

NAR Error #7 using Psalm 103:20 (Commanding Angels)

This teaching is another classic hallmark of New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) and Word of Faith (WoF) - angelology. NAR speakers frequently tell believers that angels are unable to act until a human being speaks a scriptural decree to "activate" or "deploy" them.

Just like the healing logic chain (*Error #2*), this concept sounds highly spiritual on the surface, but it completely flips the biblical hierarchy upside down by putting humans in command of heavenly beings.

The specific verse they almost always use to justify this is Psalm 103:20:

"Praise the Lord, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His bidding, who obey His word."

How NAR Splits the Verse to Fit the Narrative

NAR teachers argue that since angels "obey His word," and the Word of God is inside your mouth, then when you speak the Word, the angels are legally obligated to obey your voice. They treat angels like a cosmic delivery service or spiritual mercenaries waiting for your orders.

The Clear Biblical Reality

When you look at Scripture as a whole, the idea that humans command or "activate" angels completely falls apart:

1. Angels are 'Voice-Activated' only by God

In Psalm 103:20, the phrase "*who obey His word*" refers exclusively to God's voice, not human voices. Angels are entirely under the sovereign command of the King of Heaven. In the Bible, humans who try to command, direct, or summon angels are firmly corrected. Angels do not answer to us; they answer to the Lord of Hosts.

2. Angels Are Sent by God, Not Summoned by Humans

Throughout the Old and New Testaments, whenever an angel appears to help, protect, or deliver someone, it is always because God sent them in response to a prayer directed to Him, never because a human commanded the angel directly.

Like when Peter was in prison (Acts 12), the church didn't gather to "release the angels of deliverance." They prayed earnestly to God, and God independently dispatched His angel to break Peter out.

3. It Violates the Humility of the Believer

The New Testament explicitly warns against a hyper-fixation on angels. **Colossians 2:18** cautions believers against getting puffed up by a "worship of angels" or fixating on the unseen spiritual realm in a way that detracts from Christ.

Treating angels like tools we can manipulate with our mouths shifts our focus away from the simple, dependent relationship we are supposed to have with Jesus, and it robs God of **His** sovereignty.

In NAR theology, it turns humans into the directors of the spiritual world and reduces God and His heavenly host to mere responders.

Biblically, angels are God's ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation like in **Hebrews 1:14** "*Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?*"

Notice 'sent' and context is speaking of Jesus. They are highly organized, incredibly powerful, and perfectly active right now, not because humans are speaking formulas, but because God is actively ruling His universe.