

# Luke 20:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

## Analysis

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**Neither can they die any more** (οὐδὲ γὰρ ἀποθανεῖν ἔτι δύνανται, *oude gar apothanein eti dynantai*)—Death's abolition removes marriage's procreative necessity. **For they are equal unto the angels** (ἰσάγγελοι γὰρ εἰσιν, *isangeloi gar eisin*)—the adjective ἰσάγγελος (*isangelos*, 'equal to angels') appears only here in the NT. Not that humans become angels (we remain image-bearers), but resurrection bodies share angels' immortality and direct communion with God.

**They are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection** (θεοῦ υἱοὶ εἰσιν τῆς ἀναστάσεως υἱοὶ ὄντες, *theou hyioi eisin tēs anastaseōs hyioi ontes*)—double sonship: children of God and children of resurrection. The resurrection itself has offspring—those who participate in it enter eternal family relationship with God that transcends all earthly kinship.

## Historical Context

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Angels in Jewish thought were immortal beings in God's direct presence. The Sadducees denied angels' existence (Acts 23:8), so Jesus's comparison would have been doubly challenging. Pharisaic literature described the righteous in the world to come as 'like ministering angels,' but Jesus goes further—resurrection is transformation, not just relocation.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does the promise of immortality change your priorities and fears in this mortal life?
2. What does it mean to be 'children of the resurrection'—how does resurrection define your identity now?
3. How does being 'equal to angels' in immortality without becoming angels preserve human dignity and uniqueness?

## Interlinear Text

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οὔτε	γάρ	ἀποθανεῖν	ἔτι	δύνανται	ἰσάγγελοι
Neither	for	they die	any more	can	equal unto the angels
G3777	G1063	G599	G2089	G1410	G2465
γάρ	εἰσιν	καὶ	υἱοὶ	εἰσιν	τοῦ θεοῦ τῆς
for	are	and	the children	are	of God
G1063	G1526	G2532	G5207	G1526	G3588 G2316
ἀναστάσεως	υἱοὶ	ὄντες			
of the resurrection	the children	being			
G386	G5207	G5607			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Revelation 21:4** (References God): And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

**Philippians 3:21** (Parallel theme): Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

**Matthew 22:30** (Resurrection): For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

**Revelation 20:6** (Resurrection): Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

**1 Corinthians 15:42** (Resurrection): So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

**Revelation 22:9** (References God): Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

**Mark 12:25** (Resurrection): For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven.

**1 Corinthians 15:26** (Parallel theme): The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.