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MINISTERING SPIRITS  
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The God-breathed messages of the Old Testament scriptures are seen with greater fulfillment of understanding in the New Testament. Such is the case with Psalm 104:4 which says of God, ***“Who maketh His angels spirits, His ministers a flaming fire.”***

The Hebrew word (Strong’s H4397) for angels here is *mal’ak* which means a messenger dispatch as a deputy by God. A deputy carries the authority of the one who sent him.

The Hebrew word (Strong’s 7307) for spirits is *ruwach* which means wind, especially as in an exhaled breath. Such breath (or wind) can be either a sensible one or a violent (strong) one.

The Hebrew word (Strong’s 8334) minister is *Sharath*, which means to contribute to, minister unto, to serve, to wait upon.

What is their role where we, the people of God, are concerned? Hebrews 1:14 gives us the answer. It says, ***“Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for (and to) them who shall be heirs of salvation?”*** They are beneficent spirits (Strong’s G3010) sent to be in attendance (Strong’s G1248) and service to us, to aid us in whatever we need or whatever we speak. Hebrews 1:7 also calls the angels as ministering spirits. Spirits are all around us. God’s angels are spirits and as our attendants, they know everything we say or do.

Satan’s spirits are also all around us. They, too, see all we do and hear all we speak. The scriptures tell us to lay aside every sin or hindrance because it gives Satan an opportunity to use it against us. Revelation 12:10 calls him ***“the accuser of our brethren...which (accuses us) before our God day and night.”*** His demons are spirits and Job gives the classic Old Testament example.

That is why the words that we speak are so important. The holy angels act upon the words we speak forth in prayer, ministry, or even casual conversation. However, the unholy spirits of darkness also act upon our words that are ill spoken. They are ministers of unrighteousness.

We are surrounded by both holy and unholy spirits. Make sure that your words and actions are in accordance with God’s word.