PROTECTION BY ANGELS GUIDELINE

APG 101 UNDERSTANDING ANGELS

Two fold ministry.

1. Messengers: Represent God's interest.
   - Help carry out plan and will of God.
2. Protectors: Psalm 121:7, "The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil." Psalm 34:7; Psalm 91:11.

I. NOT ALL ALIKE: Five divisions.

1. Archangels: Michael, chief messenger
   Daniel 12:1; 10:21.
2. Special messenger: Gabriel - Daniel 8:16; 9:21; Luke 1:26
3. Cherubims: Genesis 3:24 (as guards); Ezekiel 10:1-22 (describes)
4. Seraphims: Isaiah 6:2 - Six wings, face and feet
5. Guardian angels: Matthew 18:10

II. POWERFUL: 1. Genesis 19:11 - Smote men at door with blindness.
2. II Kings 19:35 - Killed 185,000 Assyrians.
3. Acts 12:7-11 - "Chains fell off" Peter's hands - jail.

III. NUMBER IS ENORMOUS: Hebrews 12:22, "To an innumerable company of angels."
- Revelation 5:11, "And the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands."

IV. NOT ALL GOOD:
- II Cor. 11:13-14, "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."

V. ABILITY TO APPEAR AS HUMANS: Genesis 18:2, "Looked, and, lo, three men stood by him." 18:8, "and they did eat."
- Acts 10:30, "Behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing."
- Hebrews 13:2, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

VI. MUST STILL DEPEND UPON GOD FOR VICTORY: Jude 9.
"Michael said, The Lord rebuke thee."

VII. OTHER BRIEF AIDS TO UNDERSTANDING
1. Masculine in gender.
2. Immortal: Luke 20:36, "Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels."
3. Have names: Gabriel, Michael, Lucifer.
4. Do not marry: Matthew 22:30, "In the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven." Blows theory of man and angels mating.
5. Created by God, not children of God: Ezekiel 28:15, "From the day that thou wast created."
6. Not dead saints, since they were created.

APG 102 - AREAS OF ANGEL PROTECTION

- Must believe angels exist, believe in their ministry of protection, and meet the conditions.

- Psalm 91:4, "His truth shall be thy shield and buckler." - What truth?? - Psalm 91:11, "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." Psalm 34:7, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

I. EVILS FROM WHICH DELIVERANCE IS PROMISED:

1. "Snare of the fowler," 91:3. Hidden dangers of cleverest and cruelest of all, Satan.
   - Things uses as bait to ensnare - draw away: I Timothy 4:1-2, wealth, position, success, etc.

2. "Noisome pestilence," 91:3. Destroys, cuts off.
   - Things doctors and drugs can't cure - the so called incurables.
   - Covers retardation.

3. "Terror by night," 91:5. Thoughts of the mind, robber, rapist.
   - Effects of darkness.

4. "Arrow that flieth by day," 91:5. Riots, bullets, attacks, wars.

5. "Destruction that wasteth at noonday," 91:6.
   - Tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes.
   - Satan wants to get the full effects.

II. REWARD OF THOSE WHO TRUST GOD:

1. 91:4, "His truth shall be thy shield and buckler" - armor.

2. 91:5, "Thou shalt not be afraid" - Does not say fear does not come against, but not be afraid. II Timothy 1:7.

3. 91:7, "It shall not come nigh thee." - close, but not harm those trusting, not "trying."

4. 91:8, "Eyes...behold and see the reward of the wicked." God is faithful to protect His - others left to Satan.

5. 91:15, "I will answer him." I John 5:14,15.

6. 91:15, "I will be with him in trouble." Isaiah 43:1-3.

7. 91:15, "Honour him." - makes him known and Who trusts in.

8. 91:16, "With long life will I satisfy him."

9. 91:16, "Shew him my salvation." -- all Jesus is.

   - John 14:21, "Will manifest myself to him."

10. Luke 10:19, "I give unto you power...over all the power of the enemy."

11. I Corinthians 10:13, "Not permit you to suffer more than able to bear--make a way to escape."

APG 103 - CONDITIONS FOR ANGEL PROTECTION

I. COMPUTER REPROGRAMMED:
- Romans 12:2, "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (not man).
- Psalm 1:1, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly."
- Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the Lord (not man's systems) with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."

II. CONSTANT CONTACT - Psalm 91:1

1. "Dwelleth" - abide, settled, lodges securely and quietly.
2. "Secret place" - hiding place; "shall abide" - continuous.
3. "Shadow" implies nearness, close companion.
4. 91:4, "Under his wings" - young bird to mother.

III. CONTINUOUS CONFESSION: 91:2, "I will say"

1. "My refuge" - escape from danger - retreat from.
2. "My fortress" - stronghold - tower of defense.
3. "My God" - all the time - all situations, not some.
4. "In him will I trust" - Hebrew, "him alone."
5. Isaiah 54:17, "No weapon...formed against thee shall prosper."
6. Proverbs 14:3, "The lips of the wise shall preserve them."

IV. CONFIDENCE IN WORD: 91:4, "His truth shall be thy shield and buckler."

1. Reject possibility thinking with Word.
- Psalm 112:7, "He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord."
- Psalm 121:7, "The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul" (mind, will, emotions).

V. COMPLETE LOVE: 91:14, "Because he hath set his love upon me." Not part, or part time.

1. I John 4:18, "Perfect love casteth out fear...He that feareth is not made perfect in love."

2. Luke 14:26, "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and his mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple."

VI. COMPREHEND POWER OF HIS NAME: 91:14, "Because he hath known my name." Not knowing about, which does not last long and changes, but personal relationship that develops continuously.

- A meaningful use of that name, "Jesus."
- Often all one may have time to say.
- Should come automatically to lips, due to relationship and knowledge of value.

APG 104 - LIVE LONG AND LOVE IT

I. KNOW GOD'S PLAN:
- Psalm 90:10, "The days of our years are threescore years and ten: and if by reason of strength they be fourscore."
- Exodus 23:26, "The number of thy days I will fulfill."
- Psalm 91:16, "With long life will I satisfy you"

II. KNOW GOD'S CONDITIONS:
Proverbs 4:10, "Hear...and receive my sayings (not world's); and the years of thy life shall be many."
- Proverbs 3:1-2, "Forget not my law: but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee."
- III John 2, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospers."

III. KNOW GOD IS THE REAL SOURCE OF HEALTH-LIFE:
- Drugs and medicines are man's efforts to stay alive without trusting God, but man.
- Exodus 15:26, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."
- Proverbs 9:11, "For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased."
- Psalm 121:7, "The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil."
- Proverbs 10:27, "The fear of the Lord prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened."
- II Timothy 4:18, "The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and preserve me..."
- Proverbs 2:8, "He preserveth the way of his saints."
- Psalm 103:4, "Who redeemeth thy life from destruction."
- Psalm 91:16, "With long life will I satisfy him."

IV. KNOW WHERE STRENGTH COMES FROM:
- Psalm 90:10, "If by reason of strength they be fourscore."
- Psalm 28:7-8, "The Lord is my strength and my shield...The Lord is the saving strength of his anointed."
- Isaiah 26:4, "In the Lord God is everlasting strength."
- II Timothy 4:17, "The Lord stood with me and strengthened me."

V. KNOW FAITH MUST BE OPERATIVE TO REAP THE BENEFITS!

1. God's promises:
   - II Corinthians 1:20, "All the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us."
   - Psalm 91:11, "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."
   - Psalm 34:7, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

2. God's principle:
   - Romans 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
   - Numbers 23:19; Isaiah 55:11.