Angels and Demons- Part 4
Activating Angels & Testing Spirits

Activating Angels

"Essentially angels are agents of the government of God, the sovereign ruler of the universe. Nothing done by man can control angels - they serve and obey God; however our actions seem to influence theirs." Terry Law

Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

How can my behavior activate angels?

THE FEAR OF THE LORD: Proverbs 8:13 (NKJV) 13 The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.

Proverbs 9:10 (NKJV) 10 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Psalm 34:7 The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them. Daniel in the lion's den Chapter 6

PRAISE AND WORSHIP:

Praise - spoken over 800 times/hell only 70 times - PRAISE

Takes us into His presence - God inhabits the praises of His people.

Satan wanted Jesus to worship him - Satan challenges God that Job would curse Him, not praise Him.

Psalm 149:5-9 Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds. 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth. And a two-edged sword in their hand. 7 To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples; 8 To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron; 9 To execute on them the written judgment--This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!
Psalm 100: (NKJV) ¹ A Psalm of Thanksgiving. ⁴ Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. ⁵ For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

PROCLAIM HIS NAME & HIS WORD:

Psalm 103:20-21 Bless the LORD, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word. ²¹ Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.

Philip. 2:9-11 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, [10] 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, [11] and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Top down authority: "Neil Anderson said spiritual authority is not a tug-of-way on a horizontal plane; it is a vertical chain of command. "Jesus Christ has all authority. He is on top. We are underneath Jesus because He gave His authority and power to His servants to be exercised in His Name. Satan and his demons are at the bottom, subject to the authority Christ has invested in us. They have no more right to rule your life than a buck private has to order a general to clean the latrine."

PRAYER: Daniel 6, 9, Matthew 26:53 Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?

Acts 12:5 Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. Acts 12:7 Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands.

ACTS OF GIVING: Acts 10:1-5 (NKJV) ¹ There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, ² a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. ³ About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!" ⁴ And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God." ⁵ Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter.
How do you test an angel?

1. **Understand that there are many false spirits that are not of God.**

   1 John 4:1-6 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

   2 Cor. 11:13-15 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. [14] And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. [15] 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. **Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh and that He is the Christ, the Messiah sent from God is of God.**

   I John 4:2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

   1 John 2:22-23 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

3. **Every spirit sent from God will glorify God and worship God. Angels of God do not receive worship for themselves!**

   Rev. 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

4. **Every Spirit sent from God will speak from God's perspective. He will align with the truth found in God's Word. He will be in opposition to the truth and wisdom of this world and its intellectual and religious systems.**
I John 4:6 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are of the world, and the world hears them. We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Message: But we come from God and belong to God. Anyone who knows God understands us and listens. The person who has nothing to do with God will, of course, not listen to us. This is another test for telling the Spirit of Truth from the spirit of deception.

In addition: You must test every visitation and message with those in the Bible:

1. An Angelic visitation matches those in the bible.
2. An Angelic message will be verified by God's Word. It will never violate, confuse, or twist God's written Word.
3. An Angelic visitation will be to promote God's will, not flatter your flesh or promote darkness.

- If he tells you he is the spirit of a dead relative or friend, he is not an angel from God. God's Angels do not inhabit human bodies or join themselves to human spirits. God's angels do not draw attention to other beings other than Jesus and the Father.
- Does this "angel" socialize and spend undue time with you? It is not a real angel.
- Does this "angel" use physical things to impress you; sights, sounds, colors, the "supernatural?" It is not a real angel. God's angels deliver messages to God's people than vanish. They do not hangout with humans.
- Does this angel flatter you and build up your pride? This is not one of God's angels.
- Does this angel try to force you to do something against your will? This is not a real angel. God's Spirit in you will lead and guide you into all truth. You will have an inner peace that this being is from God by His message (lines up with God's Word and Spirit and His presence).
- Did this encounter bear spiritual fruit? Angels are sent to deliver God's people, bring God's message, and help promote the plan of God through His people.

APPEARANCES OF ANGELS IN THE BIBLE:

- To Abraham. Genesis 18:2; Genesis 22:11-18
- To Hagar, in the wilderness. Genesis 16:7
- To Lot, in Sodom. Genesis 19:1-17
- To Jacob, in his various visions Genesis 28:12
- To Moses. Exodus 3:2
- To Israelites. Exodus 14:19;
- Judges 2:1-4
- To Balaam. Numbers 22:31
- To Joshua, “the captain of the Lord’s host” Joshua 5:15
- To Gideon. Judges 6:11-22
- To Manoah. Judges 13:6;
- Judges 13:15-20
- To David, at the threshing floor of Araunah. 1 Samuel 24:16-17;
- 1 Chron. 21:15-16
- To Elijah, while he lay under the juniper tree. 1 Kings 19:5-11
- To Daniel, in the lions’ den. Daniel 6:22; Daniel 8:16; Daniel 9:21; Daniel 10:5-10; Daniel 10:16; Daniel 10:18; Daniel 12:5-7
- To Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Can Christians be possessed? (Possessed means to own something.) (You can live in a house with termites, but that doesn't mean you have them. You live with the in the. Our body and soul can be affected by the demonic.)

Possession means to have an indwelling demonic spirit or spirits that essentially run the person's life. They actually dwell in the human spirit and "own it."

Total possession involves spirit, soul, and body. If we have been bought with a price, then Satan cannot own us body, soul, and spirit. The answer is no.

BUT WE CAN BE OPPRESSED OR OBSESSED:

BELIEVERS CAN YEILD TO ALIEN THOUGHTS AND BE DEFEATED. BELIEVERS CAN YEILD TO THE FLESHLY DESIRES AND BE DEFEATED. BELIEVERS CAN YEILD TO THE INFLUENCE OF THE WORLD AND BE DEFEATED.

Oppression - Oppress: to persecute or subjugate by force. To weigh heavily upon
- Oppression or influence which includes evil thoughts that encourage carnal sins or affect the mind and emotions.

Obsession - Webster:
Obsession: A persistent preoccupation with an idea or emotion. An idea or emotion causing a compulsive preoccupation.

OBSSESSION involves a continuous attack in certain areas; from lust to religion. Anything that has become an obsession, a compulsion, or a perversion of the natural could fit this definition. In this case, demons
could have a stronghold in the mind and/or have taken up lodging in a Christian's body.

Why do believers have such a small influence over the demonic?

"If our behavior can influence good angel activity; then our sinful behavior can influence demonic activity"

1. **Not under authority – disobedience.**
2. **Allowed flesh to usurp spiritual authority.**
3. **Lack of faith in what Jesus Christ has done for us and delegated responsibility with corresponding authority to us.**

Sin – takes you further that you want to go.
Sin - keeps you longer than you want to stay.
Sin - costs you more than you want to pay.

3 Stages of Sin:
*Ignorance* – you didn't know. God's Mercy gives you time to get right with God.
*Disobedience* – you know what to do, but don't do it.
*Rebellion* – you know what to do, don't do it, and do the opposite thing! The Bible speaks that this is "As the sin of witchcraft...."

HOW DO WE BREAK FREE OF OPRESSION AND OBSESSIONS?

**BE HONEST WITH GOD AND YOURSELF - LET THE HOLY SPIRIT SEARCH OUR HEARTS TO EXPOSE DARKNESS!** Jeremiah 17:9-10 "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? 10I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings. Ephes. 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

**REPENT AND RENOUNCE THE STRONGHOLD:** "change your mind and actions." 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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books together and burned *them* in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and *it* totaled fifty thousand *pieces* of silver. 20So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

**DAILY RECEIVE YOUR GRACE FROM GOD** James 4: 6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "*God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.*"

**SUBMIT TO GOD; RESIST THE DEVIL** James 4: 7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

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