

My Guardian Angel:

When thinking about what my sermon was going to be today, I realized that I would be giving this sermon on what would have been my mother's 88th birthday. The flowers on the re-table are from my children and I in her honor. Although they may be simple daisies, they always brought a smile to my mom's face during her final days. At my mother's funeral, Irene sang the song For Good from the musical Wicked. There is a line in the song that says "It well may be that we will never meet again in this lifetime. So let me say before we part, so much of me is made of what I've learned from you and you'll be with me, like a handprint on my heart." This has always been my favorite line in this song as it serves as a reminder that my mother has been and will always be with me.

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10 Facts about Guardian Angels that will blow your mind.

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What does the bible say about your Guardian Angel

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What does the Bible say about Guardian Angels.

When you think of a guardian angel, what comes to mind? For many people, they imagine some form of angelic bodyguard, one that has been sent by God to protect us from physical, emotional, and spiritual threats. This being might appear in the form of another human, nudging you out of harm's way or offer advice that helps you avoid a dire situation. For others, this guardian may appear in the form of glorious and magnificent light, shining in golden color to warn off any demons.

Many of us think of our loved ones that have passed as our guardian angels that watch over and protect us throughout our lives. Recently, my daughter Irene was in a serious car accident where her vehicle was totaled after hitting a guard rail head on while going 50+ miles per hour after she blacked out while driving. Miraculously, she sustained very minor injuries. Days later, when we went to clean out her car, we found a keychain with her grandfather's picture on it lying on the dash in front of her steering wheel. Prior to the accident, the keychain was in the sunglass holder above the rearview mirror. This immediately made us feel as though her papa Gordy was her guardian angel.

We often believe that our guardian angels are our loved ones that have passed on. These ideas stem largely from entertainment media. Movies and TV shows often depict guardian angels as being akin to superheroes, diving in to save

us from every threat we may face. In truth, there is a lot of debate as to whether Guardian angels have a free will. They are extensions of God, much in the same way that fingers or hands are extensions of our own body.

In the Bible, God tells us that our guardian angels are assigned to us even before we are born. I'm sure you remember that famous line from one of my all time favorite movies, It's a Wonderful Life, "Everytime a bell rings an Angel gets his wings". However, the Bible tells us Angels are angels and always have been; no one has ever become an angel. But take faith, each of us does have a guardian angel. How do we know this? Jesus said so in Matthew 18:10. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of My Father in heaven!". In the same way our hands can't make decisions, guardian angels

aren't all powerful or all knowing. They know or do whatever God allows them to. So what is the role of our guardian angel?

We may like to imagine that these angels exist to protect us from all harm, but they serve a much grander role than that. Psalms 34:7 states "the angel of the Lord encamped round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them. This scripture gives us a glimpse into the role of our guardian angels.

A guardian angel delivers us from fear, but not in the ways you might imagine. They do not remove us from the situation itself, but rather provide us with strength, guidance, and courage.

Angels are sent by God to protect us and help us inherit his full kingdom. The bible tells us that angels are his servants, carrying out His will and work for our good. Hebrews 1:14 states "are they not all ministering spirits, set forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation". This simple verse offers us further

insight into the role of our angels. The word serve is misleading; these beings are not servants or slaves, but they do serve humanity by aiding us on our journey to salvation. Guardian angels don't lead us down paths free from obstacles, challenges, or danger. They don't remove fear from our bodies or stop us from feeling discomfort. Instead, their role is to help us evolve, grow, and develop. If these beings could be described as serving one purpose, it would be to prepare us for the ascension from the physical realm to the spiritual world. This could refer to heaven, but it could also refer to other facets of the spiritual journey that we all walk along. The only way that we can reach higher spiritual plains is through facing the challenges and obstacles in our way. We can now see, from having explored the idea of guarding angels and their depiction in the bible that guard doesn't refer to constant protection from harm. These guardian angels are to protect us, guide us, and lead us into heaven. No

one knows you better, nor loves you more than your Guardian

Angel, except for God!