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

I. God used an angel to drive out Adam and Eve in the garden – 24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life. Genesis 3:24

a. An angel was used to protect the Tree of Life

• Sin can not touch the tree of Life. Jesus proved this. Jesus was pure. There was no sin in Him there was the sin of mankind on him, burying the sins of the world past, present, and future. And on the cross He bore our sins in Him for eternity. Note it was our sins, not His sin.

° 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 1 Peter 2:24

b. An angel was used to protect man in is sinful state

• If man was to eat from the tree of life in his sinful state, then there would be no way of repentance. It is important to note this is the only incomplete sentence we have of God not finishing, and that is the thought of man living in eternal sin without Him.

° 22 Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” 23 therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. Genesis 3:22, 23

c. Fallen angels are now trying to keep you away from God

• The only time in history where God kept you from the tree of life is when man had access to it and then the possibility of being separated from Him forever. That was a good thing, but now satan and his demons are trying to keep us from the tree of life (the cross of Calvary) to stop us from having eternal life with Christ.

° 14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. Revelation 22:14

° 18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. Revelation 22:18, 19

II. We have guardian angels to watch over us

a. Children have angels watching over them

• Have you ever seen something you can’t explain like a child being protect from something that was out of their control. I have. Jesus makes this clear you better not hurt a child or there will be hell to pay.

° 10 “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. Matthew 18:10

° 4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, 6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. Matthew 18:4-6

b. Adults have guardian angels watching over us

• Angels are ministering beings that are sent to serve mankind. Now I don’t know what that all entails, I’m not an angel, but I do know that adults have an angel or two that have them and guard them along life’s way.

° 20 “Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared. 21 Pay careful attention to him and obey his voice; do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgression, for my name is in him. Exodus 23:20, 21

° 11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. Psalms 91:11

III. Michael the archer angel fought Satan over the body of Moses

a. Jude is the only account where we have this event happening

b. This is why God hid the body of Moses

• Joshua accompanied Moses up Mount Nebo, where God showed Moses the land of promise. Moses then sent Joshua back to the people to inform them of Moses' death, and Moses died. God sent the archangel Michael to remove the body of Moses to another place and bury it there, but the devil, opposed him, disputing Moses' right to honorable burial. The text may also have said that he wished to take the body to the people for them to make it an object of worship. Michael and the devil therefore engaged in a dispute over the body.

° 9 But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.” Jude 1:9

° 4 And the Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.” 5 So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord, 6 and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. Deuteronomy 34:4-6

IV. Michael the archer angel fought Satan over the control of heaven

a. Satan had always wanted to replace God

• In Rev. we have a story where Michael the arch angel fought satan f the keys of heaven, and like all the other times satan lost and was kicked out of heaven. The question is when did this happen? I believe it was before the fall of man, while the Lord while He was creating all things. But if you hold to a different view that is fine, because we just are not told when this exactly happened.

°7 Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, 8 but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world— he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Revelation 12:7-9

b. If satan can’t defeat Michael how can be God

• Every time in scripture we find Michael and satan fighting, Michael wins. So, if satan can’t even defeat Michael the arch angel how can he be God. You think that God is going to allow satan to defeat Michael, of course not. Satan has an overinflated ego that matches his overinflated worth in the world.

° 12 “How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! 13 You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’ Isaiah 14:12-14

V. An army of angels were guarding Elijah and his apprentice

a. Christians are guard by angels around them

b. Many Christians that will misinterpret this

• Many will misinterpret this as meaning that angels should be a part of worship and should be worshipped. But in what the scripture teaches they are to be servants to God and servants to mankind, they are not to be worshipped. They don’t worship us and we don’t worship them, but we both worship the Triune God.

° 8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, 9 but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.” Revelation 22:8-9

VI. The arch angels Gabriel and Michael helped defended Israel – Dan. 8:16, 17 and chapter 10

• The phrase king of Persia could mean the king of Persia or could have a dual meaning that being the king of Persia would be Satan attack of Israel.

° 16 And I heard a man’s voice between the banks of the Ulai, and it called, “Gabriel, make this man understand the vision.” 17 So he came near where I stood. And when he came, I was frightened and fell on my face. But he said to me, “Understand, O son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end.” Daniel 8:16-17

° 13 The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, 14 and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.” Daniel 10:13, 14

VII. We all will one day see the angel of Death

° Exodus 12:23 – 23 For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you.

° Hebrews 11:28 – 28 By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

a. The destroyer could be satan

• I personally don’t believe that the destroyer is satan, there is also the fact that the angel was doing the will of God. Satan will not do the will of God; he will only do what is in his best interest. But there are some who believe that this angel is satan the destroyer and they use John 10:10 for prove.

° 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. John 10:10

b. The destroyer could be another angel

• I believe that there is an angel or angels that their duty is to pass on the sentence of death. They are in your hospitals when a loved one takes their last breath, they are with a child when they pass on to be with Jesus, they are in with them in the last moments of ones’ life to escort them to the Paradise or Sheol.

° 22 The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, Luke 16:22

VIII. Animals can see angels

• Maybe this was a one-time thing, or maybe it is on a need-to-know basis, but one thing is for sure animals did or can see angels as well.

° 23 And the donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand. And the donkey turned aside out of the road and went into the field. And Balaam struck the donkey, to turn her into the road. 24 Then the angel of the Lord stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on either side. 25 And when the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, she pushed against the wall and pressed Balaam’s foot against the wall. So he struck her again. Numbers 22:23-25

IX. You will at some time entertain an angel unaware – The story of Manoah, his wife, and Samson.

a. Manoah entertain an angel and did not even know it

• This story was simple, Manoah and his wife were faithful, and she was baren. And when the angel of the Lord saw how respectful they were to him in their hospitality, and how they did this on their own, the Lord gave them a son. So, kindness even to the unexpected.

° 15 Manoah said to the angel of the Lord, “Please let us detain you and prepare a young goat for you.” 16 And the angel of the Lord said to Manoah, “If you detain me, I will not eat of your food. But if you prepare a burnt offering, then offer it to the Lord.” (For Manoah did not know that he was the angel of the Lord.) 17 And Manoah said to the angel of the Lord, “What is your name, so that, when your words come true, we may honor you?” 18 And the angel of the Lord said to him, “Why do you ask my name, seeing it is wonderful?” 19 So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it on the rock to the Lord, to the one who works wonders, and Manoah and his wife were watching. 20 And when the flame went up toward heaven from the altar, the angel of the Lord went up in the flame of the altar. Now Manoah and his wife were watching, and they fell on their faces to the ground. 21 The angel of the Lord appeared no more to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was the angel of the Lord. 22 And Manoah said to his wife, “We shall surely die, for we have seen God.” 23 But his wife said to him, “If the Lord had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering at our hands, or shown us all these things, or now announced to us such things as these.” 24 And the woman bore a son and called his name Samson. And the young man grew, and the Lord blessed him. 25 And the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol. – Jud. 13:15-25

b. The angel brought good news for the Manoah family

• Note the that the fire did not hurt the angel. Hell is a totally differ flame than what we can even imagine. The idea here is that Manoah and his wife were so hospitable and offered an offering to the Lord in such a humbled manner to the angel that the Lord give them a son, Samson.

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X. Animals can see angels – 22 But God’s anger was kindled because he went, and the angel of the Lord took his stand in the way as his adversary. Now he was riding on the donkey, and his two servants were with him. 23 And the donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand. And the donkey turned aside out of the road and went into the field. And Balaam struck the donkey, to turn her into the road. Numbers 22:22-23

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