

Angel Armies Lesson 7
“Making Angels Angry”

This lesson is a continuation from last week’s lesson on: “Mobilizing Angels with Your Words.”

There are ways to frustrate the grace of God and become a hindrance through our unbelief and doubt. We are advised in scripture not to frustrate the grace of God.

Gal 2:21 “I do not **frustrate** the grace of God...”

“**Frustrate**” = *atheteo* – *ath* – *et* – *he* – *o* = “to disesteem, neutralize or violate, cast off, despise, disannul, bring to naught or reject.”

Angels in Journey-

The Exodus depicted a people going from slavery to a promised land. It was a journey of freedom to the fulfillment of a dream – a land flowing with milk and honey.

- The promise was not without conditions.
- Moses was given the Ten Commandments regarding social laws, sexual laws, and rules of conduct for their journey and new lifestyle.
- The Israelites could not live any way they wanted and gain the promise; obedience was required to inherit the promises.

Ex. 23:20-21 “Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. Beware of Him and obey His voice; **do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions.**”

Angels don’t have the power or right to forgive sins, only the Lord Jesus Christ through His blood.

Ex. 23:21-23 “He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name is in Him. But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries. For My Angel will go before you and bring you in to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites and the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will cut them off.”

Do Not Provoke Angels

Exodus 23 says that great authority was given to the Angel.

- He was to go ahead, leading the way for Israel to the place God had prepared.

- God warned them not to provoke this Angel, but give Him their attention and respect and **beware** of Him.

Beware – Hebrew – *shamar* “to watch, observe, pay attention, guard, or regard.”

- The caution against provoking angels indicates that provocation is possible.

Provoke- Hebrew – *marar* – “to grieve or vex.”

- Root word is *mar* – “bitterness, anger of chafing. It’s the Hebrew word for “*discontent*.”
- God warns the Israelites not to cause the angels to become discontented – or to anger them.
- By using this word **mar**, throughout scripture; God gives further revelation: Gen. 27:34- “When Esau heard the words of his father, **he cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry**, and said to his father, bless me – me also, O my father.”
- **Mar** is used to describe the heart crushing experience of a family that is in turmoil.
- Brothers, Jacob and Esau were fighting, Esau lost his birthright, the mother and extended family got involved, estrangement, deception and stealing took place.
- These events and attitudes caused great **bitterness – mar**.

God is saying that the angels become discontent when there is fighting within families – whether natural families or spiritual families.

Lies and deception cause bitterness.

Conniving and using deceit to obtain what is not rightfully yours angers the angels.

Could this explain some of the lack of victory in the church in America today?

Sin in the Body of Christ must be confronted and removed so the Body of Christ can accomplish the will of God’s Kingdom.

When God’s people who name the name of Jesus as Lord live their lives in rebellion and compromise and fighting to obtain what is not rightfully theirs or have covetousness – it causes the promises and prophecies to go unfulfilled.

This is an area the Scripture calls us to not “quench” the Holy Spirit.

I Thess 5:19-

“**Quench** not the Spirit.”

Eph. 4:30

“Do not **grieve** the Holy Spirit of God [don’t offend or vex or sadden Him] by Whom you were sealed [marked, branded as God’s own]

These verses indicate the Holy Spirit has feelings and sensitivity as we humans do:
“Grieve not” “to distress, cause sadness, grief, to be in heaviness, to be sorrowful, to make sorry.

“Quench not” “to extinguish or put out” As in put out the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Each of us as members in the Body of Christ are called upon by God to live our lives in such a manner of love and obedience to Him that we are not quenching or grieving the Holy Spirit so the Kingdom of God’s promises can be fulfilled among us.

You can’t live the Christian life on your own - thinking it doesn’t matter what I do or how I live, it’s my business how I serve the Lord.

What each of us does, has an effect on others – we can’t sin and it not effect someone else. We are a body that is created and fashioned to work and live in unity.

Guard Your Words-

As was taught last week, we must align ourselves with God’s Word- saying what He says.

- **“Watch your Words”**

Job 6:25- “Right words are forcible.”

“Forcible” – Hebrew = *marats* = “powerful or constructive.”

- Declaring God’s Word constructs good things to come to us.
- Faith decrees, based on God’s Word, mobilize angels to help us build successful lives.
- Evil decrees of unbelief do the opposite – they tear down and destroy.
- Negative attitudes and statements are not simply harmless musings of a pessimist.
- They activate the demonic.

Mark 11:23-24 Jesus said you get what you speak

“For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, be removed and be cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”

- A mountain is symbolic of an obstacle, hindrance, or insurmountable problem in life.
- Faith is the key that releases the resources of heaven into our situation.

Jesus on “Faith Confessions”

From Jesus’ own lips we have the most direct and practical instruction concerning our exercise of faith. There are three points:

1. Faith is to be “in God.” **“Faith that speaks is first faith that seeks.”**

- The Almighty One is the Source and Ground of our faith and being. Faith only flows **to** Him because of faithfulness that flows **from** Him.
2. Faith is not a trick performed with our lips, but a spoken expression that springs from the conviction of our hearts.
 - The idea that faith's confession is a "formula" for getting things from God is unbiblical.
 - The fact that the faith in our hearts is to be spoken, and thereby becomes active and effective toward specific results, is taught here by Jesus.
 3. Jesus' words "whatever things" apply this principle to every aspect of our lives.

The only restrictions are:

 1. Our faith be "in God" our living Father and in alignment with His will and Word.
 2. That we "believe" – not doubting in our hearts. Speaking to the mountains is not a vain or superstitious exercise or indulgence in humanistic mind-science, but instead becomes an applied release of God's creative word of promise.

Words of Faith-

Angels are a divine warrior force behind the heirs of salvation, but they are not passive, naïve, unthinking beings who minister regardless of what we do.

- We cannot live any way we want to and have God's Kingdom supporting us. We cannot live undisciplined, uncommitted lives and have the assistance of angelic forces. That's like former Israel having bowed their knees to idols and getting into conflict with enemy nations and taking the Ark of God [His Presence] into battle expecting God to be with them, when they were not faithful to Him. They presumed upon God's mercy and He was not with them because of their faithlessness to Him.
- We are destined to live the life we speak. Angels know it, the demons know it; it just seems that the Body of Christ and people today don't understand it.

Why is the church not influencing the world as it should?

Why are Christians not reaching the harvest for souls about which Joel prophesied?

Why are there so few miracles?

Why the empty unfulfilled promises?

We may have provoked the angelic realm with our lack of faith, loose living, un-dedicated lifestyles that are seeking more pleasure and comfort than the Kingdom of God being accomplished.

Our actions and our words can ground our “Heir Force.”
God would not have warned us not to provoke angels if it were not an important issue.
Impotent, lifeless, words cause angels to be discontent.

God’s Word is true:

- We should not retreat from standing with It.
- Rebellion to God’s sexual laws is being winked at under the guise of politically correct thinking.
- Homosexuality occurs, due to a silent church’s passivity.
- Adultery, pornography, lusts of the flesh, greed, broken covenant, apathy, lying, conniving, backbiting [all of which are in the Body of Christ] are causing bitterness of soul – “*marring*”

Even pastors are saying things like:

- We are never going to reach the world in these awful times.
- Miracles were for Bible days.
- The church is going under.
- This or that portion of the Bible is really irrelevant today.
- People today are just too hard to reach for Christ.
- This world system is just too ingrained into people; we will never be able to get the world out of them.
- We will never be able to overcome that sin or bondage. It’s too entrenched into people.
- The coming generation is too wrapped up in sin to ever change.

I wonder if the angels ever say: **“If we could just get the saints to shut up and stop talking unbelief and stop quoting the demons, we could get something done.”**

**It is time for a new generation of saints, with a new – renewed attitude and lifestyle.
It is time for a divine shift into true Christianity with the decision to quit playing as if we are going to do it and for us to simply do it.**

- It’s time for a faith-decreeing church to arise.
- It’s time to align our words boldly and unashamedly with God’s Word.
- It’s time to decree God’s will on earth, done in Jesus’ Name.
- It’s time to launch a new move of God in America.

Jesus is the King of Hope – He is all powerful.

Our declaration should be:

- God is the same yesterday – today and forever.

- Miracles are for today.
- The church is getting stronger and stronger and more relevant.
- Its influence is growing.
- People are hungry for God; He is the only relevant answer.
- Our God, the Creator is never outdated.
- This world's systems and all the technologies are made for now, made for us to use to preach the Gospel and Jesus as never before.
- There has never been more darkness, so our light can now shine brighter than before.
- This generation will prophesy, they will see signs and wonders and move in God's power.
- Success is inevitable because no weapon formed against us can prosper, and if God be for us who can successfully be against us?

Our great God has promised:

“I will be an enemy to your enemy and an adversary to your adversary. I'll be on your side. My angels will go before you and lead you into My promises.

Live in such a way that you construct an atmosphere for My Kingdom advancement.

Do not provoke My angels. Do not ground them.

Launch them! **Release them with words of faith!**