

The Assistant Pastor

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The Good Angels

Sometimes we wonder what knowledge or ideas our people have of the angels. Are angels merely something beautiful to talk to children about, or are there really angels? If so, what are they? Are they our little ones who have died and gone to heaven?

Fearing that the general knowledge of the angels may be vague and indefinite, if not also erroneous, we will set down here some of the principal facts about them as revealed in Scriptures.

The angels are real beings, created sometime during the six days of Creation. They are spirits, not material beings such as we are. They "excell in strength," they are "greater in power and might" than man. Luther's statement that one angel is mightier than the whole world is well founded in Scripture.

The number of angels is very great. Christ says to Peter He could ask the Father for twelve legions of angels. Daniel speaks of ten thousand times ten thousand.

The good angels stand ready and willing to obey their God and Creator. They are "ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation." "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

Kings have their soldiers as body-guards; our president is protected by secret service men. Every "heir of salvation" has an unseen host of angels on constant duty guarding him "in all all his ways." No penitent sinner who believes the grace of God through Christ Jesus, is so lowly that he does not have his angel guard.

No war, no pestilence, no accident, no affliction is so severe that it cannot be and is not made to "work together for good to them that love God." This is just as true as that God the Father is the Almighty Maker of heaven and earth. That the angels have "ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation" (Heb. 1:14) is just as true as that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

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First Sunday, Norwegian, October-April, 10:30 a. m.

Third Sunday, English, October-April, 10:30 a. m.

Saturday School every Saturday, 10 a. m.

Confirmation class, Fridays, 2 p. m.

SAUDE

Second Sunday, bilingual service, Oct.-April, 10:45 a. m.

Fourth Sunday, English, October-April, 10:45 a. m.

Saturday School, 2 p. m.

Confirmation class, Fridays, 9:30 a. m.

Fifth Sunday by special announcement.

Baptism: Lora Jean, a child of Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Knutson. Born, March 11th, baptized April 18th. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Art Cutsforth.

The dates have been set for the confirmation services. The 30th of May at Saude, and June 6th at Jerico.

Envelopes for the annual Convention Offering are soon ready for distribution. We hope to have them distributed in our congregations, together with the June issue of the Assistant Pastor, a few days before May 30th. Instead of having Confirmation offerings and the Convention offering too, practically at the same time, we will combine the two. Bring your Convention offering on Confirmation Sunday and place it on the altar as your Confirmation offering. The loose cash in the offering will be sent to the Nigeria Mission.

No one who was present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alva O. Knutson on the afternoon of April 4th will doubt the statement made in the Assistant Pastor some time ago, to the effect that the Knutsons "have prospered and increased in number and stature till now they could return to South Dakota and drive the Indians out." There were Knutsons inside and outside, upstairs and downstairs; there were old ones, young ones, and middle aged ones. All, however, were of one kind: good, substantial citizens, and active members of our Jerico church.

The occasion was the forty-ninth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ole J. Knutson. Mr. and

Mrs. Knutson have reared nine stalwart sons who all reside in our communities, and one daughter, Mrs. Henry Hoffland, who lives in South Dakota.

A big dinner was served, the pastor spoke a little and also presented the bride a purse from the assembled friends and relatives. The Knutsons have entered the twilight of life. We wish them a pleasant evening and finally that rest that remaineth to the people of God.

The Pastoral Conference of our circuit met at Story City, Iowa, the 13th and 14th of April. Besides the pastors of the circuit, Pastors Klatt, Wunderlich, Schliepsick, Brewer, and Hesse of Sumner, Fredericksburg, Hubbard, Buckeye, and Eldora, respectively, also attended.

Such meetings for study of some special subject and of common problems, are instructive, beneficial, encouraging, and refreshing. Exchanging ideas and experiences with men of one's profession or work, helps greatly to prevent one from growing stale and moss-grown. We sincerely hope and believe that a pastor's time spent at a conference also benefits the congregation.

As a sample of what was considered at this conference, I shall mention a paper read by Rev. B. Teigen on Genesis 1:1-5. This particular passage is so clear that it might seem unnecessary to subject it to special study. But it must be borne in mind that it is oftentimes important to know, not only what a given passage **does** teach, but also, what it does **not** teach.

Evolutionists who try to harmonize the Bible and evolution, find in the words "In the beginning" room for their billions of years. The plain little word "day" is made to stand for a period of time. Each "day" may be thousands or even millions of years long. Learned and intellectual men have a remarkable ability to make simple things difficult, and then to gain the admiration of just plain people for writing books on their fantastic theories. Many Christians have been led away from the clear statements of God by the unfounded theories of so-called learned men. Our schools, higher and lower, are packed full of evolution; newspapers and magazines broadcast it to millions.

That the "six days" of Creation (Gen. 1) represents "six periods of time" is accepted by a great, great many who profess to believe the Word of God as revealed in the Bible. That you may see the fallacy of this theory, please read Exodus 20: 9-11.

How can "day" here mean a "period of time" of indefinite duration? No one claims that it does. How then can anyone claim that "day" stands for a "period of time" in Gen. 1? The same days are spoken of in both passages.

THE LENTEN OFFERING

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