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THEIR ANGELS in Heaven Continually See the FACE of My Father Who Is in Heaven”

MATTHEW 18:10



INCONSISTENT SPIRITUAL OUTRAGE!

Many people are disturbed when they hear about thousands of babies that are aborted every year. Yet, this horrible number of murdered babies becomes little more than faceless statistics. It is horrific when the defenseless are brutally murdered and also soon forgotten.

There is, however, an even more horrific tragedy. This tragedy happens among Christians. After babies are born—and reborn through God’s miracle of Baptism (Ephesians 2:4–10; Titus 3:5–7)—the greater horror takes place when these babies are gradually spiritually destroyed. This spiritual destruction does not occur *actively*, but *passively*. This is what Christ calls “DESPISING these little ones” (Matthew 18:10). How and why does this second, greater tragedy happen?

THE SPIRITUAL STARVATION OF GOD’S PRECIOUS NEWBORN AND REBORN BABIES!

Newspaper reports tell us this: Some newborn babies in Japan are murdered—*passively*. How? Unwanted Japanese babies are taken into the forest and left there to die. They receive no food. These newborn babies then starve to death!

A similar thing happens, *spiritually*, among Christians. Newborn babies are given a new birth through God’s miracle of Baptism (John 3:3, 5). However, instead of receiving immediate and continuous spiritual nourishment, many of these same spiritually reborn babies are permitted to starve to death spiritually. Therefore, all Christian parents and grandparents take careful note: As soon as our heavenly Father—through His miracle of Baptism—creates His Seedling of faith in the heart and soul of the newborn baby—this Seedling of faith needs the *constant watering* of God’s *living* Word in order to remain *spiritually alive*. It is the daily *spiritual watering* of God’s *living* Word that removes spiritual thirst and prevents spiritual death in these physical newborns and spiritual reborns (John 4:13–14).

WHY DOES THIS NOT HORRIFY US? WHY DOES THIS HAPPEN—EVEN AMONG CHRISTIANS?

Why is it that many newborn—and spiritually reborn—babies receive so little spiritual attention, beginning almost immediately after their Baptism? **ANSWER:** Satan tricks many of us into believing that these spiritually newborn babies are little more than faceless statistics. Christ however, states: These little babies are not faceless—**BECAUSE THEIR HEAVENLY FATHER IS NOT FACELESS.** Furthermore, Christ states emphatically: All babies have angels assigned to them. These angels in heaven “continually see the **face** of My Father Who is in heaven” (Matthew 18:10).

CHRIST’S WORD OF CAUTION IS CLEAR!

Christ states: “See that you do not DESPISE one of these little ones” (Matthew 18:10). Christ is strongly stressing this spiritual point: Ignoring little babies is the same as despising them (Matthew 18:10). Christ is speaking to situations that occur even in a Christian congregation when newborn babies, who seem to be nothing, suddenly “become something.” Yet, just as suddenly, immediately after they are baptized, the same little babies become faceless. Nothing takes place in their lives for days, and frequently for years. They, and their spiritual needs and feeding, are frequently almost immediately forgotten—certainly by most congregation members. Like the Japanese newborn babies left in the forest, these newly reborn infants are left to starve spiritually.

Make sure that Christ’s teaching is taught clearly in your home. Your heavenly Father actually has a **face**. **God has assigned an angel to every unborn and newborn child.** This angel looks continuously into the face of your heavenly Father. Once that divine teaching becomes a reality in your heart and soul, the next step also happens. God’s *living* Word—which then is constantly working within your mind and soul day and night (1 Thessalonians 2:13)—creates an entirely different attitude within your heart and soul toward your heavenly Father’s newborn babies and all little children.

For you, every unborn child is then a precious creation of God. No unborn child, any born child, and reborn child dare ever be destroyed by any means. “It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God!” (Hebrews 10:31).

Every unborn and newborn child has a face, and every spiritually-reborn child has not only a face, but also a **faith!** Therefore, every newborn child is equally important to their assigned angels—and to their heavenly Father.

WE DARE SPARE NO EFFORT!

Let us make the following decision, and let us make it now! Every newborn baby—especially, every child who has just received spiritual life (John 3:3, 5) through God’s miracle of Baptism—**DARE NEVER BE PERMITTED TO STARVE TO DEATH, SPIRITUALLY!** All pastors, parents, elders, and all members of the congregation are specifically assigned by God to do this: To watch over these helpless little ones, just as the angels in heaven are similarly assigned by God to watch over each little child.

This is to say, as soon as God brings about the conception of a child within the mother, God’s love and care begins in earnest.

There is absolutely no interruption in these acts of God. From conception through infancy, through childhood, through teen years, and all through adulthood, the heavenly Father does this: Through pastors, parents, and members of Christian congregations, God does everything to make absolutely sure that every little child conceived and born also receives His spiritual rebirth. **EQUALLY IMPORTANT,** every newborn person receives immediate and ongoing spiritual feeding and care. This is the clear meaning of Christ’s Words: “Do not despise [do not be spiritually indifferent to the needs of newborn children, and all children] one of these little ones” (Matthew 18:10). To despise God’s newborn children through passive indifference is a very serious sin. God wants you to have the same attitude that He has. Do everything possible within your ability—and options available to you—to make sure these babies are baptized. Then, take an active role in making absolutely sure and certain that the continuous spiritual feeding of these little babies happens.

ON YOUR OWN, THIS TASK IS IMPOSSIBLE!

God has not left you alone to do His will on your own. God has already assigned His angels to assist you in carrying out His will. “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?” (Hebrews 1:14). Believe God’s *living* Word. Now that you have heard God’s *living* Word and will, consider this: God is most pleased when you act upon His Word (Matthew 7:24). Do not hesitate one moment. With great joy and anticipation, take up the blessed and joyful task God has given you to make sure that every little child around you is not only reborn through the water and the Spirit, but that the same reborn child will be, every day thereafter, nurtured in the *living* Word; and kept safe in their God-given faith! (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15).

Dear Lord Jesus, use me in every way to make sure that the newborn and reborn are spiritually nourished every day! In Your blessed Name. Amen.✠

For further study, turn to the Bible Study, pages 42–43, questions 68–71.

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