

A Disciple's Dictionary
Heavenly Messengers
Genesis 16:1-16

1. Agreement is needed regarding the **source of information**
 - A. Option A is **Scripture alone**
 - B. Option B is **Scripture is inadequate**
2. **Integrity** is needed regarding what Scripture has revealed
 - A. They may be **heard** (“The angel said”; 16:8)
 - B. They have a specific **mission/message** (16:9)
 - C. They are sometimes **a theophany** or **Christophany** (16:10)
 - D. They may be **seen** (16:13)
 - E. They may also appear in **dreams** and **visions** (Jacob: Gen 28:12; 31:11; Daniel: Daniel 4:13; Joseph: Matt 1:20; 2:13; 2:19)
 - F. They will be **reapers** and **gatherers** in the Judgement (Matt 13; Mk 13)
 - G. They will **escort Jesus** at the 2nd Coming (Matt 16)
 - H. They are **limited in knowledge** (Matt 24; 1 Peter 1:10-12; “bend aside to see”)
 - I. They are **beyond redemption** (Hebrews 2:16)

Conclusions

1. An **obsession** with angels isn't spiritually productive.
2. Angels don't hold the keys to our **salvation**.
3. A disciples' time is better spent on issues of spiritual **growth**.