

September 2023

RS NEWSLETTER



September Birthdays!

09/02 Dawnette Rhoades
09/03 Lisa Hutchins
09/04 Mary Williams
09/06 Celeste Garcia
Fernanda Garcia
Mandy Kotter
09/11 Erica Marshall
09/15 Klea Barber
09/17 Vanessa Jones
09/19 Aimee Hoyt
Cynthia Matchett
09/27 Joana Warnick

RS Activities!

09/09 Ward Temple Day 6 PM
Session
09/10 Ministering Interviews
09/11 National Day of Service
09/23 RS Temple Trip 10 AM Session



PRESIDENCY MESSAGE

This past week I've been pondering a lot about 3 things – ministering to each other, angels and the Gathering of Israel. These are seemingly different subjects, but not unrelated. While thinking about what to write for this message, I came across the definition of “angels” in the LDS Guide to Scriptures. Here is what it says about angels in the first paragraph:

“There are two kinds of beings in heaven who are called angels: those who are spirits and those who have bodies of flesh and bone. Angels who are spirits have not yet obtained a body of flesh and bone, or they are spirits who have once had a mortal body and are awaiting resurrection. Angels who have bodies of flesh and bone have either been resurrected from the dead or translated.”

Notice that the above paragraph did not mention any sort of level of intelligence or righteousness to be considered an “angel”. I’m not suggesting that those requirements don’t exist, but angels– many of whom are our loved ones that have passed on and who are not yet perfected beings– are used by the Lord to help us here in our mortal existence.

I got to thinking and wondering – what do those angels on the other side of the veil call us? Are we a type of angel to them? Because, if by virtue of our family relationship to them or our being their legacy on Earth or our performing the saving temple ordinances on their behalf, we must be angels to them. And, despite our imperfections, they need us as much as we need them.

In addition to the above, Heavenly angels minister to each other within their realm – teaching, learning and gathering Israel. And like them, we also minister to each other within our realm, acting as angels for our Earthly brothers and sisters – teaching, learning and gathering Israel. It is a wonderful and amazing thing of connectivity and work between God’s children in Heaven and God’s children on Earth, and a poignant reminder of how our ministering work here is just an extension of Heaven’s glorious cause.
Love, Lauren

September Lessons

09/10 “The Lord Jesus Christ Teaches Us to Minister” Juan A. Uceda
The last 15 minutes of class will be ministering interviews
09/24 “Accessing God’s Power Through Covenants” Dale G. Renlund

