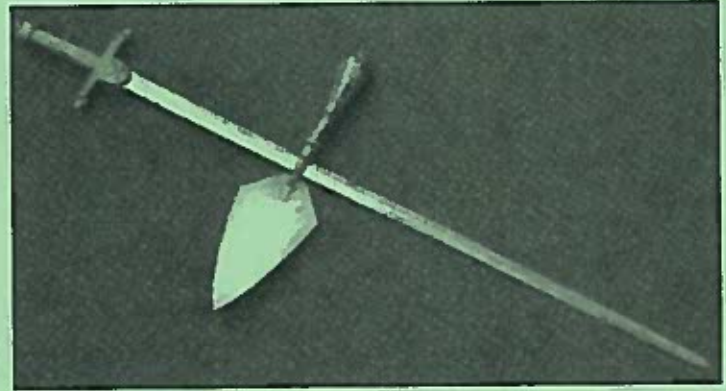


The Sword and Trowel

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We intend to build and defend: *"As for the builders, everyone had his sword girded by his side and so builded."* Nehemiah 4:18

See an Angel Lately?

Many today are claiming that they have seen an angel. Some tell stories of deliverance by angels. Others tell stories of angels revealing new truth to them. Still others tell of seeing an angel that simply appeared without saying or doing anything. Personally, I doubt the credibility of most of these stories. Many today are sign seekers with overactive imaginations.

Joseph Smith., the founder of the Mormons, claimed that the angel Moroni appeared to him. This angel supposedly revealed new truths to him. Personally, I doubt that an angel actually appeared to him. A study of his life will reveal what a scoundrel he was. I don't put any stock in anything he claimed.

But what if an angel did appear to Joseph Smith? What if all these people have actually encountered angels? Should we listen to their messages? Might God be revealing new truth to us today through angels? I believe that the scriptures clearly reveal that we ought to beware of such claims. The following are my reasons why:

First, we know that some angels have gone apostate, **Jude 6, II Peter 2:4**. If an angel gives you a new message, how can you be sure it's not an apostate angel? In fact, if it's a new message, the angel must be an apostate as we shall see.

Second, we are told not to believe every spirit but to try them, **I John 4:1**. There are many false prophets in the world. The test is simple, do they listen to the apostles or not, **I John 4:6**? If not, they are not from God.

Third, Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light, **II Corinthians 11:13-15**. How can you be sure you are not talking to Satan or his servants? You must test the spirits.

Fourth, we are specifically warned about angels bringing another gospel, **Galatians 1:6-10**. Paul would not have to warn us about such a thing if it couldn't happen. If an angel preaches another gospel, he is not from God. A new gospel is no gospel at all.

Someone may object that some have entertained angels unawares, **Hebrews 13:2**. That is true of course. But if they were unaware that they have entertained angels they won't be claiming to have received new doctrine from them, will they? It's sort of hard to claim that you entertained an angel unawares but you know that you did.

Let's have faith in God, not angels. After all, He created them, not vice-versa.

In His Service,

Terry Carter, Evangelist

COMING EVENTS

- October 9-11 National Prayer Clinic – Grundy, VA. See the bulletin board for more info.
- October 10 Youth for Truth – 7:00 P.M.
- October 13 Ladies' Bible study – 8:30 A.M. SWarah Torkelson will be teaching. LADIES' Fellowship Outing for October will be to Darlington Holiday store in Ft. Wayne leaving immediately following the Bible study. We will be eating at Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano.

COMING UP:

- October 14-17 Revival at Wabash Church of Christ with Creighton Beatty
- October 14-17 Revival at Harlan Church of Christ with Terry Peer
- October 28-30 Revival at Buffalo Christian Church with Trey Mouton

PRAYER CONCERNS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen VanNote (Brenda's mom) – doing better/pray for Christian fellowship Pat Long (relative to Harold Bouthot) – lung cancer/ spiritual Sherry Barker (Brenda's sister) – spiritual restoration Jordan & Anna Lynch (preparing for move & her pregnancy) Christians around the world being persecuted Jordan Lynch (desires to start a Praising in the Park ministry) Bonnie Barnhill (deployed to Africa for 7 months) Emma Grace (Terry & Lisa's granddaughter) Mark Whitsett (paralyzed from accident & for salvation) our evangelist, elders & deacons (& their families) Church of Christ at Monticello & Buffalo Church of Christ Kelly Mercado's mother & sister | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nancy Maggard
our missionaries Heather Bowman (Frieda's daughter) Chris Ponchot (Roann church) – spiritual issues Harold Bouthot Jeff VanCuren (continued recovery) Kendall Faull (life situations) Steve Emerick – lung problems ladies' Bible Study our widows & widowers George Faull Gary Worley Summit School of Preaching |
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Proverb for the Week;

Meditate on this Proverb:

10:8 The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.

SERVICES

Sunday School	9:00
A.M.Church	10:00
Men's Prayer Meeting	5:30
Women's Prayer Meeting	5:30
P.M.Evangelistic Hour	6:00
Wednesday P.M.	7:00

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	56
A.M.Church	94
P.M.Evangelistic Service	54
Tithes & Offerings	\$4,320
Wednesday Evening	52

REVIVAL ATTENDANCE

Monday	92
Tuesday	62
Wednesday	52



"I PUT IN MY CANADIAN QUARTER... FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS."

The only reason some people get lost in thought is because its unfamiliar territory.

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