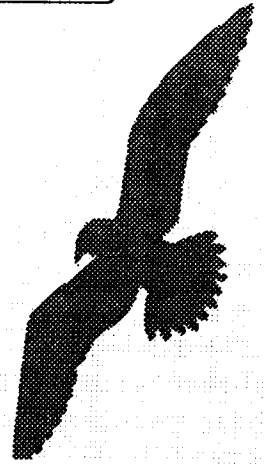


*"They shall
mount up...*

ON EAGLES' WINGS

*... with wings
as eagles."
Isaiah 40:31*



AIRY NUGGETS

For Him who washed us in His blood,
Let us our sweetest songs prepare;
He sought us wandering far from God,
And now preserves us by His care.

One string there is of sweetest tone,
Reserved for sinners saved by grace:
'Tis sacred to one class alone,
And touch'd by one peculiar race.

Though angels may with rapture see
How mercy flows in Jesu's blood,
It is not theirs to prove, as we,
The cleansing virtue of this flood.

Though angels praise the heavenly King,
And Him their Lord adoring own,
We can with exultation sing,
"He wears our nature on the throne."

—T. Kelly
(Selected verses)

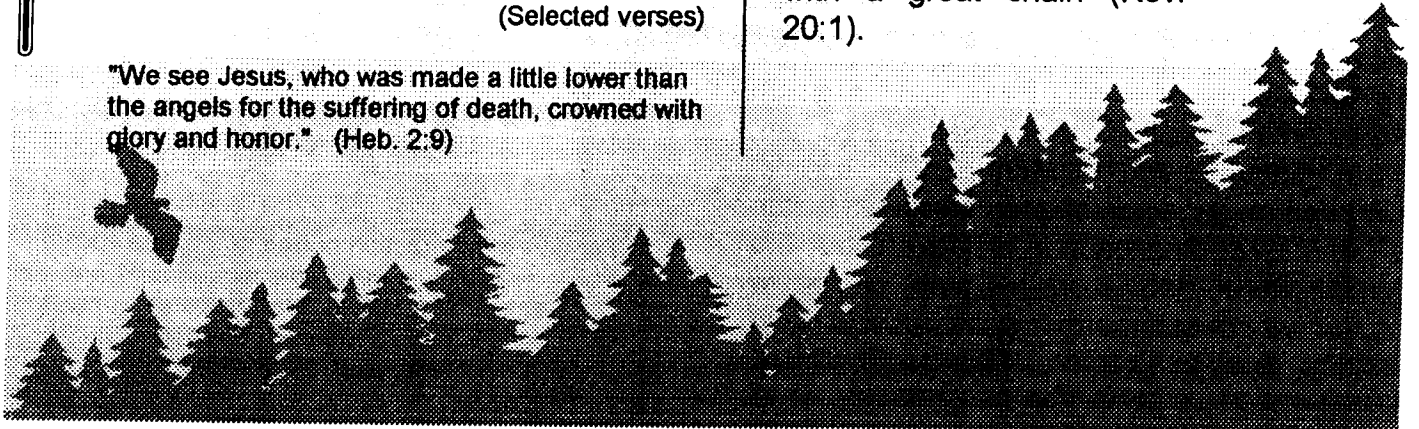
"We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than
the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with
glory and honor." (Heb. 2:9)

Dear Saviour's worshipper,

Walking into many of today's department and novelty stores one is faced with quite an array of figurines depicting creatures of heaven – the angels. Since the last angel actually seen and recognized as such was in approximately AD 62, and the latest reliable Spirit inspired vision was approximately AD 92, it is doubtful if the imagination of the artists and sculptures has been able to define the beauty and at the same time the solemnity of these messengers who perform God's bidding.

While great deeds are recorded in the Scriptures of the angels, their chief work seems to concern certain physical needs of mankind.

We meet them at the eastern gate of Eden (Gen 3:24), throughout the volume of the Book, and lastly see an angel binding Satan with a great chain (Rev. 20:1).



In view of their watchfulness over mankind, especially those whom God the Father has drawn to Himself, let us consider their connection and interest in the Son of God as He became man.

1. Gabriel, an angel, announced to Mary, "Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus." (Luke 1:31).

2. Great rejoicing and praise to God was made by a host of angels at the entering into the world of God's Son as man to become a Saviour. (Luke 2:9-15).

3. Following His forty day fast, the ensuing hunger and resisting Satan's temptation to cast Himself needlessly upon the help of angels, Matthew tells us that, "Then the devil leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him." (Luke 4:11).

4. In response to Jesu's prayer in agony, and yet with willing acceptance, that the cup of suffering might be removed from Him, "There appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him." (Luke 22:43).

5. To quell any extended attempt of His disciples to protect Him from the multitude sent by the priests and elders to apprehend Him, Jesus asked, "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?" (Matt 26:53 - 54).

6. At the cross, there were no angels in evidence, but as this holy One, Who knew no sin and Who had been made a little lower than the angels for this occasion hung there, I am sure we could apply the words, "Seen of angels." (I Tim 3:16).

With suffering and death behind the Lord Jesus, angels now are given words of assurance to the Lord's own. Finding the Lord's tomb vacant, the seekers were assured by two angels, saying, "He is not here, but is risen." (Luke 24:6). Again, angelic words, "But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you." (Mark 16:7). It must have been an occasion of deep sorrow to watch the Lord ascending back into heaven, but the disciples were not left in this state of sorrow long, for two messengers in white apparel gave them this final assurance, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall

so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11).

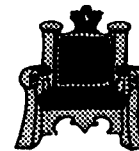
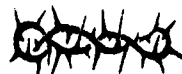
That the Son of God should lay aside His glory, and when doing so, "He took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham" (Heb. 2:16), must have been a wonderment to the myriads of angels commanded to worship Him as such (Heb. 1:6).

Having been brought into relationship with the Lord Jesus and become heirs of salvation, Heb. 1:14, asks the question, "Are they (angels) not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" What form this ministry may take, we have no specific nature given, though Peter, and other apostles too, were released from prison, Cornelius received instruction to send for Peter, and Paul was visited on a storm tossed ship and received the assurance that his company would reach Rome.

The Lord Jesus Christ came into the world to suffer, die and rising return again to glory according to the eternal purpose of God, "Which things the angels desire to look into." (Peter 1:12). The apostle Paul was commissioned to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by (or through) the church the manifold wisdom of God" (Eph. 3:10). This wisdom was further set forth by the suffering of the apostles as Paul writes, "For we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men." (1 Cor. 4:9). Sisters also maintain a display of subjection, "Because of the angels" (1 Cor. 11:10). Let us rejoice that in all our weakness, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus sees fit to use us to demonstrate His wisdom to those (angels) who gather around His throne.

Sincerely, in the Man at God's right hand,

Leslie L. Winters



For address correction or free new name addition,
please write to:
Leslie L. Winters