

Inspiring the Music of Heaven NOTES

1. Angels were filled with joy at the creation of earth

Job 38:7 Sons of God sang at creation

2. Angels were filled with Sorrow at the fall

Revelation 12:12—woe to earth at the fall of lucifer

3. Angels take great interest in the salvation work going on here

Revelation 5:9—song at Christ's opening of the scroll

Luke 2:13—song at the coming of the Messiah

1 Pet. 1:12—angels desire to look into—this is not simply a desire, it is a longing desire, they bend down and look closely, as it were—kind of like we bend down to look at an intricate snowflake design. Yet, they remain puzzled. (Revelation 14:3—even after the second coming, the angels are still puzzled)

The progress of God's work here is both stunning and awe-inspiring to them. They really, truly, do not understand. With all of their great mental power—the salvation story remains puzzling to them

Ephesians 3:8-12—the work of salvation reveals the manifold wisdom of God to us and the universe

Isa. 6:3—as the glory of God fills the earth—the angels cry out with great joy and holy adoration.

4. These VERY interested beings are active players

Ps. 104:4—angels are ministering spirits

Matthew 18:10—children's angels behold face of heavenly Father

Hebrews 1:14—These ministering spirits are sent forth to minister to US

5. We inspire the music of heaven in two ways

A. By allowing God to do His work in our lives. Matthew 25:34+

"As you open your door to Christ's needy and suffering ones, you are welcoming unseen angels. You invite the companionship of heavenly beings. They bring a sacred atmosphere of joy and peace. They come with praises upon their lips, and an answering strain is heard in heaven. Every deed of mercy makes music there. The Father from His throne numbers the unselfish workers among His most precious treasures." Desire of Ages, 639.

B. By bringing others to a knowledge of God Luke 15:7, 10, 32

"In this work all the angels of heaven are ready to co-operate. All the resources of heaven are at the command of those who are seeking to save the lost. Angels will help you to reach the most careless and the most hardened. And when one is brought back to God, all heaven is made glad; seraphs and cherubs touch their golden harps, and sing praises to God and the Lamb for their mercy and loving-kindness to the children of men." Christ's Object Lessons, 197.

6. Rev. 7:9-12—song of joy inspired by the multitude of the redeemed