

## 005 – Angels and Precious Promises

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- In a vision you see and hear something.
- In a visitation you see, hear, and touch something.
- It's in the touching something that part of the discernment comes to tell whether or not messengers come from the Lord or whether their imposters
- [Moroni 7:29](#) Take off verse for the Ministry of Angels – Angels have not ceased to minister
- [Moroni 7:30](#) the formula for obtaining the administration of angels – “showing themselves to them of strong faith and a firm mind in every form of godliness.”
- [Moroni 7:31](#) those able to receive ministering angels face-to-face are considered “chosen vessels.”
- Then, the chosen vessels bear testimony to the residue of men so they too may have faith in Christ.
- [Joseph Smith](#) quote that you need the priesthood and the gifts of the Spirit to discern the laws which govern these spirits.
- Discerning of spirits involves “touching” their hand.
- [Elder Holland](#) said we need to ASK for angels to help us
- [Joseph Smith quote](#): “A man is saved no faster than he gets knowledge...”
- [Joseph Smith quote](#): “...knowledge is the power of God unto salvation.”
- We are not tapping into a powerful source of help if we are not asking for angels to help us
- Most messengers that minister to us are family
- They are waiting for 1) permission, 2) invitation
- Angels have different gifts and skills; be specific when asking for what you need them to help you with.
- Mike asked for angels that could help with healing the physical body when his daughter went in for surgery
- [BD Prayer](#): The object of prayer is to secure blessings that God is already willing to grant but that are made conditional on our asking for them.
- Ask, seek, knock. When I learned that little secret, the heavens started to open up for me (Mike).
- [2 Peter 1:1-4](#) Hath given to us all things through knowledge whereby are given unto us “Precious Promises” that ye might be partakers of the “Divine Nature.”
- In order to become a partaker of the Divine Nature you have to obtain these precious promises.
- [2 Peter 1:5-7](#) List of characteristics of the Divine Nature: faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, charity.
- Once you have charity you have all the others listed.
- If you have these attributes, you will have a knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- [2 Peter 1:8-10](#)...give diligence to make your calling and election sure (CES); for if ye do these things ye shall never fall. Only scripture that says CES.
- If you obtain your CES you obtain a promise of entrance into the kingdom of the Lord.
- You don't obtain anything if you don't ASK for it
- Change prayers to ask for 1) precious promises, 2) CES, 3) entrance into the kingdom of the Father
- [D&C 2:2](#)...plant in the hearts of the children the promises made to the fathers...new understanding
- [D&C 129](#): Shaking hands with a messenger to test if they are of messengers of light or dark
- [JSH verse 38](#)... I will reveal unto you the priesthood by the hand of Elijah the prophet...promises made to the fathers....
- The promises made to the fathers is having a promise from God by His own mouth that you will inherit a place in His kingdom (CES).
- [D&C 107:18-19](#) – privilege of receiving the (promises) mysteries of the kingdom of heaven and commune with the 1) general assembly and church of the firstborn and 2) God the Father and Jesus Christ.
- [Ether 12:17-21](#) Obtain not the promise until AFTER their faith – you're going to be tried
- Saw beyond the veil with the eye of faith BEFORE truly saw God face-to-face
- Visualize angels; speaking with Christ; seeing God.
- Bro. of Jared got his confidence to ask God to show himself because he had already obtained the promise
- Everything we read in scriptures can happen to us
- [D&C 88:67](#) If your eye be single to my glory...the days will come that you shall see Him...in this life
- [D&C 88:68-69](#) Great and Last Promise – the day will come that you shall see Him for he will unveil his face unto you
- [D&C 88:74-75](#) Purpose of the Church is so we can organize ourselves and the purpose of the Gospel is so we can sanctify and purify ourselves...“that I may fulfil this promise, this great and last promise, which I have made unto you, when I will.