

Holy Angels

Book 2 Chapters 7-8

Chapter 7

The Angels and the Epistles

1. On the bottom of page 168 Mother Alexandra quotes 1 Timothy 3:16. Here is the translation found in the Orthodox Study Bible:
“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:
God was manifested in the flesh,
Justified in the Spirit,
Seen by angels,
Preached among the Gentiles,
Believed on in the world,
Received up in Glory.”
The Orthodox Study Bible points out that this was a creed or hymn used by the ancient church. Do you find it interesting that Paul includes angels in this creed? Why or why not?

2. Paul acknowledges the spiritual warfare going on around us. Other than Angels defending us, what Armor does Paul tell us to wear in Ephesians 6:14-18?

3. In 2 Corinthians 2:11 Paul recognizes Satan’s resourcefulness. Saint John Chrysostem also comments on this verse:
“Satan can destroy even under the show of piety. For he can destroy not only by leading into fornication but even the opposite, the immoderate sorrow which can follow on repentance for it. To take us by sin is his proper work, but to ensnare us in our repentance is an even more subtle disgrace, because that is our weapon, not his.”
Look back at our list of Armor- What are some ways Satan uses our Armor against us? What can we do to protect our Armor?

4. The passages in Hebrews points out the difference Christ made in the ranking of the Angels. Mother Alexandra says, “In this sense through Christ man is raised above the angels”
How does this make you feel?

5. What does Mother Alexandra point out about including Angels in our prayers?

Chapter 8

Angels in the Book of Revelation

1. Although John's prophetic message was spoken to him by an Angel, who is the message coming directly from? (page 178)
2. Mother Alexandra lists 19 different Angels in the Book of Revelation, as you read through each one, decide which Angel is the most interesting to you. Explain why this Angel is interesting to you.
3. According to page 185, how does God use Angels in the Book of Revelation.
4. Page 191 references a concept of 'idolatry of good.' What are some examples of this?
5. Mother Alexandra describes the relationship with Angels that we will have when we are in Heaven (City of Happiness/New Jerusalem) at the top of page 192. What are some of the elements she describes?