

CAN ANGELS ATTAIN SALVATION?

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A misguided old hippy once told me that after a lot of prayer he thought that Yahweh was telling him that Yahweh was going to allow him to be abducted by aliens so that he could witness to the fallen angels and the Nephilim, in order to bring them to repentance and salvation. I stood there for a long moment and was so shocked that I asked him to repeat what he had just said. He repeated it word for word, just like the previous time. I asked him if he was aware of the fact that angels could not receive salvation. He said that he wasn't too sure that what I said was correct. He said that when Yeshua had died he descended to hell and preached to everyone, including the fallen angels. And to cap that part of the conversation off, he said that he was pretty convinced that when Yeshua had finished his preaching in hell, that some of the fallen angels had repented and had received forgiveness. He told me that there were some scriptures that seemed to indicate that what he was promoting was true, but could only produce Mark 16:15, which we will examine below. Then, he further blew my mind when he said that he had run the notion past a pastor friend of his that he esteemed greatly, and that this pastor had confirmed that the helper was right on the mark.

So, let's look at the Gospel of Mark's verse that this gentleman says gives him license to have an alien abduction experience in order to preach to the fallen angels and the Nephilim:

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15

Of course, you know me. I have to do language studies when things like this come up. So, let's look at the first word of interest in the scripture in Mark. That word is "world." We have to establish where we are to travel to in order to preach.

Strong's "world"

Strong's Reference Greek 2889
kosmos {kos'-mos}

- 1) *an apt and harmonious arrangement or constitution, order, government*
- 2) *ornament, decoration, adornment, i.e. the arrangement of the stars, 'the heavenly hosts', as the ornament of the heavens. 1 Pet. 3:3*
- 3) *the world, the universe*
- 4) *the circle of the earth, the earth*
- 5) *the inhabitants of the earth, men, the human family*
- 6) *the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ*
- 7) *world affairs, the aggregate of things earthly*
 - a) *the whole circle of earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures, etc, which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ*
- 8) *any aggregate or general collection of particulars of any sort*
 - a) *the Gentiles as contrasted to the Jews (Rom. 11:12 etc)*
 - b) *of believers only, John 1:29; 3:16; 3:17; 6:33; 12:47 1 Cor. 4:9; 2 Cor. 5:19*

We can pretty well ascertain that the scripture is talking about the earth when it is talking about going out into all the world. One could possibly make an argument for the world meaning “the heavenly hosts,” or in more modern term, the stars but there are a few problems with that. If we were to use that argument, then it would exclude the earth, the main focus of Gospel preaching. An argument can be made for the universe being where the Gospel is supposed to be broadcast. This would be assuming that there are other tangible inhabitants in the universe. Both scripture and physical evidence exclude that idea. No matter how much people want to believe in space brothers, no physical proof exists and when the day finally comes where supposed proof does make itself known, it will be a delusion of the highest magnitude. And as we will see later on by our examination of the scriptures that surround the scripture in question, there is a context that we have to follow.

Strong's – “Preach”

Strong's Reference Greek 2784

kerusso {kay-roos'-so}

1) to be a herald, to officiate as a herald

a) to proclaim after the manner of a herald

b) always with the suggestion of formality, gravity and an authority which must be listened to and obeyed

2) to publish, proclaim openly: something which has been done

3) used of the public proclamation of the gospel and matters pertaining to it, made by John the Baptist, by Jesus, by the apostles and other Christian teachers

We can see that all definitions of this word pretty well mesh with each other. Herald is an interesting word. In old England he was a person who stood in the city square. He would ring a bell to draw people's attention and when the people would all assemble, he would read a proclamation usually dictated by someone in royalty. Another famous herald was Paul Revere from the revolutionary days in America. One midnight, when he had seen the signal from Falls Church he rode throughout the countryside and in the local towns crying, "The British are coming," thus alerting the populace of the imminent danger at hand. What is suggested in the Greek meaning of the word is that the information that is given is given to people who didn't know the information before. The problem for anyone who thinks that they can preach to fallen angels and the Nephilim, is that these beings are spiritual. Especially in the case of angels, they have the ability to know the mind of El Elyon and yet they still rebelled.

Anyone who takes this stuff seriously will sooner or later come across the book of Enoch. In the book we find the story of angels of God, B'nai Elohim who defied Yahweh and cohabited with human females, producing the Nephilim. The story shows that those angels knew that El Shaddai was angry with them for what they did. They entreated Enoch to petition El Shaddai to forgive them for their wrong doing. But the thing is that the writings of Enoch clearly showed that the angels rebelled against El Shaddai with the full knowledge that what they were doing was wrong. The angels were trying to pollute the human gene pool so that the promised Messiah would not be able to be born. They knew that Messiah would be Yahweh in human flesh and

wanted to make sure that all flesh was not entirely human, which would have frustrated Yahweh's efforts. The Bible says that "to whom much is given, much is required." Imagine how angels; a higher creation than humankind; will be held more accountable than humankind where Yahweh's judgment is concerned. Imagine the audacity of any creation that knew Yahweh so intimately, yet who purposefully rebelled, actually asking for amnesty. Treason is punishable by death in human circles; how much more so in the heavenly realm!

Strong's – Gospel

Strong's Reference: Greek 2098

euaggelion {yoo-ang-ghel'-ee-on}

1) a reward for good tidings

2) good tidings

a) the glad tidings of the kingdom of God soon to be set up, and subsequently also of Jesus the Messiah, the founder of this kingdom. After the death of Christ, the term comprises also the preaching of (concerning) Jesus Christ as having suffered death on the cross to procure eternal salvation for the men in the kingdom of God, but as restored to life and exalted to the right hand of God in heaven, thence to return in majesty to consummate the kingdom of God

b) the glad tidings of salvation through Christ

c) the proclamation of the grace of God manifest and pledged in Christ

d) the gospel

e) as the messianic rank of Jesus was proved by his words, his deeds, and his death, the narrative of the sayings, deeds, and death of Jesus Christ came to be called the gospel or glad tidings

Simply put, the Gospel (or Good News) is the message that Yeshua was Yahweh, born in human form; that He suffered and died to pay for our transgressions against El Elyon, and that He rose again so that we might someday rise also to be with Him forever. But did He die for humans alone? Let's look at the next word in the scripture in Mark 16:15.

Strong's – Creature

Strong's Reference: Greek 2937

ktisis {ktis '-is}

1) the act of founding, establishing, building etc

a) the act of creating, creation

b) creation i.e. thing created

1) of individual things, beings, a creature, a creation

a) anything created

b) after a rabbinical usage (by which a man converted from idolatry to Judaism was called)

c) the sum or aggregate of things created

c) institution, ordinance

By looking at the definition from the Greek of the word “creature,” we see it possible that angels might be included in this scenario. But we have to take one thing into consideration. We have to ask the question, “when were the angels created, and were they part of the linear creation?”

*Job 38:4-7 describes the angels worshipping God as He was creating the world – “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone – **while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?**” (Job 38:4-7). So, although the Bible does not specifically say when God created the angels, it was sometime before the world was created. Whether this was a day before, or a thousand years before, we cannot be sure. [www.gotquestions.org/when-angels-created.html]*

Yet there is another problem presented in the Genesis chapter one account. Genesis chapter one verse one specifically states that the heaven and the earth were both created on the first day. If the angels were singing for joy at the creation of heaven (the physical universe) and

earth then they existed before heaven (the universe), earth and even time and space ever existed. Therefore, they are not part of this creation. They are part of some separate creation and not to be included in anything pertaining to the creation of this linear existence. This is another reason why Yahweh is so hard when it comes to the judgment of the fallen angels; they should have definitely known better and should not have rebelled.

Context Is the Key:

Like everything else in scripture, we have to take things in context with the scriptures around them. It is no different with the scripture that we use in this study. Let's look at the scriptures that follow the one in question:

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. Mark 16:16-20

Before we start, let's take a look at what the word "angel" means. A simple word study shows that the word for "angel" in Hebrew *mal'ak* {*mal-awk*'} and the word for "angel" in Greek *aggelos* {*ang'-el-os*} both mean messengers. That is all they mean and there is no other meaning. Angels were never used to cast out demons. That has always been the appointment of any human being that is filled with the Ruach Ha Kodesh. As for their speaking in new tongues, why would they have to; they already have their own tongue as evidenced by the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians:

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 1 Corinthians 13:1

We continue with the scripture telling us that the beings that will be preached to will also take up serpents and drink deadly poison and it will not hurt them. Angels are spiritual beings and those things would not hurt them anyway. Angels are messengers and have never been used to heal people. Some might refer to the following scripture to prove my contention wrong:

For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. John 5:4

However, when we look at it carefully, we see that all the angel did was to trouble (stir up) the water. The healings that occurred were most probably the result of the faith of the person who made it to the pool first, not to the actions of the angel. So, in essence the people described as “he that believeth” in the scripture above can only describe human beings; not angels.

*Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam’s transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man’s offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon **all men** unto justification of life. For as **by one man’s disobedience** many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Romans 5:14-19*

The scripture in Romans really spells out where sin originated and who salvation is all about. Notice that the passage says that it was through a **MAN** that sin came into the world. It also says that a **MAN** will be the one who made it possible for all **MEN** to be saved. There is no mention of angels or any other being, either here on earth or in the heavens. Adam’s rebellion brought sin into the world and Yeshua’s obedience to El Elyon made a way of escape for mankind.

For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. Hebrews 2:16-17

The scripture just above is the icing on the cake that is my argument against angels being to achieve salvation through the blood of Messiah Yeshua. Yeshua came in the nature of a human being. Why? Simply because human beings were the ones in need of salvation. Had Yahweh wanted to provide salvation for the angels, he would have come as an angel and died for angels. Had he wanted to offer salvation to the Nephilim, he would have come as a Nephilim and died a Nephilim. But no, Yeshua came as Yahweh in human flesh and died for human beings.

Opening Up Dangerous Doors:

What the man has done in his wish to experience alien abduction in order to preach to angels is no different to opening up oneself to any of a number of occult devices that the enemy can use. This person is so deluded that he thinks that he can preach the offer of salvation to beings that cannot be saved. These entities are in total rebellion to Yahweh; have been for millennia and will continue to be until they are cast into the Lake of Fire sometime in the future. They're bad dudes and not to be messed with.

What he is doing is no different than going to a channeler and asking them to call up a demon in order to preach to the entity. He is opening himself to severe demonic oppression or even demonic possession, depending on whether or not he is born again and spirit filled, or not.

The Solution:

Yeshua is the answer to every question and the solution to every problem. This man and all others like him need our prayers. They're a prime example of how those fighting delusions can become part of the delusion if they are not grounded in the truth, a physical fellowship with other believers and accountability to a responsible and Biblically based leadership. Since their pastor friend has sanctioned this action per the man's own admission, he seems to be a shepherd that has some issues that he needs Yahweh to deal with. With that in mind, add the pastor to the prayer list too.

Because the strangeness of what they believe it would be easy for me to want to censure them; but alas I just can't do that. Each of us has had a period(s) where we've wandered off the path and others were gracious to love us back into the fold or back onto the straight line. We should show the same mercy to those who are in the wrong in this matter. So, I ask with all earnest that we continually, as a body of believers, hold these kinds of individuals up to Yahweh and trust that HE will bring repentance and renewed life back to all of them. Thanks for caring enough to do so.

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