



Sermon Discussion Guide

Dec. 7 & 8, 2024

"Angels & Demons...for Real!"

[Hebrews 1:5-9](#)

This Advent season, the "Joy to the World" sermon series invites us to rediscover the deep and abiding joy found in the promises of God. As we navigate the challenges of waiting, longing, and hope, we'll reflect on the transformative power of Christ's coming—past, present, and future. Join us as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the Savior who brings true joy to the world.

PRAY & CONNECT

Open in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation. Ask God for wisdom and discernment and trust him to guide you. Take time to recap the message or view it on [HopeOnline.tv](#). Did you have any "ah-ha" moments where you felt convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon? What's been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

GROW

Read [Hebrews 1:5-9](#) – "The Son Superior to Angels"

- What does it mean that Jesus is superior to angels, as described in this passage? How does this challenge common perceptions about angels?
- How does the phrase "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever" emphasize Jesus' eternal kingship? How might this truth give you hope in uncertain times?
- What does the passage teach about worship? How can we ensure we are worshiping God alone and not elevating lesser things?
- How can the knowledge of Jesus' authority and righteousness motivate you to take action in your faith this week?

Read [Hebrews 13:2](#) – "Concluding Exhortations"

- How does the command to show hospitality challenge or affirm the way you treat strangers? What barriers might keep you from welcoming others?
- Why do you think the Bible emphasizes that by showing hospitality, some have "entertained angels without knowing it"? What does this reveal about God's presence in ordinary interactions?
- How can practicing hospitality in everyday life reflect God's love to those around you? Who might God be calling you to welcome or serve this week?
- What steps can you take to cultivate a spirit of openness and generosity toward others, even when it feels uncomfortable or inconvenient?

Read [Ephesians 6:10-12](#) – "The Armor of God"

- Why does Paul emphasize that our struggle is not against flesh and blood? How does this change the way we view conflicts in life?
- How can understanding the spiritual battle described here equip you to live more intentionally for Christ?
- What does it mean to "put on the full armor of God"? What practical steps can you take this week to strengthen your spiritual defenses?
- How might acknowledging the reality of spiritual warfare influence the way you pray or serve others in your community?

APPLY

Pick one of the applications below to put into practice this week ...

- **Recognize God's unseen work:** Reflect this week on how God may be working around you through spiritual forces like angels or through unexpected encounters with people. Pray for awareness to see and respond to his guidance.
- **Practice intentional hospitality:** Identify one person in your life—a stranger, neighbor, or colleague—who might need encouragement or care. Take a concrete step to show hospitality, knowing your act could be part of God's greater plan.
- **Suit up for spiritual battles:** Spend time each morning reading Ephesians 6:10-12 and putting on the "armor of God" in prayer. Identify one specific area in your life where you feel spiritually challenged, and actively trust in God's power to face it.