

**Year B #441**  
***The Gate of Heaven***  
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*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

Our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the connecting link between man and God. In the Old Testament, whenever the Son of Man, who is none other than the Son of God, is mentioned as the Angel of the Lord, He always reveals the Father. He is always surrounded by those angelic spirits which are literally ministers of fire. So when we are reading all through the Old Testament these various phrases, and you read a story perhaps as you are having your quiet time — and I hope you have that every day — that you realize. “Yes, this is Jesus! This is Who is speaking through this very passage.”

You see, Jacob, for example, saw in a dream the pillar of fire. Now that was a ladder. A ladder with the firey . . . **angels of God ascending and descending on it.** We read on in **Genesis 28-**

**13 And behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land hereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;**

**15 And behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places wither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.**

**16 And Jacob awakened out of His sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not.**

**17 And he was afraid and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.** Jesus is the way into the presence of God for He is *the gate of heaven*, even as Jacob declared as he named the place Bethel. So many people feel, “If we could just find some little geographic area in this world and look for something that we would say this is the way you go up into heaven.” No. The whole idea is Jesus is the gate of heaven. He is the way; He is the gate. He is the One who opens up the way for you.

I want that you should know this Jesus as the way into Heaven, not only when you go to Heaven if you love Jesus at the end of your life, but that you should know Him today. Right in the darkest, most dismal situation in which you find yourself, the glory of God and the every gate of Heaven is open. Right where you are in that place where God has put you is where His life, and His light can bring forth all the wonderful power of ministering angels around just as when Jacob saw the Lord in that pillar of fire.

We read in this amazing verse of **Genesis 48:16** that when Jacob gave prophetic blessing on his twelve sons at the end of his life, He spoke of the Resident of the Shekinah as: **The Angel who redeemed me from**

**all evil . . .** Isn't it interesting? He speaks of the link back to the Angel of God who redeemed him. He knew, if He looked forward to the Cross, it was Jesus who alone would be the Redeemer.

**In Isaiah 63:9 - In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them . . .** Do you understand that is what Jesus is doing in your life today? He is setting you free from this world and that which holds and blinds you. He is setting you free, because He is the great Redeemer. The Angel of the Lord was with His people, Israel, when the first-born was redeemed by the blood of the passover lamb. When the nation was saved at the Red Sea, it was the Resident of the pillar of fire or Shekinah there to guide them through. He placed His cloud of the angelic hosts between the Egyptians and the Israelis, making it utter darkness to the unbelieving pagans, but He gave light to His own.

This is the same Resident Jesus who comes in the life of the believer, who takes over the darkest situation and makes it so different from those people who are around. Of course, the people do not understand what is going on and, of course, they stumble like the Egyptians; they are in darkness. But may you understand and draw upon the light of the glory of the Lord. May you be in His Word and may you see that **the Word is a Lamp unto (your) feet and a Light unto (your) path.** The Angel of the Lord; the divine Messenger; the Son of God; the Lord

Jesus in His pre-incarnate state led them all the way as they journeyed through the wilderness waste and desert of Arabia. The Angel of the Lord again and again was their Captain of the Lord of Hosts.

I do not know what your story is, but I know Jesus is adequate for meeting you today where you are. I am praying that the very cloud of His presence might be so upon your life that the glory of Jesus will be there, that you might indeed see that you are but a vessel for what He wants to do through you. May you understand as they did in **Acts 1:11** when our Lord ascended into Heaven and the two men came and said: . . . **why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner. . .** – *back again from heaven.* He is coming in a cloud. He is coming in a cloud to those on this earth. He will come in great judgment when He comes to this earth. It is a fiery cloud.

In the meantime, know Him as your Saviour and meet Him before that cloud comes to this earth, in the air, because Jesus has saved you and has taken the wrath for you at Calvary.

*In Jesus' Name. Amen*