

*Whoso reciteth, in the privacy of his chamber, the verses revealed by God, the scattering angels of the Almighty shall scatter abroad the fragrance of the words uttered by his mouth, and shall cause the heart of every righteous man to throb.*

Bahá 'u'lláh

*And now, concerning His words: "And He shall send His angels...." By "angels" is meant those who, reinforced by the power of the spirit, have consumed, with the fire of the love of God, all human traits and limitations, and have clothed themselves with the attributes of the most exalted Beings and of the Cherubim.*

Bahá 'u'lláh

*The meaning of 'angels' is the confirmations of God and His celestial powers. Likewise angels are blessed beings who have severed all ties with this nether world, have been released from the chains of self and the desires of the flesh, and anchored their hearts to the heavenly realms of the Lord. These are of the Kingdom, heavenly; these are of God, spiritual; these are revealers of*

*God's abounding grace; these are dawning-points of His spiritual bestowals.*

`Abdu'l-Bahá

*...war is like a devouring wolf while peace is like the angels of heaven;...*

`Abdu'l-Bahá

*Ye are the angels, if your feet be firm, your spirits rejoiced, your secret thoughts pure, your eyes consoled, your ears opened, your breasts dilated with joy, and your souls gladdened, and if you arise to assist the Covenant, to resist dissension and to be attracted to the Effulgence!*

`Abdu'l-Bahá

*I hope that all the friends become manifestors of knowledge and the centers of merciful feelings. Each of them become like unto an angel and radiate heavenly deeds, thoughts and actions.*

`Abdu'l-Bahá

*By heavenly armies those souls are intended who are entirely freed from the human world,*

*transformed into celestial spirits and have become divine angels. Such souls are the rays of the Sun of Reality who will illumine all the continents. Each one is holding in his hand a trumpet, blowing the breath of life over all the regions. They are delivered from human qualities and the defects of the world of nature, are characterized with the characteristics of God, and are attracted with the fragrances of the Merciful.*

`Abdu'l-Bahá

*In this period of its evolution the world of humanity is in danger. Every war is against the good pleasure of the Lord of mankind, for man is the edifice of God and war destroys the divine edifice. If an active, actual peace is brought about, the human world will attain to the utmost serenity and composure; wolves will be transformed into lambs, devils into angels, and terrors into divine splendors in less than the twinkling of an eye.*

`Abdu'l-Bahá

*Pray to God that He may strengthen you in divine virtue, so that you may be as angels*

*in the world, and beacons of light to disclose the mysteries of the Kingdom to those with understanding hearts.*

*`Abdu'l-Bahá*

*I beg of God that ye will be bringers of joy, even as are the angels in Heaven.*

*`Abdu'l-Bahá*

*But the sublime achievements of man reside in those qualities and attributes that exclusively pertain to the angels of the Supreme Concourse. Therefore, when praiseworthy qualities and high morals emanate from man, he becometh a heavenly being, an angel of the Kingdom, a divine reality and a celestial effulgence. On the other hand, when he engageth in warfare, quarrelling and bloodshed, he becometh viler than the most fierce of savage creatures, for if a bloodthirsty wolf devourerth a lamb in a single night, man slaughtererth a hundred thousand in the field of battle, strewing the ground with their corpses and kneading the earth with their blood.*

*`Abdu'l-Bahá*

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