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Archangels and All Angels on the Feast of Saint Gabriel and the Annunciation

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2015 “40 Day Season” of Angels & Saints

- ***Michaelmas***, September 29

Observed: Sunday Sept. 27

- ***Guardian Angels***, October 2

Obs: Sunday Oct. 11

- ***Archangel St. Raphael***, October 24

Obs: Sunday Oct. 25

- ***All Saints***, November 1

Obs: Sunday Nov. 1

Current Season's Feast

*Saint Gabriel, Archangel
and the Annunciation*

Church Calendar: March 24

**Transferred:
Sunday April 3, 2016**



"ARCHANGEL GABRIEL" – jano/BigStock.com

Luke 1:27-31 KJV

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

*And the angel came in unto her, and said,
“Hail, thou that art highly favoured,
the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou
amongst women.”*

Overview Today: Part I

- ❖ Angels and Archangels
- ❖ Archangel Michael
- ❖ Angels in Hebrew Scripture
- ❖ Testament of Jesus Christ

Part II

- ❖ Teachings, Traditions, and Missions to the New World
- ❖ Angels in Modern Culture
- ❖ Dialog through Prayer
- ❖ Acknowledging Angels

Angels and Archangels

Biblical Angels

- ❖ May be described as non-divine heavenly messengers whose primary mission is to:
 - ✓ Relay divine information
 - ✓ Accompany God when He appears before humans
 - ✓ Assist or punish humans on His behalf
- ❖ Have their own language ... tongues, a gift of the Holy Spirit
- ❖ A few are known to us by their name, all by their ministries
- ❖ Organized into rankings or hierarchies

Christian Angelic Hierarchy

- ❖ **Dionysius** (5th cent.) *De Coelesti Hierarchia* (On the Celestial Hierarchy), cited NT
- ❖ **Thomas Aquinas** (13th) *Summa Theologica*
Also drew on NT to develop a schema of three Hierarchies of Angels (Triads or Spheres), each containing three Orders
- ❖ Other theologians: All agreed the Angels are organized into **Angelic Choirs**
- ❖ Yet the biblical canon is silent on the subject; these hierarchies are mostly speculative

From the Witness of Saint Paul

Dionysius, Aquinas cited **Ephesians 1:21**

“Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.”

Also **Colossians 1:16**

“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.”

Saint Mary, Matron of All Angels

The Hymnal 1940: Hymn 599

Thou bearer of the eternal Word,

*Most gracious,
magnify the Lord*



The Holy Trinity

The Assumption
Peter Paul Rubens

Nine Spheres of ANGELS



The Assumption of the Virgin

Francesco Botticini (1476)

National Gallery London

3 Hierarchies

9 Orders of Angels

each w/ different attributes

❖ First Triad

❑ **Seraphim**

❑ **Cherubim**

❑ *Thrones*

❖ Second Triad

❑ *Dominions*

❑ **Virtues**

❑ *Powers*

❖ Third Triad

❑ *Principalities*

❑ **Archangels**

❑ **Angels**

SERAPHIM: 1st Triad, 1st Order

- Singular “Seraph”,
literally “burning ones”
- **Isaiah 6:1-8**: Highest angelic class
 - Fiery six-winged beings
 - Caretakers of God's throne room
 - Continuously shouting praises ...
(we'll get to this)

CHERUBIM: 2nd Order

Ezekiel 28 – Guard throne of God

- Have four conjoined wings covered with eyes, a lion's body, an oxen's feet
- Have four faces: one of **a man, an ox, a lion, an eagle** - adopted by the four **Evangelists**
 - **MT** – winged **man/angel**: representing the **Incarnation**
 - **MK** – winged **lion**: courage, monarchy, the **Kingdom**
 - **LK** – winged **ox**: strength, sacrifice, service/**physician**
 - **JN** – an **eagle**, the **Ascension**, Christ's divine nature

MIDDLE ORDERS: 3rd thru 7th

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- **Thrones**
- **Dominions**
- **Virtues**
- **Powers**
- **Principalities**

ARCHANGELS, 8th Order

- The word **Archangel** comes from the Greek *archangelos* - **chief angel** - translation of the Hebrew רב-מלאך
- Derives from:
 - *archein*, “to be first in rank or power”
 - *angelos*, “messenger or envoy”
- The word Archangel is used only twice in NT:
1 Thessalonians 4:16
Jude 1:9
- **Only Gabriel and Michael are mentioned by name in NT** (Raphael also canonical)

ANGELS, 9th and lowest Order

- Angels or *malakhim*, the “plain angels”
 - The most recognized
 - Different kinds with different functions
 - Concerned w/ affairs of the living
 - Sent as messengers to mankind
- An Angel comforted Jesus on the last night **LK 22:43**
- An Angel freed Peter from Herod’s prison **ACTS 12:1-19**



Carl Heinrich Bloch, 1879

Questions?

The Archangels

- ❖ Earliest reference to a **System of Seven Archangels**
- ❖ Evidently in Book of Enoch (Judaic tradition)
- ❖ Non-canonical but quoted in Epistle of Jude
- ❖ Named as **Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Raguel, Remiel, and Saraqael**

Other Early References

❖ **Earliest Christian mention:**

Pope St. Gregory I (590-604 AD), listed as
Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

Uriel (or Anael), Simiel, Oraphiel, and Raguel

❖ **9th century:** Reference to 7 Archangels found in a church talisman in NW Spain attributed to Auriolus, who issued a prayer:

*“... all you patriarchs Michael, Gabriel
... Raphael ... who hold the clouds in
your hands.”*

Saint Michael

Michaelmas - September 29

Epistle of Jude 1:9 (KJV)

*“Yet Michael the archangel,
when contending with the devil
he disputed about the body of Moses
durst not bring against him
a railing accusation, but said,
“The Lord rebuke thee.””*

Archangel Michael

4 Major Roles
Catholic tradition



1. Leader of the Army of God
2. Angel of death, carries all souls to heaven
3. Weighs each soul in his perfectly balanced scales
4. Patron of the Chosen People (OT), and also guardian of the Church and patron of knights and military orders

In Hebrew:

- *Michael* means
“He who is like God.”
- Ancient and middle languages and pronunciations:
 - **Hebrew:** *Micha'el* or *Mîkhā'ēl*
 - **Greek:** *Μιχαήλ*, *Mikhaél*
 - **Latin:** *Michael*
 - **the Vulgate:** *Michahel*

Referred to as ...

- By Anglicans, Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Lutherans:

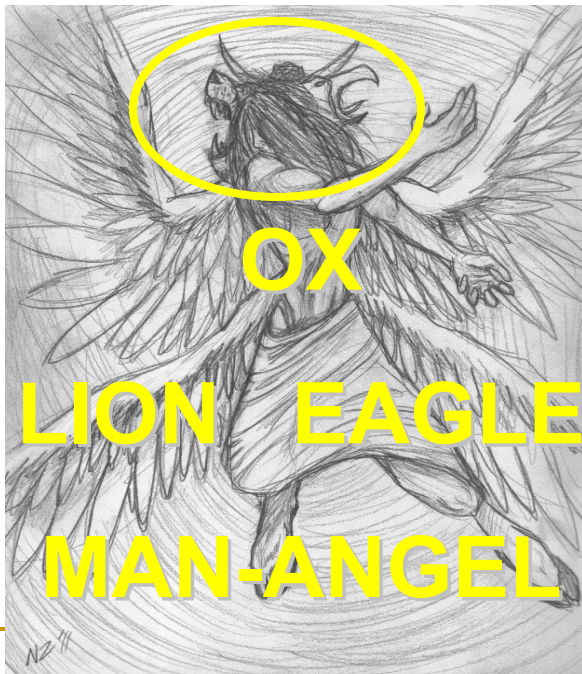
Saint Michael the Archangel
or simply as **Saint Michael**

- By Orthodox Christians, also:
Taxiarch Archangel Michael

Hebrew Scripture

In the Beginning

- Angels first appear early in **Genesis**
- **Cherubim** are placed outside the gates of Eden



- Ensure that mankind does not force his way back into the Garden, so as to not eat of the fruit of life - **Gen 3:24**

Mankind Cast Out

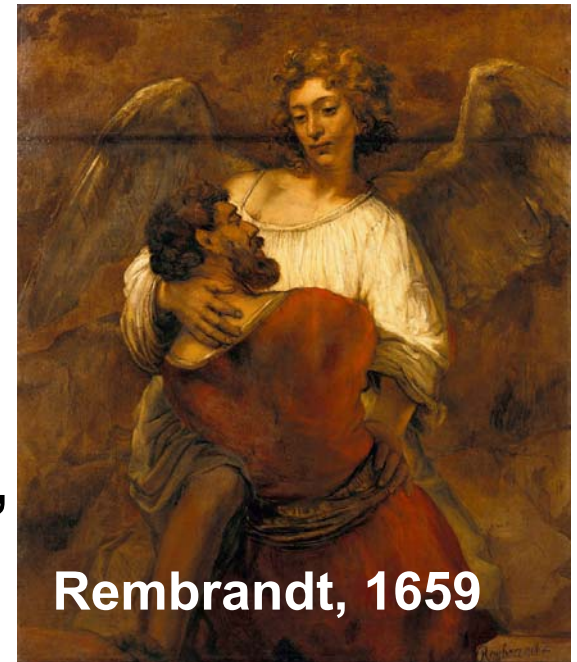
From that opening story of the
Sacred writ,

Angels appear regularly in our
salvation history:

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- **Jacob** wrestled with an Angel
and was renamed **Israel**
(Genesis, Hosea), literally:

“He who struggles with God.”



Rembrandt, 1659

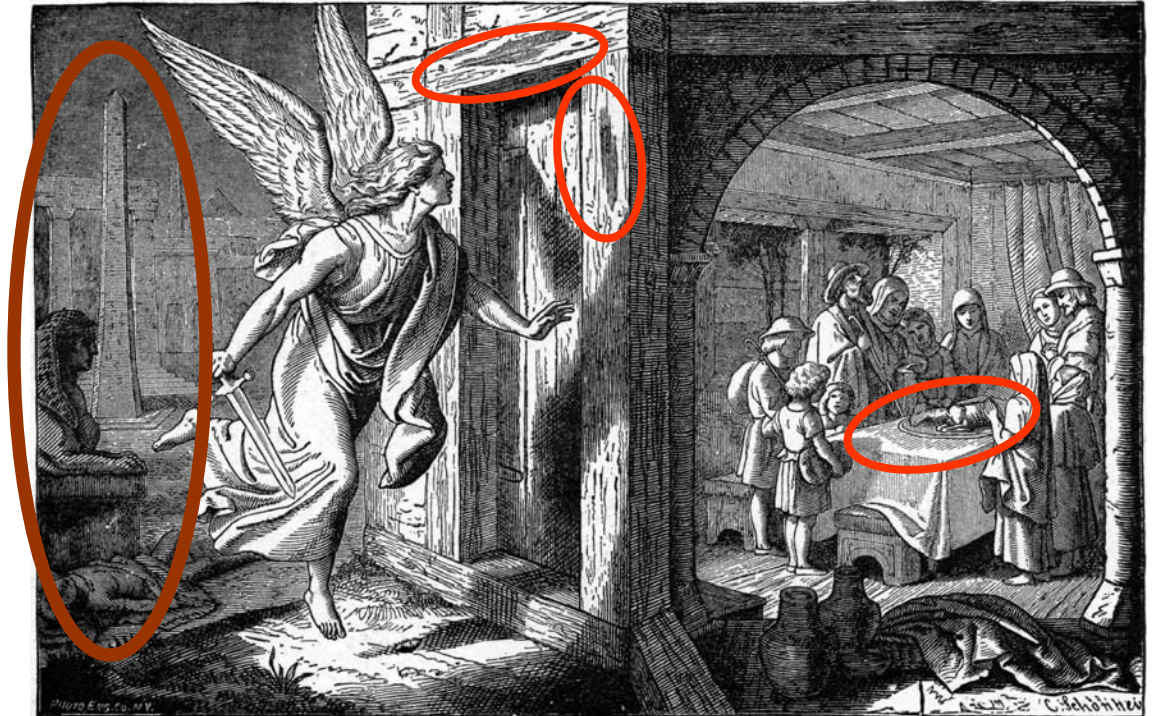
Angel of Death – Passover, 10th Plague

Exodus 12:12, trad. of Amos, Isaiah, Ezekiel - 6th cent. BC



The WORD sends
St. Michael on His
behalf to exact
the death over the
darkness that is Egypt

Yet our Savior,
the **Lamb of God**, is
Himself subsequently
slain for our sins



The blood of the lamb
smeared on the doorposts

More Angels in the OT

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2 Kings: Narrative History & Prophecy

- Author: Perhaps Jeremiah c. 560 B.C
- Purpose: Demonstrate value of those who obey God, and fate of those who don't obey and make Him ultimate ruler
- Concerning: Affairs of the divided kingdoms
Israel, the Northern
Judah, the Southern
Far from the Lord, lost in confusion of sins
- But what of **Angels?**

2 Kings 19:35



*And it came to pass that
night, that the **angel**
of the **LORD** went
out, and smote in the
camp of the Assyrians
an hundred fourscore
and five thousand
(185,000)*

*David and
the Psalmists
Sing of the Angels*

Psalms Selections

Psalm 18:10 *And he rode upon a cherub and did fly: yea, upon the wings of the wind*

Ps 34:7 *The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them*

Ps 35:5 *Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the Lord chase them*

The Song of Angels *the Sanctus or Three Hories*

- Ancient hymn at least from the time of Isaiah, perhaps 800 years before Christ
- Sung by the Cherubim who inhabit the throne room of:

YHWH

- First **Isaiah**, later **Apostle John** were granted visions of this throne room
- Heard **Michael's legions, the Angels**, singing the endless hymn

Summation: Michael in O.T.

- Despite the rabbinical prohibition against appealing to Angels as intermediaries between God and his people ...
... the idea that Michael was the advocate of the Jews became prevalent and soon occupied a certain place in the Jewish liturgy

Queries?

Testament of Jesus Christ

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The Annunciation → The Nativity

LUKE 2:1-20

MATTHEW 1:18-25



*Angels we have
heard on high ...*

*Hark, the herald
angels sing ...*

A Warning

- MT 2:13 *And when they were departed, behold, **the angel of the Lord** appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.*

A Parable

- LK 16:19 *There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:*
- 20 *And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,*
- 22 *And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was **carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom**: the rich man also died, and was buried....*

Teachings

- LK 20: Jesus is challenged by the Sadducees; He replies three-fold:

1st point *It is not only the condition of those who are raised, and the certainty of the resurrection; it is an age,*

*... which a **certain class only**, who are accounted worthy of it, shall obtain a separate resurrection of the just.*

Luke cont...

- 2nd** *Neither can they die any more:
for they are **equal** unto the angels;
and are the children of God,
being the children of the resurrection.*
- 3rd** *While waiting for this resurrection,
their souls survive death,
all live unto God, although
they may be hidden from the eyes of men.*

Resurrection – Luke 24:5



Myrrhbearing Women at The Tomb

New Skete Holy Wisdom Temple
Cambridge, New York

www.newskete.org



When Mary and her friends went to the tomb before dawn, they found the stone removed.

Suddenly, an angel spoke to them, saying,

“Why look among the dead for one who dwells in eternal light? ... Go, now, and tell the world the Lord has risen ... for he is the Son of God and savior of humankind.”

Ascension

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- Proving his willingness to act on our behalf ...
- Christ **ascended** into heaven ...
- Mankind will once again ...

The Coming of Christ, MT 13

41 *The son of man shall send forth
his angels, and they shall gather
out of his kingdom all things that
offend, and them which do iniquity...*

43 *Then shall the righteous shine forth
as the sun in the kingdom of their
Father.*

Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

The Last Judgment

- Archangel Gabriel will blow a sacred horn to wake the dead at the Last Judgment:

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

1 Thessalonians 4:16

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

The Archangel Michael ...

- ... leads God's armies of Angels against Satan's forces
- During the war in heaven he defeats Satan

Rev 5-12 *And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders*

The War in Heaven

- Rev 12:1 *And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve[☆] stars.*

* A perfect number, symbolizes God's power & authority:
e.g. **12 Tribes, 12 Days of Christmas, 12 Apostles ...**

2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

Rev. 12 continues ...

3 *And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads*

5 *And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.*



Rev 12 cont.

- 7 *And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought, and his angels,*
- 9 *And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil ...*
... he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
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PART II
Teachings
and
Traditions

The Archangels, *Anno Domini*

- ✚ **4th century:** Christian sanctuaries appeared for Michael, first seen as a healing Angel, then as a protector
Then soon as a leader of the Army of God against the forces of evil
 - ✚ **5th century:** Dionysius' Hierarchy, from Saint Paul's **Ephesians, Colossians**
 - ✚ **6th century:** Devotions to St. Michael, widespread in Eastern & Western Churches
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Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

✚ **Latter part 1st millennium:** Teachings on Archangels began to vary among Christian traditions. One result:

x **7th century:** New edicts - heretical - were conveyed to Arabia, supposedly by Raphael

✚ **13th century:** Aquinas' Hierarchy

✚ **The Renaissance:** Art & Architecture
Literature: Milton's *Paradise Lost*

Angel Art & Sculpture



Cathedral stained glass



**Seven Angels,
the Last Judgment**



Cherubs at a fountain



St Michael guarding a tomb

Missions to the New World

Spanish Missions in the New World: Church Ministries, Church Buildings

La Florida, c.1580-1702, several dozen sites

Jesuits & Dominicans martyred / **Franciscans**

✠ At least 2 missions honored Angels & Archangels

✠ ***Santa Maria de Los Angeles de Arapaha***
north of Live Oak near GA border

✠ ***San Miguel de Asile***
near St. Marks on the Gulf Bend

✠ All destroyed by the English, none survive today
Recreated in Tallahassee museum

✠ Remnants from local 1670s ***Mission Santa Maria***
Amelia Island Museum of History

Alta California's *El Camino Real*

- ✠ *Los Angeles*: “The City of Angels”
- ✠ Dozens of missions, Baja Mexico to Northern California
- ✠ **c.1770 to 1830** as converting and educating yet enslaving Rancheros
- ✠ Some parishes still active today
- ✠ Three named for Archangels ...

Mission San Gabriel Archangel - 1771

Los Angeles Basin



Feast Day: March 24



C. 1900



Mission San Miguel Archangel - 1797

Southern Salinas Valley



Feast Day: September 29

Mission San Raphael Archangel - 1817

Just north of San Francisco



Feast Day: October 25

Angels in Modern Culture

Angel Ideas, Ideals, and Ideology

- God gave us the Angels and Archangels
- Also an abundance of ways to reflect upon them:

Common names, place names,
whimsical, entertaining,
scholarly,
critical, vital

Angel Places



Angel Falls,
Venezuela



Angel's Landing, Zion NP



Bridge of Angels, Rome

Modern Culture

- US towns: LA

San Angelo, TX

Angels' Camp, CA

- In the home:

Angel City, FL

- Food

- Novelties

- Literature / Entertainment:

- Books, stage, TV,
movies, music

- Sports



Angel Humor in Holy Scripture

- 2 Corinthians

St. Luke, the Physician ...

- St. Pete and Pearly Gates

- Larson -
The Far Side



Serious Work, Loving Folks

Visiting Angels

Angel Watch

Angel Flight

Mercy Medical Angels

More Angels in America

US Navy flight ops helicopters

The Blue Angels



Dialog with Angels through Prayer

The Sanctus today: *Is 6:3; Rev 4:8*

“Therefore with angels and arch-angels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying,

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.”

To sing the hymn is to twice pray the prayer

The Hymnal (1940), from the section on
St. Michael and All Angels

❖ Hymn 123 (first lines)

*1 Christ, the fair glory of the **holy angels**...*

*2 Send thine **archangel Michael** to our
succour...*

*3 Send thine archangel **Gabriel**, the
mighty...*

*4 Send from the heavens **Raphael** thine
archangel...*

THE PRAYER OF SAINT MICHAEL



*“St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.*

*Be our defense against the
wickedness and snares of
the Devil. May God rebuke
him, we humbly pray, and
do thou, O Prince of the
heavenly hosts,*

*by the power of God, thrust
into hell Satan, and all the
evil spirits, who prowl
about the world seeking the
ruin of souls. Amen.”*

Saint Gabriel



*O Blessed Archangel Gabriel,
we beseech thee, do thou
intercede for us at the throne
of divine Mercy in our
present necessities ...*

*... so through thy prayers
and patronage in heaven we
may obtain the benefits of
the same, and sing the praise
of God forever in the land of
the living. Amen.*

Acknowledging Angels

Our knowledge of the Angels ...

- Helps us maintain a proper sense of **humility**
- In extending our minds around our **inter-dependence** with the Angels, we are only humbled in **our own assessment** of them
- The Book of Hebrews:
Our **eternal state is wrapped up** with that of the Angels; our **eternal destiny** will be lived out **with the Angels**

As the Preacher of Ecclesiastes said ...

God has put eternity into our minds

- So that we may merely contemplate the magnitude of **all the worlds of God**
- Because **God's creation** is incomprehensibly greater than this world, yesterday, today, always
- Far beyond our tools, our telescopes, microscopes, our physics, mathematics; infinitely beyond terms like ...

“God particle”

Yet Angels ...

- Assist us daily, help us **become the worshippers** we were created to be
- And Jesus acknowledged that we have **Guardian Angels**
Peter's guardian Angel was so well known that on one occasion Peter himself was actually mistaken for his own Angel!

Your Guardian Angel

- Remember him as he watches over you with your every waking moment and sleeping heartbeat
- Listen to his subtle voice, nod to his nudges, embrace his firm and Godly advice
- Because Jesus Christ and Saint Michael - respectively “Master” and “Commander” of our own Angel - appreciate it when we acknowledge the ambassador to each of us, their foot soldier assigned to us in this our heavenly battle on Earth

Our Guardian Archangel



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**HE SHALL
GIVE HIS ANGELS
CHARGE OVER
THEE TO KEEP
THEE IN ALL
THY WAYS**

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Ps 91:11

Parting Thoughts

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In the end

- Our expectation for the fulfillment of God's Word requires that we ...

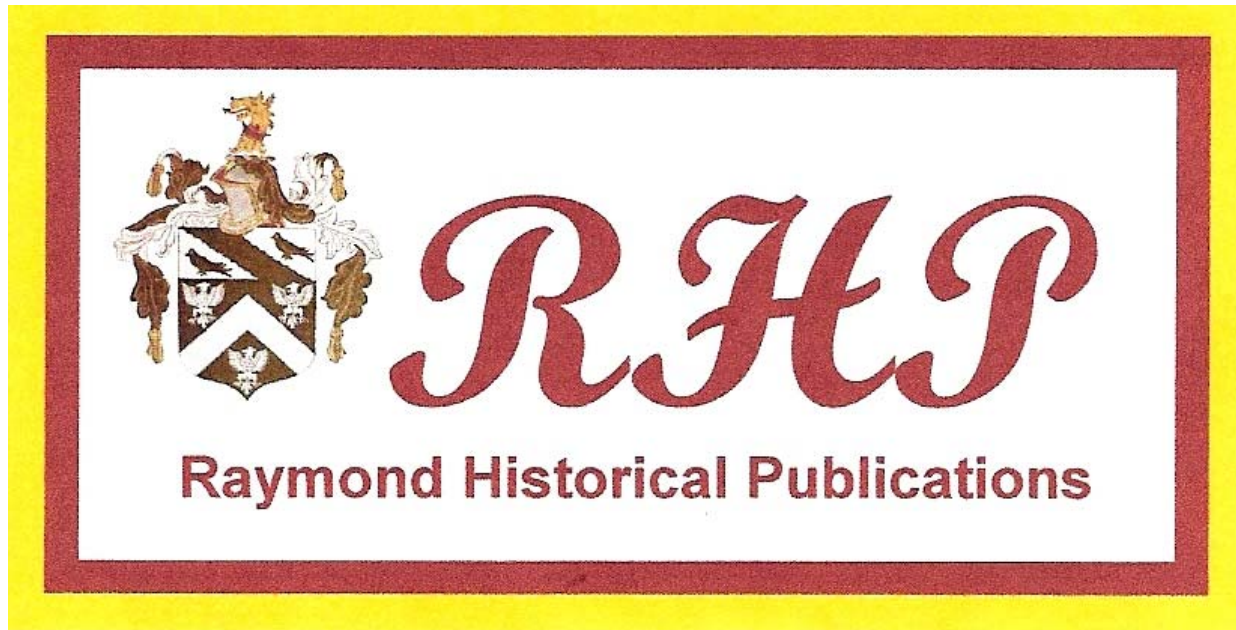
... look for and long for the assistance of the Angels,
especially from the Archangels,
Saints Michael, Gabriel, Raphael,
and the Angelic Army of God

The Very Last Word

What causes the Angels to rejoice?

*Likewise, I say unto you,
there is joy in the presence of
the angels of God over one
sinner that repenteth.*

LK 15:10



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