

God Never Said That

“Heaven Needed Another Angel”

Romans 12:15 – May 10, 2026

Our Sermon Series

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<i>Examining Common Statements That You Will Not Find in the Bible</i>		
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April 4/5	God Helps Those Who Help Themselves	Ephesians 2:1-9
April 12	God Wants You to Be Happy	2 Corinthians 12:2-10
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- **Hosea 4:6** – *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.*
- George Barna: “Increasingly, America is biblically illiterate.”
- The purpose of this sermon series is to help train us to be Biblical thinkers.
- **Acts 17:11** (NIV) – *Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.*
- Charles Spurgeon: “Discernment is not (just) knowing the difference between right and wrong, it is knowing the difference between right and almost right.”

Heaven, or God, Needed Another Angel

- **Romans 12**
- Paul had a wild encounter with Jesus (Acts 9) which changed his life. His letter to Christians in Rome (now titled “Romans”) is filled with theology, teaches how to live the Christian life, is aimed at uniting Jews and Gentiles, and ... so much more.
- **Verse 1** – what’s the “therefore” there for?
 - Romans 10:9-13
 - “The ground is level at the foot of the cross.” Billy Graham
 - Who is bestowing riches? The Lord is.

1. God is provider and has no need.

- “Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.” Psalm 115:3

- “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I shall return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.” Job 1:21
 - “The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.” Acts 17:24-25
 - God didn’t need. God doesn’t need.
 - A Fancy Theological Term: The Aseity of God – means that God does not need us or the rest of creation for anything, yet we and the rest of creation can glorify Him and bring Him joy. The Aseity of God means that God is Self-Sufficient and Self-Sustaining. He has no need.
 - That’s who we’re magnifying with our songs, actions, attitudes, service, offerings, ... with all our lives.
 - *“There are two kinds of magnifying: microscope magnifying and telescope magnifying. The one makes a small thing look bigger than it is. The other makes a big thing begin to look as big as it really is. ... We are not called to be microscopes. We are called to be telescopes.”* - John Piper
 - **Application #1:** - Let’s magnify Him ...
 - Through song.
 - Then sings my soul*
 - My savior God, to Thee,*
 - How Great Thou art!*
 - How great Thou art!*
 - And through service
 - Consider Debbie, Fidelia, and Carolyn.
 - What do we do in light of God’s mercy / with a right view of God?
 - **Romans 12:1-2**
 - Surrender all to Him
 - God doesn’t need. All belongs to Him.
 - Notice the language implying there’s a path for us to get back to God. Conformed. Transformed. Renewal. Language of redemption.
- #### **2. Redemption is for humankind, not for angels.**
- Both are capable of sin. Only one is provided a path for redemption.
 - Angels sinned and were cast out. (2 Peter 2:4; Revelation 12)
 - Adam and Eve sinned and were provided the means to stay in relationship with God. (Genesis 3:21)
 - Both will Worship God (Hebrews 12:22 and Revelation 5:11-12)
 - Only one (people) will worship as the redeemed!

- Application #2
 - Shift in mindset from God needing, to God providing.
 - Accept His offer of redemption: *Jesus, I recognize that I am a sinner in need of salvation. I trust that what You did on the cross was sufficient to forgive me of all my sins. I surrender my life to Your Lordship.* (Next Baptism is June 7)
 - Stop conforming to the world by ending a habit.
 - Renew your mind with a new habit.
- Angels are different than people
 - Roles of Angels:
 - Worshipping God – Isaiah 6:3 “And one called to another and said ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!’”
 - Messengers – Luke 1:11-19 “... I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.”
 - Protecting believers – Psalm 91:11 “For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.”
 - Fighting battles – Revelation 12:7-8 “Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. ...”
 - Roles of people – **Romans 12:3-8**
 - Prophecy. Service. Teaching. Exhorting. Contributing. Leading. Mercy.
 - Gifts for the benefit of the Body of Christ
 - Of very little (if any) value on an island!

3. God created you to fulfill your role, not to become anything/anyone else.

- We don't become angels.
- We were created to join with God in His work.
 - Ephesians 2:8-10 “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”
- A note on thinking of yourself with “sober judgment”
 - To see God as He is sets us up to see us as we are. Namely, with sober judgement that we have need.
 - Paraphrase of Proverbs 16:18 “Pride comes before the fall.”
- Jessi's story
- Application #3 –
 - I will confess pride by going to prayer altar today.
 - I will find my spiritual gift (trinityemc.com/spiritual-gifts)

- I will find Christ-centered community in which I can practice confessing, exercising my gifts, and being ministered to by others.

▪ **Romans 12:9-21**

- Not all have the gifts mentioned earlier, but all can do these
- Which of these do you feel God nudging you to exercise in your current season?

- The phrase “God needed another Angel” is often spoke as an attempt to comfort. Most commonly when someone has lost a child.
 - If God didn't need another angel ... if God doesn't need anything ... then why did he take my child?
 - I don't know
 - I **do** know that we are encouraged to know Jesus through sufferings – Philippians 3:10
 - I **do** know God's perspective of death is different than ours.

▪ **Romans 12:15**

4. Life together involves rejoicing and weeping.

- Weep with those who weep. Here are three ways to ‘weep’ well ...
 - Be **present** with them.
 - Job 2:11-13
 - My story with Greg Weber
 - **Mourn** with them.
 - “Empathy means ‘feeling with.’ Hurting people need caregivers who will match their mood to a certain extent ... Christians who mourn with those who mourn are following the pattern of Jesus Christ and incarnating His love to the hurting.” - Kenneth Haugk
 - Let's practice for a minute with Michelle's story.
 - Meet **physical** needs.
 - Romans 12:13 “Contribute to the needs of the saints...”
- Rejoice with those who rejoice

▪ Application #4 –

- Be present with someone who's hurting
- Meet the need of someone who's hurting
- Seek to understand someone who's mourning
- Rejoice with someone's victory this week
- Take a mom out to lunch today