

Love for God and love for neighbor. That's the motivation. When we hear false testimonies, we should be greatly disturbed and should respond by speaking the truth in love. False testimonies contain false teachings and the Bible is clear about how Christians should respond to false teaching.

Christopher's testimony is not true. I'm not questioning whether he had an encounter with a supernatural being. What I am questioning is who was that being? Supernatural beings are all around us, but there is someone who is above every one of them and in Him we place our trust for salvation, wisdom, revelation, knowledge and understanding.

*“Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and*

*seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”*

*EPHESIANS 1:15-23*

We must be vigilant at all times and remember these words of the apostles:

*“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.” 1 Peter 5:7-9*

*“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you*

*may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” Ephesians 6:10-13*

## Angels, Angels Everywhere!

I first came across people ‘talking’ with angels decades ago and they were not Christians. They were part of what was called “New Age” spirituality. Some of their beliefs were familiar to me because I spent time before becoming an atheist in the study of Eastern mysticism. I became a Christian in 1971, about the same time that New Age spirituality was growing in popularity in the West. The New Age spirituality looked a lot like the Eastern mysticism I had studied.

[Marcia Montenegro has a good explanation of [New Age](#) on her website, *Christian Answers For The New Age*.]

One of the common themes I heard from people who were involved in New Age spirituality was that angels were everywhere and available to help anyone who called on them. Anyone. All people needed to do was pray to angels and they would hear and do as we asked.

Even though Jesus Christ was not the primary focus for New Agers I met, some would include His name in their prayers. Here's an example of one New Ager's prayer for self-healing that includes the names of Jesus, angels, and a human 'saint' –

*“Beloved Jesus, loving healer of God; beloved archangel Rafael, loving healer of God; beloved archangel Zadkiel, loving healer of God; beloved St. Teresa, loving healer of God. The love of God is now inside of me. I am completely filled and healed with the love of God. Jesus, Rafael, Zadkiel, Teresa, I am so grateful for the ministering, healing and comfort that you bring to me. Thank you for surrounding and filling me completely with positive energy. Thank you for clearing and cleaning me completely. I am now completely well. I now feel absolutely wonderful, filled with the spirit of love in all ways. I am energized, I am happy, I am rested and refreshed. Thank you God, thank you divine healers. Amen”* HOW TO TALK WITH ANGELS, MARY JO MCCALLIE, ANGEL THERAPY PRACTITIONER AND MEDIUM

Notice that the medium recommends praying to Jesus, angels and a human 'saint' and calls them all 'divine healers.' Jesus, though mentioned first in this prayer, is lumped together with all the other names as one of many divine healers. How does that fit with these verses from the Bible?

*"... and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all." Ephesians 1:19-23*

*"And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under*

*the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:8-11*

*“He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.” Colossians 1:13-18*

*“For to which of the angels did He ever say: ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You’? And again: ‘I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son’? But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: ‘Let all the angels of God worship Him.’ And of the angels He says: ‘Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire.’ But to the Son He says: ‘Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.’ And: ‘You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail.’ But to which of the angels has He ever said: ‘Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool’? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?” HEBREWS 1:5-14*

It doesn't. The name of Jesus is above all other names in the universe. Grouping Jesus with angels and humans is a centuries-old heresy.

The medium goes on to say that all a person needs to do is 'ask' angels to show up when called on and they will. Why are the angels so readily available? Because, New Agers believe, every human being has multiple angels with them from birth (e.g. guardian angels) and are always at the ready to do our bidding.

The medium says the reason you have to call on angels (pray to them) for help is because they cannot interfere with human free will unless you ask. She also emphasizes the importance of people developing their own divine intuition and psychic ability. She also teaches people how to 'hear' angels talk.

Many New Age mediums and psychics work with angels. They talk about ministering 'through' the angels. They say that angels love us, believe in us and want to help us. They say that angels gently work with us to bend our behavior toward that which is good. How do they do that? Some New Agers say angels work quietly by influencing our thoughts, intentions and emotions. Is that true?

*“We might not be aware of that, but they [angels] are constantly trying to lead us toward something good.”* HOW ANGELS TALK WITH US, INTERVIEW WITH DR. THANE GLENN

That angels ‘influence’ our thoughts and emotions sub-consciously toward doing good things is how many New Agers believe we ‘hear’ from them. How do they know that an angel is influencing their thoughts and emotions? Let’s hear from another New Age medium on that subject.

*“There are many signs with angels. They will show you a feather, they will show you a butterfly, they will show you a nickel, they will show you coins. You’ll start smelling different smells, and people also feel the embrace, they feel the love, they feel the heat. Some people feel the tingling, they feel being ‘touched’ by an angel ... after I get warm I see a light and they can be different colors of light. And then it’s like they’re stepping on stage. When they step on stage I will see who they are. Not with the halo like everybody thinks or the diaper. They’re human beings, divine spirits, and they’re all different. They can be a woman, a man, tall, short, fat or skinny ... Everyone pay attention. If everyone just listened, just*

*listen, they're here."* ROSIE CEPERO, THE LEARNING CHANNEL

Angels of different colors of light? I'm reminded of what the Apostle Paul wrote Christians living in Corinth –

*"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works."* 2 CORINTHIANS 11:13-15

So, do angels also 'talk' to us in voices we can hear?

*"They whisper constantly. I'm always listening cause they're always talking to me."* ROSIE CEPERO, THE LEARNING CHANNEL

Many New Agers describe the voice of their ‘angels’ as being a quiet voice inside their mind. Others say the voice sounds like a trumpet or other instrument and that their mind ‘translated’ the sound into thoughts they could understand. Some hear specific words from angels about what they should do with their lives.

Here’s one example of a leading New Age author speaking at a church.

### **Video: Angels Among Us Interview**

**Lorna Byrne & Rev. Matthew Fox Angels Among Us Interview**

Interesting. She sees angels everywhere. That’s ‘normal’ for her. Unemployed angels? Really? They have nothing to do? God is pouring unemployed angels onto the earth? God is pouring unemployed angels on us to ‘save the planet’? Really? We can make this world ‘just’ and ‘full of love’? How do we do that?

Americans have been chosen to be part of the ‘new race’? We can solve the world’s problems as part of that ‘new race’? It’s part of ‘spiritual evolution’? Man ‘becoming more than what we are today’? Really? How does that work from a biblical perspective?

Guardian angels ‘allow’ unemployed angels to be ‘in and around you.’ Angels ‘in’ us? Does that sound like supernatural ‘possession’? As in ‘demon possession’?

The soul we have in us is a ‘spark,’ a ‘speck of light’? That spark is ‘God’ and is ‘inside of you’? Really?

Where does she reference the Bible in support of any of her beliefs in her presentation? Where did she mention Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for sin on the Cross? Where did she mention sin? Where did she mention Christ’s resurrection? Did the ‘priest’ ever question her about what authority she has for any of her beliefs? He did not because they agree that Scripture is not an authority needed in the new age.

[You may find it interesting that Lorna Byrne is a well-known new age spiritualist and author about angels from Ireland. Lorna speaks around the world and presents messages from God and angels in her speeches and books. Those messages include that “it doesn’t matter what you believe or even if you believe in nothing” ([Lorna’s Message](#)). The interview was conducted in San Francisco’s Grace Cathedral by Matthew Fox. Fox is a former member of the Dominican Order of the Roman Catholic Church. He became an Episcopal priest after leaving

Catholicism. Grace Cathedral is the seat of the Episcopalian Diocese of California. Fox is also a well-known author for his books about 'creation spirituality,' which some have classified as monism and pantheism.]

Do angels deliver messages from God to people today? If they do, how can we be sure they are angels and that they are angels from God?

*“One of the ways that God speaks to us is through angelic visitation ... I have had several angelic visitations where angels have ministered to me. That’s primarily what I’ve had, where I know that angels have fought for me, where I’ve seen the presence of angelic visitation ... an impression in my spirit. I’ve never heard an audible voice from an angel, but I have seen angels. So, that’s one of the ways God will speak to us and how we can recognize His voice. ” Paula White, The 8 Ways God Talks to Us*

White’s experience is similar to those of New Age mediums and psychics (see part 5 of our study) who said they had an impression in their thoughts or emotions that was evidence of the influence of angels in their lives.

What do angels look like and what do they say? The first example is with Bob Jones, well-known **prophet and leader** in the New Apostolic Reformation (NAR).

## Video Example: “Breakthrough Angel”

### **Bob Jones & Sharnael Wolverton "Breakthrough Angel"**

Jones passed away in 2014. He had a big impact on other NAR leaders including Mike Bickle, founder of the International House of Prayer (IHOP), and **Rick Joyner**, founder of MorningStar Ministries.

Here is the second example –

*“As an Episcopal priest, I have seen angels sitting on a rafter in the church where I used to serve, especially when many of us were worshipping God. I became curious about my guardian angel, whom I had never seen, so I prayed, asking if I could have a glimpse of him. A short time later, as I was driving across the connector to the island where my church was located, I saw him. I was thrilled. He looked to be about fifteen feet tall, and he was gliding effortlessly above the front of my car. He was holding a long rope in his hand that was attached*

*to my car. I knew he was guarding me that day and always. Later I asked the Lord if my angel had a name, and He spoke a name to me I had never heard before. I thanked my angel for protecting me, and I heard his reply in my spirit: He said he was following Jesus' orders, and that I should thank Jesus, not him. Since then, I do not talk to him. I just ask Jesus to please thank him for me. Once I asked the Lord if my guardian angel had been with me for a long time, and Jesus answered that he had been assigned to me since conception." Rev. Hazel L. Wilkinson, Ph.D., Quoted in Judith MacNutt's book Encountering Angels: True Stories of How they touch Our Lives Every Day, Chosen Books, 2016*

Some people also claim to have seen angels in Heaven. Here's an example concerning **Apostle Doctor Robin Harfouche**, Founder of the Apostolic Women movement:

*"There are many examples in the Word of God of men and women having tremendous visions and revelations of the Lord. Early in her ministry, Doctor Robin found herself caught up in one such vision, when the Lord Jesus brought her to Heaven for an extremely urgent commission. Having laid His hands on her personally, He sent her back to the earth with a revelation of the spirit of pain and insight and direction concerning a*

*global move of the Holy Spirit and an outpouring of the creative miraculous. In Heaven, she experienced the intense and passionate worship which is constantly brought up to God surrounding His throne. As she witnessed saints and angels singing together, dancing, and expressing audibly on all types of instruments and drums, both familiar and unfamiliar, she was downloaded with the sound of Heaven. This impartation can be clearly heard today in her prophetic worship and breakthrough praise. Doctor Robin was ordained by Dr. Lester Sumrall, and has been blessed to have uniquely close relationships with many powerful generals of the faith including Dr. R. W. Shambach, Dr. Norvel Hayes, Dr. Morris Cerullo, and Dr. John Avanzini.” GlobalRevival.com*

What do angels say when they speak? Here are some examples:

*“I can remember having conversations with archangel Gabrielle. One of my favorite activities with archangel Gabrielle was to sit with him and watch spiders make cobwebs. Now, this might sound really strange but it was such a peaceful moment and in that moment the archangel Gabrielle would really tell me how special these beautiful beings were, how patient they were and all the qualities a spider possessed that*

*makes them really, really remarkable.” Jessy Diwan, Angel Whisperer*

*“I was here in church one time and said, ‘God, would you show me the angels that are in here?’ ... And all of a sudden I saw this huge angel standing through the roof. I started looking at his weapon, I started looking at his clothes, I started looking at his face. I asked him his name and he tells me his name. I typed it in on Google ... It’s a financial company and I realized this angel’s here for our finances here at Bethel ... I asked him about his weapon ... What is that? He said ‘it’s the sword of reflection.’ Anytime the enemy attacks he simply flips it around and reflects the attack back at the enemy.” Seth Dahl, Bethel Church, Redding, CA*

*“I grew up and became a psychotherapist specializing in eating disorders, and you would come to me asking for help with an eating disorder or to lose weight or whatever, and I would be talking with your angels and they would be telling me, ‘Yeah, she went to Baskin Robbins this weekend and she had three bowls of double chocolate chip ice cream,’ and you would think I was just a really good therapist. You would have no idea how I was getting this information.” Doreen Virtue, Speaking to the Angels at I Can Do It*

Doreen Virtue said she talked with angels, but did she really? Doreen wrote many books about talking with angels, including *Archangels 101: How to Connect Closely with Archangels Michael, Raphael, Gabriel, Uriel, and Others for Healing, Protection, and Guidance*. She also produced many angel and oracle cards used throughout the New Age world.

Doreen called herself a ‘sensitive lightworker’ and communicated regularly with spirit beings. She also used the terms *Indigo*, *Crystal*, and *Earth Angel* to describe what she and other ‘lightworkers’ do. She encouraged and taught other people how to take up the mission of being a ‘lightworker.’

*“The great news is that, as a lightworker, you’ve been making a positive difference your entire life. You radiate healing energy that soothes others and brings peace wherever you go. That’s because your main global purpose is to love, which is something you do naturally. You care about people; and you wish that everyone could be happy, healthy, and well provided for. You are a giver.*

*So, the form that your mission takes is secondary as long as you extend Divine love. In other words, when you think about a career as a spiritual healer or teacher, the type of work you do*

*isn't important. Whether you teach or practice Reiki, Angel Therapy, mediumship, or some other modality . . . if it's done from a place of loving service, everything else is details." Are You A Lightworker? Choosing A Career In Healing, Doreen Virtue, 2016*

Doreen was one of the leading voices in the New Age world for many years until she became a Christian. That caused a lot of concern for New Agers because she began saying that what she formerly believed and said was wrong and demonic. How could anyone so connected to New Age leave it for a worldview that opposed it? Doreen is now writing books and **recording videos** to answer that question.

What does Doreen say about talking with angels now that she is a Christian and not a New Ager?

*"Demons disguise themselves as angels, and can give amazingly accurate predictions which tangle you up in a satanic web of deceit. The demons will give you a mixture of truth and lies, to hook you in and lead you to deception.*

*The Bible is filled with references to the angels. But nowhere in the Bible does it say we should call on angels. It only says that we should pray to God and he sends us angels. The Bible also warns that the devil disguises himself as an angel (2 Corinthians 11:14), so we need to be very cautious with angels.*

*The new age teaches that demons and the devil don't exist, so that demons can operate undercover without being noticed. They convince everyone in the new age that the only problem is fear or negativity, when in reality many problems are caused by demons and the devil . . . and Jesus is the cure.*

*Many of Jesus' healings recorded in the gospels, involved him casting demons out of people, which resulted in instant healings. In the Old Testament, demons are called "unclean spirits." The Bible teaches that these demons are fallen angels. When we practice New Age methods, or have New Age items in our home, it's breaking God's commandment against idolatry. It's also opening the doorway for demons to mightily mess with you and your life.*

*Always remember that demons lie, so they may falsely claim to be Jesus, an angel, a departed loved one, or an entity. You don't want to take advice from a demon, as they will tangle you into a stronghold. Avoid channelers, and avoid channeled material (including so-called Christian channeled books from Jesus).*

*The New Age false promises are the same ones that the serpent gave to Eve . . . and the serpent continues to try to feed us the same false promises today. Beware of these New Age practices, which can lead you astray, cost you your relationship with God and loved ones, and entangle you with demons who are posing as angels, fairies, aliens, and departed loved ones.” **An A-Z List of New Age Practices to Avoid, and Why**, Doreen Virtue, 2019*

Excellent insights from someone who was deeply involved in communicating with angels (spirit beings). It is good advice for any Christian who believes they are talking to and hearing from angels.

## Bethel Church and Angels

Bethel Church in Redding, California believes in talking with angels and teaches thousands of young people how to do it in the church and in Bethel's School of Supernatural Ministry. Here is some insight into their beliefs and practices in communicating with angels.

[Fast forward the video below to an hour and 10 minutes and 30 seconds for the discussion about speaking with angels. We also invite you to watch the entire video when you have time. It's insightful into the New Age beliefs of Bethel's pastors and elders as written in the book *The Physics of Heaven* – a heretical publication.]

**Video Example: Incorporating New Age Mysticism, Spirit Guides, Auras, Angels, Revival, Healing Energy**

**Bethel Church: Incorporating New Age Mysticism, Spirit Guides, Auras, Angels, Revival, Healing Energy**

## **Next eBook**

What would you do if an angel told you God had sent them to you to correct the wrong teachings of Christianity? That has happened in the past and is still happening today. We'll look at that in the next part of our special series *When Angels Speak*.

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