

LIFE and the Bible

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Do You Believe in Angels?

I have a friend who believes in angels – do you?

Here is his story. One day he took his garden tractor out from a storage area beneath the house to cut the lawn and backed it up to the edge of a concrete retaining wall. On the other side of the wall is a 40 foot long hill that is severely sloped. After he positioned the tractor to drive up the steep hill alongside the house he rammed the accelerator to the floor. It was then he became aware that he had not shifted from reverse gear to a forward gear and was now on his way over the wall backwards. His last recollection while sitting on the tractor was seeing a grey colored sky over the roof of the house. This means the tractor was already in a drop position with its nose tilted toward the sky and he was locked in the seat. The next thing he remembers is seeing and hearing the tractor hit the ground next to him in an upside-down position; he was in a sitting position and totally unharmed, not even a bruise or an aching bone. What's more, when he saw gas and oil leaking from the tractor he jumped up, grabbed the tractor and turned it over – an impossible task for a strong young man, but this man was 72 years old when it happened.

The next morning he opened his Bible to Psalm 91, which confirmed his belief in angels and in the word of God, *“For he will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. They will bear you up in their hands, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”*

The Bible relates many stories about angels, such as the one in Daniel about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego who were thrown into a blazing furnace by King Nebuchadnezzar only to be seen walking and talking to a third party apparently not affected by the flames or heat. Then, just as my friend, the king believed in the power of God and the work of angels. He said, *“Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants!”*

In his book, *Mini Moments with Angels*, Robert Strand provides a caution; *“The Bible is explicitly clear that only God is to be worshipped. And the other thing is that we are not to pray to angels. It's okay to ask God for help, but not angels.”* I certainly agree.

Martin Luther wrote, *“The angels are near us, to those creatures by God's command they are to preserve”*. And Billy Graham said, *“I believe in angels because I have sensed their presence in my life on special occasions”*. My friend feels the same way.

I believe in angels! Do you?

God bless you and have a great day!