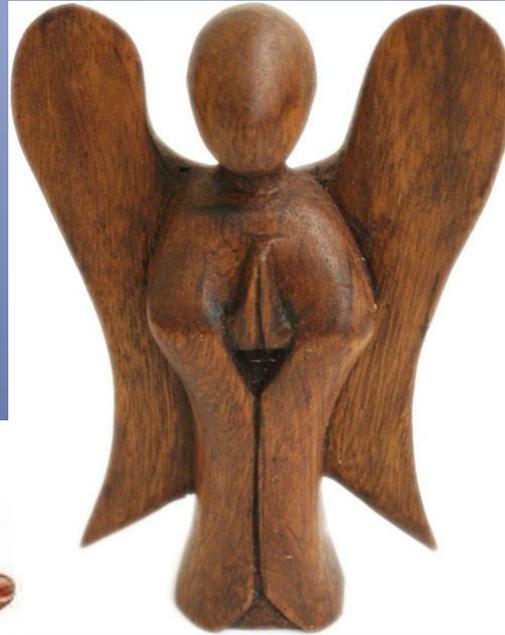




# Rumours of Angels









“In church buildings . . . depictions of angels are all around us in stained glass windows in paintings and in sculptures. We read about them in the Bible and sing about them in hymns, and yet we rarely talk about them. . .

. . . Step outside the churches however and things change dramatically. In fact a recent survey by the Bible Society and Christian Research found that 31% of people in Britain believe in Angels and 29% believe that a guardian angel watches over them. The spirituality sections of bookshops are packed with stories and self help books focused on angels . . .

. .Outside the churches interest in angels remain strong, inside the churches it is relatively weak . . .

. . . The Biblical tradition challenges us to think again about angels.”

Paula Gooder in her book 'Heaven' published by SPCK 2011

After he drove the man out,  
he placed on the east side of  
the Garden of Eden  
cherubim and a flaming  
sword flashing back and  
forth to guard the way to the  
tree of life.

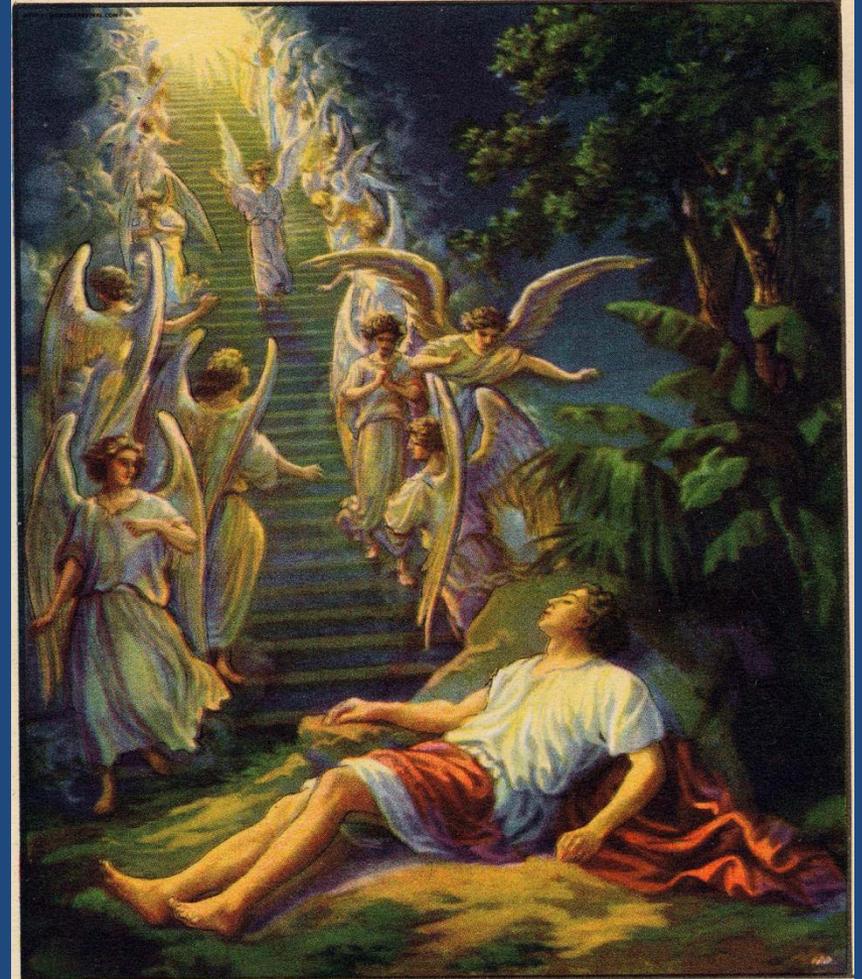
Genesis 3:23-24



The angel of the Lord found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur. Genesis 16:6-8



He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.  
Genesis 28:11-13



Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with his sword drawn. So he bowed low and fell facedown. Numbers 22:30-32



Then the angel of the Lord touched the meat and the unleavened bread with the tip of the staff that was in his hand. Fire flared from the rock, consuming the meat and the bread. And the angel of the Lord disappeared.  
Judges 6:20-22



The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.”

1 Kings 19:6-8



That night the angel of the Lord went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning—there were all the dead bodies!  
2 Kings 19:34-36



My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.”  
Daniel 6:21-23



DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN

I asked the angel who talked  
with me, “What are these,  
my lord?”  
Zechariah 4:3-5

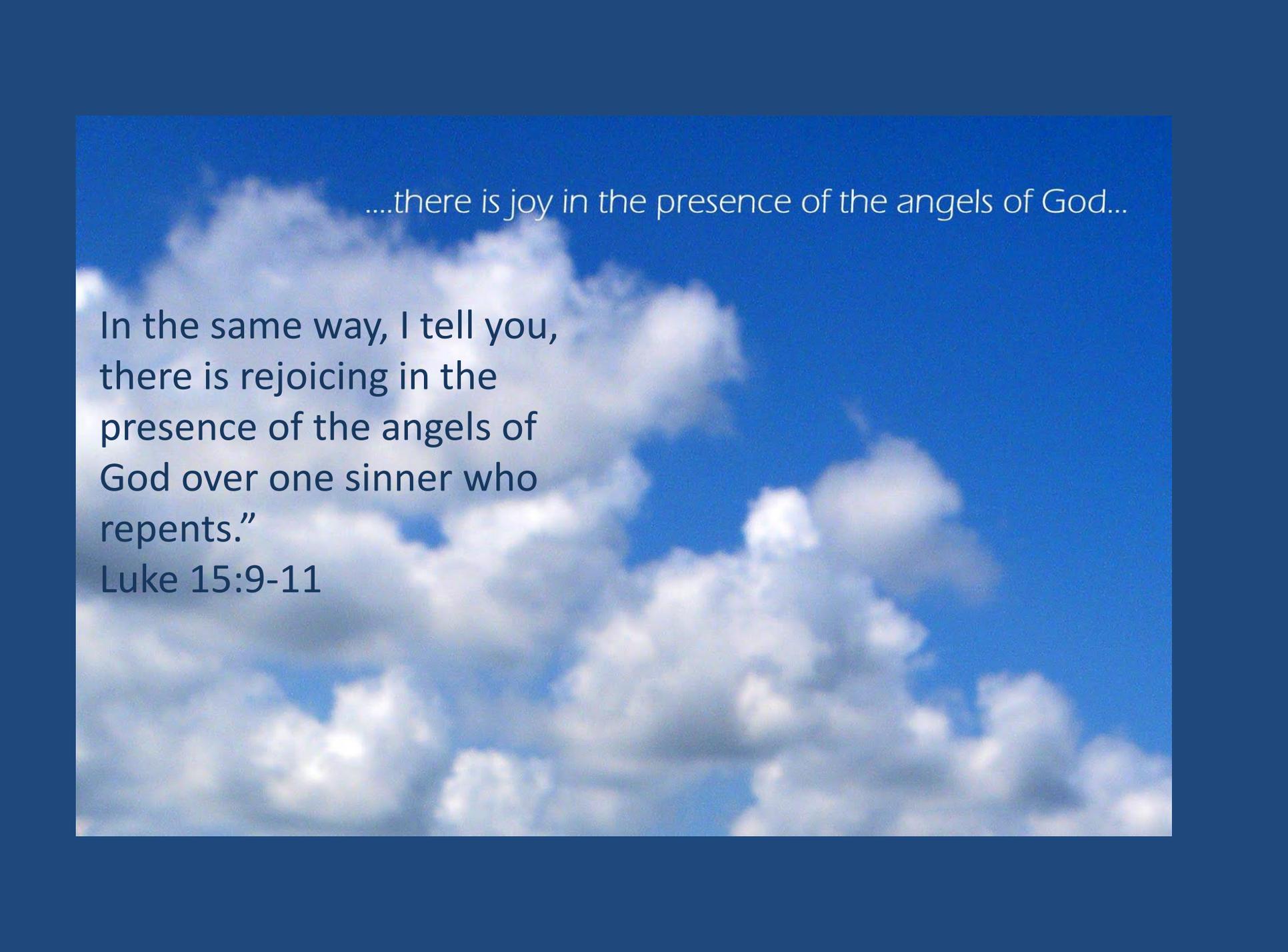


This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous  
Matthew 13:48-5



For it is written: “He will  
command his angels  
concerning you to guard you  
carefully;  
Luke 4:9-11





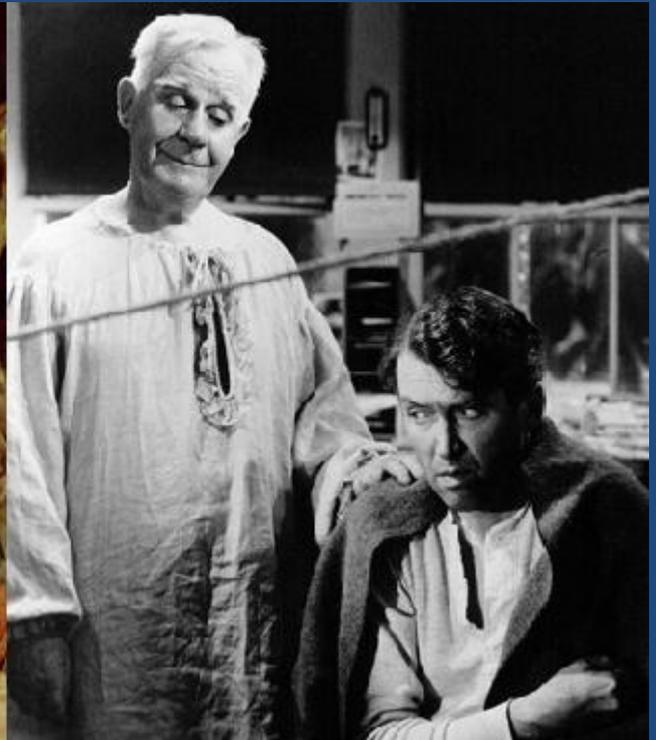
...there is joy in the presence of the angels of God...

In the same way, I tell you,  
there is rejoicing in the  
presence of the angels of  
God over one sinner who  
repents.”

Luke 15:9-11

An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.

Luke 22:42-44

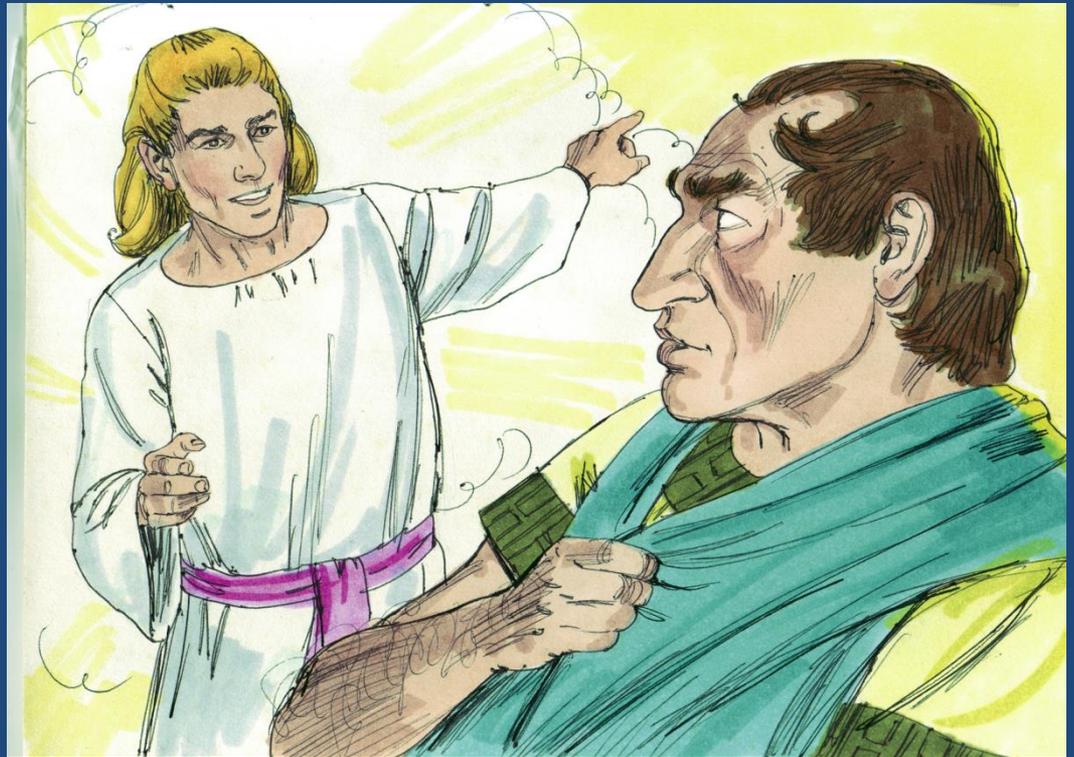


And saw two angels in white,  
seated where Jesus' body  
had been, one at the head  
and the other at the foot.  
John 20:11-13



Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.”

Acts 8:25-27



One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!"  
Acts 10:2-4



Last night an angel of the  
God to whom I belong and  
whom I serve stood beside  
me

Acts 27:22-24



In speaking of the angels he says, “He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire.”  
Hebrews 1:6-8



The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Revelation 1:19-2



Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels,  
numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten  
thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the  
throne and the living creatures and the elders.  
Revelation 5:10-12



