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Week 3: Psalter Theme – GUARDIAN ANGELS – Threading of Truth
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Sept 11: 1. Kickoff-Intro Pr. R	Oct 23: 7.	Dec 4: Advent
Sept 18: 2. The Beginning Ps1&2	Oct 30: 8	Dec 11: WNC Christmas Party
Sept 25: 3. Psalter Theme Guardian Angels	Nov 6: 9.	Dec 18: Campus Worship
Oct 2: 4.	Nov 13: 10	Dec 25: Christmas: No WNC
Oct 9: 5.	Nov 20: 11.	
Oct 16: 6.	Nov 27: Thanksgiving Svc	

The Psalms were read and spoken and sung, and must be approached with full sensitivity to the kind of literature they are: lyric poetry.

Witherington, B., III. (2017). [*Psalms Old and New: Exegesis, Intertextuality, and Hermeneutics*](#) (pp. xiii – 50). Fortress Press.

When we allow Psalms to be Psalms...

- It strips us bare.
- It is the nakedness of the human heart being expressed to our Almighty Creator.
- CAN I DO THIS?
- Can I approach Psalms this way? [i.e. Pr. Robin’s testimony of PS27]

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Five Books:

- I. Psalms 1–41
- II. Psalms 42–72
- III. Psalms 73–89
- IV. Psalms 90–106
- V. Psalms 107–150

Doxologies:

- Psalm 41:13
- Psalm 72:18-20
- Psalm 89:52
- Psalm 106:48
- Psalm 150 (Doxology of entire Psalter)

This 5 Book division a shadow of the Torah? (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)¹

“Psalms of Ascent” in Pss 120–134),

Pss 42–83 all call God *elohim*, and thus get the title the “Elohistic Psalter”

Dead Sea Scrolls show no divisional structure – was done after these were written.

BOOK PSALM Author: Category: Title:

¹ Kugler, R. A., & Hartin, P. J. (2009). [*An Introduction to the Bible*](#) (p. 197). William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company.

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- Are any of the Psalms listed here Messianic? WHY is that important?

Matthew 18:10

“Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. NKJV

“Be careful that you don’t look down on one of these little ones. I say to you that their angels in heaven are always looking into the face of my Father who is in heaven. CEB

Psalms 91:11[Book 5]

For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. NKJV

Because he will order his messengers to help you, to protect you wherever you go. CEB

Hebrews 1:14

Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? NKJV

Aren’t all the angels ministering spirits who are sent to serve those who are going to inherit salvation? CEB

Psalms 34:7 [M] [Book 1]

^(A)The ^(B)angel[Angel] of the Lord ^(B)encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them. NKJV

On every side, the Lord’s messenger protects those who honor God; and he delivers them.CEB

Psalms 91:11

Daniel 6:22 (Preincarnate Christ - Theophany)

My God sent His angel and ^(B)shut the lions’ mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you.”

Number 20:16 (Is 63:9; Dan 3:28) ^(A)When we cried out to the Lord, He heard our voice and ^(B)sent the Angel and brought us up out of Egypt; now here we are in Kadesh, a city on the edge of your border.

Acts 12:11 ¹¹ And when Peter had come to himself, he said, “Now I know for certain that ^(A)the Lord has sent His angel, and ^(B)has delivered me from the hand of Herod and *from* all the expectation of the Jewish people.”

Ministering Angels

Heb 1:14 ¹⁴^(A)Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will ^(B)inherit salvation?

Psalms 103:20[Book 4] ^(A)Bless the Lord, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who ^(B)do His word, Heeding the voice of His word.

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Psalm 35:5-6 [not a Messianic] **[Book 1]**

Let them be like chaff before the wind,
And let the ^(A)angel[Angel] of the Lord chase *them*.

⁶ Let their way be dark and slippery,
And let the angel of the Lord pursue them. **NKJV**

Let them be like dust on the wind— and let the Lord’s messenger be the one who does the blowing!
and let the Lord’s messenger be the one who does the chasing! **CEB**

Psalm 103:20-21 [not a Messianic] **[Book 4]**

^(A)Bless the Lord, you His angels,
Who excel in strength, who ^(B)do His word,
Heeding the voice of His word.

²¹ Bless the Lord, all *you* His hosts,

^(C)*You* ^(A)ministers[servants] of His, who do His pleasure. **NKJV**

- A. Ps 148:2 Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! **NKJV**
- B. Matt 6:10 Your kingdom come. ^(A)Your will be done On earth ^(B)as *it is* in heaven. **NKJV**
- C. Heb 1:14 ^(A)Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will ^(B)inherit salvation?

CEB Praise the LORD, you angels of his, you mighty creatures who carry out his plans, listening for each of his commands. Yes, praise the LORD, you armies of angels who serve him and do his will!

You divine messengers,
bless the Lord!

You who are mighty in power and keep his word,
who obey everything he says,
bless him!

²¹ All you heavenly forces,
bless the Lord!

All you who serve him and do his will,
bless him!

Psalm 148:2 [not a Messianic] **[Book 5]**

Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! **NKJV**

Praise God, all of you who are his messengers! Praise God, all of you who comprise his heavenly forces!
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What do the Psalms say about angels?

They DO: God’s will.

They DO NOT: Do anything for themselves.

Other Scriptures confirm this.

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- Angels praise God

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Praise God, all of you who are his messengers! Praise God, all of you who comprise his heavenly forces!
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Luke 2:13-14

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill[Ⓜ] toward men!"

- They watch over and rescue believers

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Acts 12:6-10

⁶ And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were [Ⓜ]keeping the prison. ⁷ Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands. ⁸ Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me." ⁹ So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. NKJV

- At times they execute judgment on unbelievers

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2 Kings 19:20,35

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²⁰ Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, “Thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, I have heard.’ ²¹ This *is* the word which the Lord has spoken concerning him...

³⁵ And it came to pass on a certain night that the ^[a]angel of the Lord went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when *people* arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead.

Acts 12:1-23

Now about that time Herod the king stretched out *his* hand to harass some from the church. ² Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. ³ And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was *during* the Days of Unleavened Bread. ⁴ So when he had arrested him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to four ^[a]squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover.

Peter Freed from Prison

⁵ Peter was therefore kept in prison, but ^[b]constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. ⁶ And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were ^[c]keeping the prison. ⁷ Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by *him*, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, “Arise quickly!” And his chains fell off *his* hands. ⁸ Then the angel said to him, “Gird yourself and tie on your sandals”; and so he did. And he said to him, “Put on your garment and follow me.” ⁹ So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.

¹¹ And when Peter had come to himself, he said, “Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and *from* all the expectation of the Jewish people.”

¹² So, when he had considered *this*, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying. ¹³ And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to answer. ¹⁴ When she recognized Peter’s voice, because of *her* gladness she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate. ¹⁵ But they said to her, “You are beside yourself!” Yet she kept insisting that it was so. So they said, “It is his angel.”

¹⁶ Now Peter continued knocking; and when they opened *the door* and saw him, they were astonished. ¹⁷ But motioning to them with his hand to keep silent, he declared to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, “Go, tell these things to James and to the brethren.” And he departed and went to another place.

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¹⁸ Then, as soon as it was day, there was no small ^[d]stir among the soldiers about what had become of Peter. ¹⁹ But when Herod had searched for him and not found him, he examined the guards and commanded that *they* should be put to death. And he went down from Judea to Caesarea, and stayed *there*.

Herod's Violent Death

²⁰ Now Herod had been very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon; but they came to him with one accord, and having made Blastus ^[e]the king's personal aide their friend, they asked for peace, because their country was ^[f]supplied with food by the king's *country*.

²¹ So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. ²² And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!" ²³ Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and ^[g]died.

- They care for God's people and protect them

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- They do...

2 Kings 6:8-19 The Blinded Syrians Captured NKJV

⁸ Now the king of Syria was making war against Israel; and he consulted with his servants, saying, "My camp *will be* in such and such a place." ⁹ And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there." ¹⁰ Then the king of Israel sent *someone* to the place of which the man of God had told him. Thus he warned him, and he was watchful there, not just once or twice.

¹¹ Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly troubled by this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me which of us *is* for the king of Israel?"

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¹² And one of his servants said, “None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who *is* in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom.”

¹³ So he said, “Go and see where he *is*, that I may send and get him.”

And it was told him, saying, “Surely *he is* in Dothan.”

¹⁴ Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. ¹⁵ And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?”

¹⁶ So he answered, “Do not fear, for those who *are* with us *are* more than those who *are* with them.” ¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, and said, “Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.” Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. ¹⁸ So when *the Syrians* came down to him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, and said, “Strike this people, I pray, with blindness.” And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

¹⁹ Now Elisha said to them, “This *is* not the way, nor *is* this the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek.” But he led them to Samaria. NKJV

Aramean attacks are stopped CEB

⁸ Aram’s king was fighting against Israel. He took counsel with his officers, saying, “I’ll camp at such-and-such a place.”

⁹ The man of God sent word to Israel’s king: “Beware of passing by this place because the Arameans are going down there.” ¹⁰ Then Israel’s king sent word to the place the man of God had mentioned to him. Time after time, Elisha warned the king, and the king stayed on the alert.

¹¹ Aram’s king was extremely upset about this. He called his officers and said to them, “Tell me! Who among us is siding with Israel’s king?”

¹² One of his officers said, “No one, Your Majesty! It’s Elisha the Israelite prophet who tells Israel’s king the words that you speak in the privacy of your bedroom.”

¹³ He said, “Go and find out where he is. Then I will send men to capture him.”

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They told him, “He is in Dothan.” ¹⁴ So the king sent horses and chariots there with a strong army. They came at night and surrounded the city.

¹⁵ Elisha’s servant got up early and went out. He saw an army with horses and chariots surrounding the city. His servant said to Elisha, “Oh, no! Master, what will we do?”

¹⁶ “Don’t be afraid,” Elisha said, “because there are more of us than there are of them.” ¹⁷ Then Elisha prayed, “Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.” Then the Lord opened the servant’s eyes, and he saw that the mountain was full of horses and fiery chariots surrounding Elisha. ¹⁸ The Arameans came toward him, so Elisha prayed to the Lord, “Strike this nation with blindness.” And the Lord struck them blind, just as Elisha asked. ¹⁹ Elisha said to them, “This isn’t the right road or the right city. Follow me, and I’ll lead you to the man you are looking for.” But he took them to Samaria! CEB

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Psalms threads through the entire Volume/Tome of Scripture

What do the Psalms say about angels?

They **DO**: God’s will.

- They HELP humankind.
- They PROTECT humankind.
- They COMMUNICATE from God to us.
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- X

They **DO NOT**: Do anything for themselves.

- Think they are God.
- Love their own power.
- Disobey.

WHAT DO WE DO WITH THIS KNOWLEDGE?

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Do we pray to Angels?

- They are created beings. Not part of the Trinity.
- There are evil angels = demonic
 [Evil angels do not. i.e. Nephelium – Taking human wives.]

Do we worship them?

Do we ask them to do things for us?

Do we try to contact them?

How alone should I ever feel?

WHY does God send them to guard us?

What does the angel's duties say about God to us? About how God cares for us?

Communal Close in Prayer of a Psalm: (read a portion of weekly Psalm together)

Psalm 91 NKJV	Psalm 91 CEB
Safety of Abiding in the Presence of God	
<p>He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.</p> <p>² I will say of the Lord, "<i>He is my refuge and my fortress;</i> <i>My God, in Him I will trust.</i>"</p> <p>³ Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the [Ⓜ]fowler <i>And from the perilous pestilence.</i></p> <p>⁴ He shall cover you with His feathers, <i>And under His wings you shall take refuge;</i> <i>His truth shall be your shield and [Ⓜ]buckler</i><small>[small shield].</small></p> <p>⁵ You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, <i>Nor of the arrow that flies by day,</i></p> <p>⁶ <i>Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness,</i> <i>Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.</i></p> <p>⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, <i>And ten thousand at your right hand;</i> <i>But it shall not come near you.</i></p>	<p>Living in the Most High's shelter, camping in the Almighty's[Ⓜ] shade,</p> <p>² I say to the Lord, "You are my refuge, my stronghold! You are my God—the one I trust!"</p> <p>³ God will save you from the hunter's trap and from deadly sickness.</p> <p>⁴ God will protect you with his pinions; you'll find refuge under his wings. His faithfulness is a protective shield.</p> <p>⁵ Don't be afraid of terrors at night, arrows that fly in daylight,</p> <p>⁶ or sickness that prowls in the dark, destruction that ravages at noontime.</p> <p>⁷ Even if one thousand people fall dead next to you, ten thousand right beside you— it won't happen to you.</p> <p>⁸ Just look with your eyes, and you will see the wicked punished.</p> <p>⁹ Because you've made the Lord my refuge,</p>

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<p>⁸ Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked.</p> <p>⁹ Because you have made the Lord, <i>who is</i> my refuge, <i>Even</i> the Most High, your dwelling place,</p> <p>¹⁰ No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;</p> <p>¹¹ For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways.</p> <p>¹² In <i>their</i> hands they shall bear[lift] you up, Lest you dash[strike] your foot against a stone.</p> <p>¹³ You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.</p> <p>¹⁴ "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will ^{set}[exalt] him on high, because he has known My name.</p> <p>¹⁵ He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I <i>will be</i> with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.</p> <p>¹⁶ With ^{long} [length of days]life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."</p>	<p>the Most High, your place of residence—</p> <p>¹⁰ no evil will happen to you; no disease will come close to your tent.</p> <p>¹¹ Because he will order his messengers to help you, to protect you wherever you go.</p> <p>¹² They will carry you with their own hands so you don't bruise your foot on a stone.</p> <p>¹³ You'll march on top of lions and vipers; you'll trample young lions and serpents underfoot.</p> <p>¹⁴ God says,¹⁴ "Because you are devoted to me, I'll rescue you. I'll protect you because you know my name.</p> <p>¹⁵ Whenever you cry out to me, I'll answer. I'll be with you in troubling times. I'll save you and glorify you.</p> <p>¹⁶ I'll fill you full with old age. I'll show you my salvation."</p>
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Genesis 6:3-8

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³ And the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive[Ⓜ] with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” ⁴ There were [Ⓜ]giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them. Those *were* the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

⁵ Then [Ⓜ]the Lord saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent[Ⓜ] of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil [Ⓜ]continually. ⁶ And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷ So the Lord said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.” ⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.