

A subject not much shared about, taught about or even really thought about much - Angels, who are they, what do they do, where are they?

I would like to share with you my testimony, of two separate visitations from angels, but let me lead you first to some scriptures about angels. There are over two hundred instances in the Bible where angels have appeared to someone, the majority of them are in the new testament!

**Heb 13:2** Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. While Jacob Slept in **Gen 28:12** And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. Gideon was comforted **Jdg 6:12** And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour. **Psa 91:11** For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. **Psa 103:20** Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. **Dan 3:27** And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. **Dan 3:28** Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him. **Mat 1:20** But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph... **Mat 4:11** **Then** the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him. **Act 5:19** But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said... **Act 8:26** And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip saying... **Rom 8:38** For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, **39** Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **2Co 11:14** And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light **15** Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

The first time I saw an angel, I knew it was. I was 15 and camping while on a hitchhiking round looking for work out at Gatton, I was only a new Christian and I had been praying "God give me some work", I was with a friend of mine "Tex".

We were camped in a rest area down by the creek, the prickles there were as large as golf balls with long thorns on them so we placed our sleeping bags on the ground and slept on top. During the night I heard a voice calling me, as I rolled around to see who was calling me I rolled onto one of these prickles, it hurt and I was definitely awake.

A man stood at the edge of the road shining like..... I don't know, brighter than the sun, he pointed toward Brisbane and said "Ross go home as I have work for you", he said this to me 3 times, he must have been 10 foot tall, as I blinked in disbelief he disappeared. We awoke the next morning, my hip was swollen from the thorn jabbing me but I could still hear this voice as clear as day telling me to go home I have work for you, and I remembered the angel I had seen the night before, I told "tex" he thought I had lost it.

I started hitching home, the first car that went past picked me up and took me all the way to Buranda Railway Station, I jumped on a train and prayed "God if this is you I got no money and need to get home". Well the very next station a ticket guy got on, but he just sat there and stared at me as if I was not there and then got off at Murrarie. When I got home Mum was surprised to see me but told me there was a phone number for me to ring upstairs, I rang it but it never rang instead a guy picked it up before it even rang and answered my call, he was about to give my job away to someone else as a porter in the Queensland Railways. I worked there for over 7 years.

**The second meeting with an angel!** We were visiting a friend Joy at the New Life Christian bookshop at Rochedale when a lady raced in screaming call an ambulance, I went to see what all the fuss was about first, an Aboriginal man was lying in the middle of the road, he had skin off him everywhere and was unconscious. I ordered the ambulance checked his breathing and rolled him onto his side supporting his head. I prayed "God protect him" was all that came out, I felt a real fool. Joy had returned and a few others when all of a sudden a dark man came running in and laid the boot into this guys backbone, I freaked and told him to back off, he's had enough, but he was coming in for more, I felt as I could not move quick enough to defend him, I laid my body in the path of the kicker and braced myself for a flogging. A Maouri man appeared, pointed at the Aboriginal and told him enough, this made him back off, I thanked the maouri fellow for helping and he replied everything will be alright now, I thanked him again and spoke with him briefly saying how if he had not have turned up I would have been in big trouble.

Later that night as the wife and I were washing the dishes, I was talking about the events and mentioned the maouri fellow, she said there was none, an argument started, I know what I saw, I talked with him he talked with me. So Sharon told me to ring Joy as she was kneeling opposite me praying as well, I rang her and just talked generally about the night and then asked her where did that Maouri fellow come from, her reply was she saw noone but did see me having a conversation with someone that was not there and commented the same as Sharon, "you must have seen an angel", other witnesses were contacted; there was definitely no other person there and everyone wondered why the aboriginal fellow backed off like he did. It took me about 3 weeks to recover from that experience! Both experiences, the first at 15, the second was about 2 years ago, but both of them are as clear as if it happened yesterday, thankyou Jesus for your help and protection.

As you have seen, angels are sent to watch over us, protect us, guide us, and harken to the word of God, they are everywhere unseen but known of, even by non Christians!