

# Awe and Wonder

*"Angels"*

1 Peter 1:10-12

## Sermon Proposition

Followers of Jesus should stand in awe of the Lord because of the testimony of the angels

## Introduction

**Observation: What/who are angels and what was the message of the angels?**

## **Application: What we can receive from the awe and wonder of the angels**

1. Receive the joy and perspective of the angels
2. Refocus your worship on the Lord
3. Remember in humility that angels aren't impressed by your feats
4. Recount the good news to someone who is in despair

## Open It!

Think of a time when you got a surprise message, or an important message. How did you respond? What made it important or surprising?

What good news would you like to receive right now?

## Read It!

**Read 1 Peter 1:10-12**

## Consider It!

What is the subject of this passage?

What did the prophets say would happen to the Christ? What is Peter marveling about?

What does Peter say has been preached to these people, and how was it preached?

What does it say about the angels? What, specifically, do you think this means?

What does Hebrews 1:4 and 1:13-14 say about the relationship between Jesus, people, and angels?

What are the various ways that angels show up in the Christmas story?

Why do you think God chose to use dreams for some people like Joseph (Matthew 1:20, 2:13) and the Magi (Matthew 2:12), but direct conversation for Zechariah (Luke 1:11), Mary (Luke 1:28), and the shepherds (Luke 2:9)? Is it possible that Matthew and Luke are saying the same thing but in different ways (i.e. both were in a dream, or the dream was not a sleeping dream)?

What would you say to someone who discounts the biblical accounts because of the difficulty of pinning down angels to the observable universe?

## **Live It!**

Consider these four applications:

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Which of these most needs your attention this week?

## **Pray for Each Other**