

# S.O.H.L.

## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

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# An Angel in Disguised

**HEBREWS 13:2 NKJV** – (2) Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so *doing* some have unwittingly entertained angels.

**PSALM 34:7 NKJV** – (7) The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them.

One morning while driving to work, a gentleman stopped beside me at a traffic light and reminded me to get air in my tire. I didn't recognize my tire was getting low in air. I thought to myself, *this gentleman took time to remind me about what was safe*. He displayed "good fruit." He did not have to say anything to me at all! But, he chose to reach out to me and, in doing so, he was looking out for his brother in the faith. Yes, he *looked* like a human being, but who is to say I wasn't speaking to an *angel*.

Angels are spirit beings (**HEBREWS 1:14**), therefore, they do not have any essential physical form. However, angels do have the ability to appear in human form. When angels appeared to humans in the Bible, they resembled normal males. In **GENESIS 18:1-19**, God and two angels appeared as men and actually ate a meal with Abraham. Angels appear as men many times throughout the Bible (**JOSHUA 5:13-14**; **MARK 16:5**). As for physical characteristics, angels are sometimes described as winged.

Whatever appearance angels take on, there is reason to believe they are incredibly beautiful. Ezekiel tells us that Lucifer was "lifted up" in pride over his beauty. In addition, beings such as angels, who are continually in the presence of God, would be expected to have extraordinary beauty as God's glory is reflected upon all that is around Him.

God is still as active in the world as He has always been and His angels are certainly still at work. Just as angels protected God's people in the past, we can be assured that they are guarding us today. **HEBREWS 13:2** says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." As we obey God's commands, it is quite possible that we may encounter His angels. In special circumstances, God allowed His people to see His unseen angels, so God's people would be encouraged and continue in His service (**2 KINGS 6:16-17**). Let us also not forget that Satan dresses as an angel in disguise. (**2 CORINTHIANS 11:14-15**) states that Satan and his angels disguise themselves as angels of light in order to deceive and lead astray anyone who will listen to them.

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

PSALM 103:20

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

When hearts listen, angels sing.

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