

THINGS THE ANGELS DESIRE TO LOOK INTO

Scripture:

1 Peter 1:10-12

Introduction

The human race is by far the most privileged of God's creation. For God has extended to humanity many things that he did not even give to the angels.

Angelic hosts stand in amazement at God's mercy and grace toward men. For men have rejected God's act of redemption, his desire for fellowship with men, and even His eternal rewards. These are things that the angels earnestly desire to look into.

I. Redemption

Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: For thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Revelation 5:9-10

A. God has redeemed man

1. Angels announced Jesus' birth
2. Man alone has been redeemed

Illustration

Mac's Pawn shop in Farmington.
Articles pawned while money is being loaned on them. Exorbitant rate of interest charged on money loaned.

I. Redemption

B. Angels were not redeemed

And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgement of the great day.

Jude 6

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness to be reserved unto judgement.

II Peter 2:4

II. Divine Fellowship

Behold I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in unto him, and will sup with him and he with me.

Revelation 3:20

A. Man created to have fellowship with God

1. We are called to fellowship

God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Cor 1:9

2. Redeemed to restore fellowship

B. Angels created for service

1. Their only right is to respond to God's command

2. Created to minister to the redeemed

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Hebrews 1:14

C. Fellowship through the "Indwelling Spirit"

II. Divine Fellowship

C. Fellowship through the indwelling Spirit

1. Empowered--**Acts 1:8**
2. Sonship attested--**Romans 8:16**
3. Intercedes--**Romans 8:26**
4. Made like Christ--**Romans 8:29**

III. Eternal reward

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:14

Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

II Timothy 4:8

A. The angels desire such a reward

1. Not their privilege
2. Reserved for the Redeemed

B. What the rewards consist of

- Accident ——— 1. To eat of the tree of life--**Rev. 2:7**
AT 2. A crown of life--**Rev. 2:10**
SMT RIVER 3. A new name--**Rev. 2:17**
Canyon 4. Power over nations--**Rev. 2:26**
5. Robe of righteousness--**Rev. 3:5**
6. Enthroned with Christ--**Rev. 3:21**
7. Inherit all things--**Rev. 21:7**

Conclusion

These things that the angels desire to look into are things which we must ask for to receive. God will not force these things upon us.

Some will lose these from sheer neglect.

How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?

Hebrews 2:3

Conclusion (cont'd)

Some will reject. The very things which the angels would pay dearly to experience will bring an indictment against them.

Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace.

Hebrews 10:29