

**‘THE ANGEL OF THE LORD ENCAMPETH ROUND ABOUT
THEM THAT FEAR HIM AND DELIVERETH THEM’**

Angels are beings of a grade a little higher than man—beings with spirit bodies instead of flesh bodies. ‘Thou madest man a little lower than the angels’. The Scriptures declare that the angels are sent forth to minister to or serve all those who are heirs of salvation. They encamp around about God’s servants in the sense that Divine agency and power are everywhere and ready at any instant to be exercised as much as need be for the accomplishment of God’s will. The same God who willed that Elijah should flee before Jezebel arranged that Elisha should be specially protected. But we are to remember that only those who are in covenant relationship with God are under this special watch-care and protection.

We are to remember also that there are fallen angels, called ‘wicked spirits’, and that these are on the alert to entrap and ensnare humanity through spirit mediums, spirit rappings, tippings,¹ clairvoyants, ouija-boards, etc. God’s people are warned against these, and they in turn should warn the world of the great danger resulting from any association with these fallen angels, who misrepresent themselves to be our dead friends.

Many are being misled by these evil spirits. They have introduced various false doctrines and continually seek to entrap the human will and, if possible, to gain control over it—through obsession. Curiosity is one of the main baits to the hook of spiritism.

Spiritists, including mediums, are being deceived. They think that they converse with the dead. They will indeed acknowledge that there are ‘wicked spirits,’ ‘lying spirits,’ as the Bible says; but they do not acknowledge that they are *all* wicked. The fact is that they have only partially realized the depth of Satan’s power and deceit in this direction. The Bible indicates that shortly, in the ending of this Age, there will be a great time of trouble, which, to a considerable degree, will be brought about by these evil spirits. It is the duty of those who know to warn those who understand not the situation. —R4769

¹ Spirit rappings and table-tipping are séance methods where knocks or moving tables are read as messages from spirits, though they’re often explained by trickery or unconscious muscular action.