

Believing in angels (part 2)

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In the name of Allah Most Gracious Most Merciful

All thanks be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds. And peace and prayers upon his messenger Muhammad.

So far we have talked about the general relationship that angels have with humans in general. But it is necessary to show their direct relationship with the faithful believers on one side and their relationship with the infidel and the hypocrites and disobedient on the other side.

The relationship with the believers is that angels love them. The messenger (ppbu) said: **{When Allah loves a slave He calls Gabriel saying: Allah has loved such and such person, do love him/her. So Gabriel loves that person. Then Gabriel announces into the heavens saying: Allah has loved such and such person, do love him. So the inhabitants of the heavens love him/her. And then acceptance is put for that individual on earth}**.

Angels say prayers for the believers. That means they make dua for them and they ask Allah to forgive the believers. Which of us does not need that great grace? But, which of us deserves and which of us is entitled to such honor? Do you think those who disobey Allah will be entitled to that? Those who deal in usury? Or those that commit adultery? Or those that take alcohol or drugs? Or those that do not practice their prayers? And those that miss the prayers in congregation? Or those who teach people the bad, and teach them to rebel over the limits of Allah. Or those that make fun of and desecrate the faith or the people of faith? No, let us see who deserves such an honor:

The messenger (ppbu) said: **{Allah and his Angels and the insect ants in their homes and the whales in the sea, pray for this who teaches people the good}**. He also said: **{Angels pray for this who comes to the mosque to pray, and they say: God bless him, as long as he hurts no one in the mosque and as long as he commits no sin at the mosque}**. The messenger (ppbu) also said: **{Allah and his angels pray for those in the first row in prayers at the mosque}**

The messenger (ppbu) said: **{Angels pray for one of you as long as he remains still sitting where he finishes his prayer as long as he does not leave or commit a sin}**

The messenger (ppbu) said: **{Allah and His angels pray for those who join and fill the rows in a prayer. And this who fills a space in a row, for doing so, Allah will elevate him a grade}**

The messenger (ppbu) said: **{Anyone who prays for me, the angels will pray for him/her as long as he keeps on praying for me. Let each slave do that as plenty as they wish}**

The messenger (ppbu) said: **{any Muslim who visits another Muslim who is sick, Allah will send 70 thousand angels praying for him during a day until the night; or at night until the morning}**

Allah tells us that the agnels' prayers for us will take us out from the darkness of disobedience and association and sins to the light that each of us needs.

Angels always say: **"Amen"** to any prayer the believers say. The messenger (ppbu) said: **{the prayer of a person for a brother of his unknown to his brother, such a prayer is guaranteed to be answered. At his head there is an angel that says Amen. For each prayer he says for his brother, the angel says: Amen and the same to himself}**

Angels ask for forgiveness for those humans on earth. (42:5). Angels look for the faithful at the learning circles. The messenger (ppbu) said: **{whenever a group of people met in one of Allah's houses, reciting and studying the book of Allah, peace descends upon them, and they would be contained with mercy, and angels surround them, and Allah speaks of them into an assembly present before Him}**. There are other angels who search for the

believers who attend at Fajr and Asr prayers in congregation and they register their names. The messenger (ppbu) said: **{there are angels amongst you who take turns (like they operate in shifts) at night and angels at day. They meet at Asr and Fajr prayers. The coming angels meet those angels who are leaving you, Their Lord asks them; and He already knows, He say: How were my slaves when you left them? They answer: we left them while they were praying and we came to them while they were praying}**.

Angels also go into fights on the side of the faithful (8:12). There are many many more things that angels do for the believers which we shall not have time to mention it all here. What is important is to know that tracing angels in what Allah and His messenger have commanded can only be good for a human being. The messenger said: **{in a prayer, when the Imam says: “Amen”, angels in the heavens say “Amen”. Any one who says “Amen” in synchronous with the “Amen” said by the angels, all his or her previous sins will be forgiven}**. And in another occasion the messenger (ppbu) said: **{during a prayer, when the Imam says: “سمع الله لمن حمد” “Allah listens to those who give thanks”, then do say: “اللهم ربنا لك الحمد” “Lord God all thanks be to you”. whosoever says that in synchronous with the angels when they say it, then all his or her previous sins will be forgiven}**.

For all that dear brothers and sisters, we must believe in angels, revere them respect them, love them. We must refrain from what hurts them. And this that hurts them most is doing the acts of disobedience and committing sins. Angels do not enter a home where there is a dog or a picture, or a sculptured statue, or someone who has not done purification after intercourse, or a drunken person. Angels become hurt from anything which hurts a human being in things like bad smells and dirt. The messenger (ppbu) said: **{any of you who eats garlic or onions or leek, let them not come near our mosque. For angels do get discomforted just as the children of Adam do}**.

About what angels do for the infidel, and unbelievers is that angels curse them. Allah says: **{Those who disbelieve and die as unbelievers. They are cursed by Allah, and by the angels and by all the people} 2:161.**

Angels can bring down punishment just as happened with the people of Lut and others. When it comes to cursing, angels do not just curse those who don't believe, they also curse those who commit some specific sins even Muslims. The

messenger (ppbu) said: **{when a man invites his wife to bed and she refuses, and if he sleeps angry, then angels will curse her till the morning comes}**. The messenger (ppbu) also said: **{who ever points a bar of iron or a weapon against his brother then the angels will curse him}**.

The messenger (ppbu) also said: **{this who commits a wrong towards Allah's religion, or who provides protection to such a transgressor, then they will be cursed by Allah, and by the angels and by all the people}**.

There may be enough knowledge in today's talk for us with this great corner of faith which we all are required to implement. I ask Allah to be amongst those who listen to what is being said, and amongst those who follow the best of it.

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