

## Matthew 18:10 Guardian Angels

Introduction: In verse 2 Jesus said that one must become as a little child in order to be saved. In verse 6 He warned that it is dangerous to harm one who is saved. In our text He sounds out the warning again and tells why.

### I. The warning repeated and the reason given.

- A. Jesus said, "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones..."
  - 1. What little ones?
  - 2. The Christians. (Ones who had become as little children.)
- B. The word "despise" means "to esteem lightly."  
(It is used to warn against harming a saved person in any way.)
- C. The reason for the warning is because their angels do always behold the face of God the Father in heaven. (God has appointed guardian angels to watch over them.)

### II. Guardian Angels

- A. Before the world was created, God created an innumerable number of spirit beings. (angels) Colossians 1:16.
- B. These angels were to serve God in whatever way He wished.
- C. Lucifer, one of these angels, rebelled against God and was cast out of heaven, Luke 18:1.
- D. Many of the angels joined with Lucifer in his rebellion and were cast out with him.
- E. The majority of the angels remain loyal to God and serve Him faithfully.
- F. Although usually invisible to man, they are mighty creatures, Psalm 103:20; II Peter 2:11.
  - 1. Two angels destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.
  - 2. One angel smote and killed an army of 185,000, Isaiah 37:36.
- G. We have no way of knowing what all these angels do for God.  
(They serve throughout the universe and heaven.)
- H. One of the things they do (or at least some of them do) is to protect those who have trusted in Jesus. (text)
- I. Some believe that each angel is to watch over a large group of Christians.  
(Considering their power this is possible.)
- J. Some believe that each Christian is given a guardian angel.  
(As many as God has available, that is possible.)
- K. It is possible that each Christian has many guardian angles, II Kings 6:16-17.
- L. These guardian angels do always behold the face of God the Father.
  - 1. They watch over the Christians and see all that happens.
  - 2. But they also watch the face of God to see what His will is in each matter.
  - 3. On occasions God says, "Let things alone for awhile."  
(As He did when Peter was arrested and imprisoned,) Acts 12.
  - 4. Sometimes God says, "Give my people a helping hand."  
(As He did when Peter was freed from prison.) Acts 12.

### III. What our Lord's words mean to us today.

- A. They still warn the unsaved world not to harm in any way those who are saved.
  - 1. Do not do them any physical harm.
  - 2. Do not say anything bad about them.
  - 3. Do not interfere in the work for God which they do.
  - 4. It is dangerous business to harm God's people.

- B. They warn even us as Christians not to harm our fellow Christians.
  - 1. Just as God does not like for an unsaved person to mistreat a Christian, so He does not even like for a saved person to harm a brother in the Lord.
  - 2. We are to do good, not harm.
  - 3. It is dangerous business to harm a fellow Christian. (God will not send you to hell for doing so, but He may turn their guardian angel loose on you.)
- C. The main lesson to us saved should be that of comfort.
  - 1. God loves us and cares for us.
  - 2. He has appointed a mighty angelic force to see to our need.
  - 3. We are still going to die and God may even allow us to suffer before we go, but it is great to know that nothing can happen to us which He does not permit.
  - 4. When we do die, the angels will carry us to paradise, Luke 16:22.
- D. These words should also be a motivating force to those who are unsaved to cause them to turn to Jesus for salvation.

Conclusion: I call upon you who are unsaved to turn now to Jesus for salvation.  
I call upon you who are saved to serve the Lord.

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