

**Theme: THE HEAVENLY MESSENGERS & DIVINE PRESENCE**

**Memory Verse:** *Genesis 32:1-2 “And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. And when Jacob saw them, he said, this is God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.”*

**Texts:** Genesis 22:11-19; Luke 18:26-38; Judges 6:11-24

It should not be strange to find the presence of the angels of God here to prepare Jacob for the tough journey ahead of him, the third encounter that he would have with angels. In his first encounter some years earlier on his way to Haran, he saw in a dream, angels ascending and descending a ladder (Genesis 28:10-15). In his second encounter with the angel of God, in the house of Laban in Haran, he was instructed to “arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred” (Genesis 31:13). Several years later, while in Egypt, Jacob would talk about “the Angel which redeemed me from all evil “(Genesis 48:16).

The scriptures are filled with cases of angelic ministries as in the lives of Abraham, Moses, Gideon, Manoah, Elijah, Elisha, Hezekiah, Daniel, Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, the Apostles, Cornelius, Peter and Paul. Angelic ministrations were manifestly at work throughout the Lord’s earthly ministry. At His birth (Luke 2:8-19), His temptation in the wilderness (Matthew 4:11), just before His crucifixion on the cross (Luke 22:43). Angels were the first to announce His resurrection from the dead (Matthew 28:1-8) as well as His Second Coming (Acts 1:9-11). God’s angels are sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation (Hebrews 1:14). But as we discover in the case of John the beloved (Revelation 22:8, 9), they are not to be prayed to or worshipped as some religious people do today.

God’s assurances to Jacob during angelic visitation to Jacob should not be mistaken for God’s endorsement of Jacob’s many questionable moves and methods. They are only evident tokens of God’s mercies. We all can count many acts of undeserved favours in our lives when blessings were received even when it is clear that we had done wrong.

	<b>DAILY BIBLE READING</b>	
	<b>MORNING</b>	<b>EVENING</b>
SUNDAY	Psalms 102	Psalms 103
MONDAY	Psalms 104	Psalms 105
TUESDAY	Psalms 106	Psalms 107
WEDNESDAY	Psalms 108	Psalms 109
THURSDAY	Psalms 110	Psalms 111
FRIDAY	Psalms 112	Psalms 113
SATURDAY	Psalms 114	Psalms 115