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Can Angels Pardon Sin? Exodus 23:21



“Behold, I am going to **send an angel** before you to guard you along the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. Be on your guard before him and obey his voice; do not be rebellious toward him, for **he will not pardon your transgression**, since My name is in him.” Exodus 23:21

Some Trinitarians have alleged that Exodus 23:21 proves that God sent a pre-incarnate Son as “an angel” to the Israelites because only God can pardon transgressions. However, the Hebrew Scriptures prove that God has angelic priests that minister in heaven on a much more transcendent level than any human priest who ever served on earth. The Old Testament Tabernacle and Temple was a copy of the original tabernacle and altar in heaven. For Hebrews 8:5 states: “**They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven** (NIV).”

Revelation 11:19, “And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament.”

Revelation 15:5, “After this I looked and in heaven the temple, that is the Tabernacle of the Testimony was opened.”

Isaiah 6:6, “Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the ALTAR. With it he touched my mouth and said, See, this has touched your lips; **YOUR GUILT IS TAKEN AWAY AND YOUR SIN IS ATONED FOR!**”

The scriptures prove that the earthly sanctuary was made as “a copy and shadow of what is in heaven (Hebrews 8:5)”. Thus it is an undeniable fact that the angelic being who served in some sort of priestly manner at an ALTAR IN HEAVEN in Isaiah 6:6 had authority from God to “atone for sin” and “take guilt away”. Therefore it is logical to believe that the angel in Exodus 23:21 could also “pardon sin” without being a second God Person of an alleged Trinity.

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