Intro: 1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” 4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

I. God can use angels in our sorrow – 1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim.

a. God shows Himself in times of Trouble

• Israel is without a king – her enemies are now trying to take her over and Isaiah is hurting for his people for their sins against God. Nothing is going right, and everything is going wrong. But through it all God is still in control. He has not left Israel because His presence is still in the temple. No matter what the outside of this world maybe – we should never let the outside distractions interfere with our worship of God that is on our inside.

° 12 I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. Psalms 86:12

b. Angels can stand in the presence of God – “stood the seraphim”

• It bothers me to my Christian core when I hear the false prophets say that they where in the presence of God and then come across as if they could even stand in the presence of God. Angels can, you and I can’t. His holiness, his majesty, His sure perfection would cause us to fall prostate before the very presence of God.

° 6 And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Nehemiah 8:6

II. Angels are at awe of the awesomeness of God – 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

a. We have a description of an angel

• Isaiah could not have described what this angel looked like if he could not see him. Yes, angels are among us and encounter them every day and do not even realize it. Some have wings, some don’t. Some can look like a snake and others look like the angels of light. Our problem is that we don’t address this because we are afraid to be labeled as an occult. Through out these series I will keep coming back to this verse:

° 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:2

b. The angels and our worship are the same

1. Angels and human worship are the same but different reasons

• Angels, worship on an eternity basis, see God’s holiness, and we don’t fully understand it, but humans worship Him because of His grace, and angels can’t fully understand God’s grace.

° 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 1 Corinthians 15:10

2. Angels and humans worship His purity

• In our worship of Jesus Christ, the Creator of all things, we, both angels and humans, worship him because He is the definition of perfection, purity, and He holy above all that is holy.

° 26 For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Hebrews 7:26

3. Angels and humans worship His divinity

• When you see a word that is repeated in scripture it means that the writer is wanting you to get what is being said with the highest of emphasis’ placed on that word. Here we have not just the word holy said back-to-back, but it was repeated three times. Think about Isaiah is wanting us to absolutely get just how Holy God really is.

° 3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. 2 Peter 1:3, 4

III. Angels cannot be sanctified – 4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

a. Isaiah was the only one crying for purification

• What is the difference between angels and mankind, is that angels can never be forgiven for their sins. Once you cross that line you can never go back. There is no where in scripture where we see angels being forgiven for the sins of falling from God’s presence. But mankind screams forgiveness. Christ died on the cross for the sins of mankind and the angels are not included in this forgiveness. I think this is what makes satan so angry.

° 1 Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God. 2 Corinthians 7:1

b. Angels will never know what it is like to be forgiven

• In summary, fallen angels cannot repent because there is no evidence, they would repent if they could, no sacrifice exists for their redemption (since Christ came for the sins of people), and God knew who would and would not remain faithful. Furthermore, He knew that they would not be eligible for repentance.

° 4 His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. Revelation 12:4

IV. The angels have always been involved in our lives – 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

a. Here the angel is involved in cleansing Isaiah lips

• The angels are servants to minister and support mankind. The word coal (riṣpâ) means a stone. It was not a lump of coal but a stone that was used to for cooking. This gives us a glimpse into how angels are openly and with compassion involved in the life of mankind. Pronounced holy by the Holy One, Isaiah could now stand before the Lord. Note that the angels took a live burning coal in his hand and felt no pain. Our fire does not affect them, so hell, that is made for the devil and his angels, is a different type of fire of pain.

° 13 And to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”? 14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? Hebrews 1:13, 14

b. Angels were used at the birth of Jesus to announce Jesus’ birth

• Think about it. They were there to introduce the Messiah into the world. They had joy, they had hope, they had excitement that the fullness of time has come and Jesus, the soon to be Savior of the world has come to redeem man from the sins. Just as the Father has predestined from the beginning of time.

° 8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. 10 And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 14 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” Luke 2:8-14

c. There were angles at Calvary waiting to destroy the world

• Think about it there was a battle in the spirit world over the action going was going on, on the cross. You are mistaken if you think that Jesus’ greatest enemy was not there on the Hill of the great skull, tempting Jesus to come down from the Cross, “no one cares for you look there laughing at you, show them that You the real God”. Or just say the word and all of this will be over, just give the word and destroy this world look angels are waiting for your perfect word. Just do it and get it over with, stop your suffering for these imperfect, selfish, and ungrateful humans, who do not respect who you are. But He didn’t, His goal was to save us not to destroy us.

° 53 Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? 54 But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?” Matthew 26:53-54

d. Angel’s ministered to Jesus after the Great temptation

• This is what they do, they minister to us after the battle is over. They don’t interfere, they don’t overstep the boundaries, but when they are called to do what God called them to do, they will do it with compassion and purpose. Do you think that they are here today still ministering to us after our battle with satan is over?

° 11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him. Matthew 4:11

e. There will be angels at the second coming of Jesus.

• I don’t know what they will do or what the purpose for them to come, but one thing I do believe and that is it will be with and for a purpose to minister in some way.

° 29 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. Matthew 24:29-31