

#39 THE DREAM.....

I am standing as an angel approaches me. He has a very radiant presence about him that glows with peace and pleasantness. He carries three loaves of bread in his hands and informs me that one loaf is for me to eat and two loaves are for others. I take the loaves from him and begin to eat from mine.

Angels of God minister as the Lord commands and sends. An angel twice awakened Elijah the prophet from a weary sleep and told him to eat bread for his long journey. Angels ministered to Jesus after His forty day fast. On this occasion Christ rebuked the devil and refused his suggestion to turn stones into bread. In His extreme hunger He waited for His father to supply His need. So I can assume the angels came to bring bread and to strengthen Him. They came not only at the beginning of His public ministry but also in His dark hour in the Garden of Gethsemane while His own slept. One day I shall ask what that angel said or did that helped Jesus during His intense travail.

Angels are still in the business of helping the children of God, the joint heirs of Christ. They come only at the bidding of the Lord, not at our bidding. Angels probably have much to do in ministering to true Christians but we may not perceive most of it. Angels deal a lot in what we call circumstances or providential movings. Surely, if we are called to spiritual battles against wicked demonic forces that seek to tempt and seduce us, we should not find it hard to accept that Christ sends His angels to aid us in buffeting and countering their attacks.

It does not appear since the Holy Spirit came to dwell in true believers that angels have ceased their workings for us. Not only did they minister to Christ during His earthly stay but also to Peter, Paul, John and others. So let us know that God still uses His heavenly messengers when and where He appoints. However, our focus is to be on Jesus our Lord. Angels are sent to minister to Christians because of our relationship and covenant with God. They, like the Holy Spirit, always do all to magnify Jesus and never subtract from His glory and honor. For in truth angels come by Christ's will and command and serve His purposes.

"Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" (Hebrews 1:14 KJV).

The three loaves speak to me of heavenly bread, three being the symbol of heaven. God sends us spiritual food. Christ is our bread from heaven. His life and words feed us, whether given directly by His Holy Spirit or by His Spirit moving through angels and members of the body of Christ or by any other avenue and method.

The angel's giving me three loaves but allowing me to eat only one speaks this to me: we are given heavenly graces and aid not only to feed ourselves for our growth and development but also to feed others. We give from what we are given. Without Jesus we can give nothing of any spiritual value. Yet He is our friend at midnight who always has a supply. We not only give to people but we give back to God a portion of what He gives us. We are only stewards of all we have or shall ever have. All is Christ's and we are His.

Love must give. Love must reveal itself in emptying itself for God and others. Yet as love gives up itself it will never be empty. When love ceases giving of itself it then ceases to be love.