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Revelation 14:6, “*And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.*”

Everyone pictures angels having wings. The Bible never says that angels have wings. There are three passages in the Bible where angels are flying, so one assumes the angels have wings. They of course could have easily flown without wings due to the power of God. (Isaiah 6:2 tells us that seraphim had six wings. In Revelation 4:8 each of the four beasts about the throne of God had six wings.)

I find it interesting that the three times angels are flying somewhat parallel the condition of mankind as a whole. The first time the angel is bringing a message of love and hope. The second time the angel is bringing words of warning and destruction. The third and final time once again brings hope for eternal life. The word angel means “messenger” and the flying angels are bringing messages.

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In the garden of Eden man was without sin and pure before God. God was pouring out His blessing upon man in this sinless state. Likewise in the first instance of an angel flying, the LORD was sending His blessings and love to someone. Daniel 9:21-23, “²¹*Yea, while I [was] speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.* ²²*And he informed [me], and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.* ²³*At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew [thee]; for thou [art] greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.*”

Gabriel had been sent to Daniel to tell him he was greatly beloved. This angel had a message of love and blessings for Daniel. Not only was this message brought by a flying angel, but Gabriel was caused to fly swiftly.

The second time an angel flies words of warning and destruction are given. Revelation 8:13, “*And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!*” The angel was warning of woe to mankind. The word “woe” means grief. No greater grief can be imagined than the losing of one’s eternal soul. The angel was warning of things to come upon mankind and of eternal destruction.

This second time an angel is flying parallels the fallen and lost state of man. Man had been driven from the garden of Eden and a curse was placed upon mankind due to sins. Even the very last word of the Old Testament is “curse.”

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher**, **Steve Seaton**, **Shirley Parson**, **Brad Terry**, and **Denise Miller** (the sister of Sharon Franklin). **Rachael Riffle** has strep throat.

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The third angel flying parallels the hope and redemption of mankind. Revelation 14:6, “*And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.*”

This is such a powerful verse of hope for us. This third and final time an angel is seen flying, the angel is in the midst of heaven—the very place of God’s dwelling and the eternal home of the saved.

The angel had something that will return man to the saved state that was lost in the garden of Eden. The angel had the everlasting gospel. The word “gospel” means good news, and it is the very best news of all. We can be saved eternally in Heaven and forever be with the LORD and all the heavenly host and saved of mankind.

Not only was the gospel being carried by this flying angel, but we are told it is the everlasting gospel. I take such comfort in knowing the gospel is eternal. It can never change. It can never be done away with by the sinful world and Satan. It’s everlasting, and it’s to be preached to all.

Only three angels are flying in the Bible. The first with words of love, the second with words of warning, and the third with the everlasting gospel. I’m so thankful that the final flying angel brought words of hope and eternal life. Let’s not lose out on the wonderful good news the angel had. Let’s obey the everlasting gospel and take hold on everlasting life.

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, April 21, 2019		
Classes	23	Hebrews 13:3-7
Preaching	41	Revelation 22:1-21
Contribution	\$780.00	
Evening	18	Matthew 13:1-30
Wednesday, April 24, 2019		
Classes	18	II Chronicles 11:1-23

Apr 21 (AM) Jonathan & Roberta Holley; Cayden & Jaxon Murlee (Cave City, KY)
 Visitors— Apr 21 (PM) Frankie, Jamie, Rheanna Faith, & Eli Larimore (Munfordville)
 Apr 24 (PM) Karen Kerney (Glasgow, KY)

Bible Quiz

Rehoboam dispersed his children where?

Last Week’s Answer— Does the will of the Father (Matthew 12:50)

“I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, [and] the bright and morning star.”

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)

—Revelation 22:16