The Power of the Lord's Truth



The rock that destroyed the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream corresponds to true ideas from the Word that can blow away selfish thoughts and loves in an instant. Angels who receive the Lord's Divine truth and love are given power over evil spirits. In fact, they have only to look at an evil spirit for the spirit to fall into a swoon. They can disperse thousands of evil spirits in a moment (see *Heaven and Hell* 232).They also protect people by removing the influence of the hells. Explore the power of the Lord's Divine truth by doing a simple experiment with milk, food coloring and soap.

1. Who was more powerful—Daniel or king Nebuchadnezzar? Nebuchadnezzar could order people to do whatever he wanted. He could even order people to be put to death, as he was going to do to his wise men. What power did Daniel have that Nebuchadnezzar did not?
2. Who really had that power? Daniel, or the Lord? Can any person have power apart from the Lord?
3. We can have power from the Lord when we read His Word so that we can do what is right. This power helps chase bad thoughts and actions out of our lives.
4. In the spiritual world, angels who love the Lord have power from Him. They can chase evil spirits away. They also protect us from evil spirits each day! They can just look at an evil spirit, and the spirit will have no power. One angel can do this to thousands of evil spirits at the same time!
5. We're going to do an experiment that demonstrates the type of power the Lord and His angels have over evil spirits.
6. Put milk in a shallow dish or plate. Invite children to add drops of food coloring to the milk.
7. Coat a cotton bud, such as a Q-tip, with dish soap. Touch the tip of the cotton bud to the milk and watch what happens!
8. The soap is like the power of the Lord. It makes the colors move away rapidly—just as the angels make evil spirits move away.

The experiment explained: The soap spreads on top of the milk and grabs the food coloring. Soap is a degreaser, so the molecules in it attack the fat in the milk, causing motion and making the colors swirl.

Materials Needed

milk (4% or 2% milkfat works best); shallow dish such as a pie pan; liquid food coloring in a variety of colors; good quality liquid dish soap; cotton buds, such as Q-tips; sink to clean up

Prepare in Advance

Gather supplies.

New Church Concept Angelic Power

Angels have no power from themselves. All their power is from the Lord. See *Heaven and Hell* 230

So great is the power of angels in the spiritual world that it would exceed belief. I have seen hundreds of thousands of evil spirits dispersed by angels and cast down into hell. They see through them all, and disperse them in a moment. See *Heaven and Hell* 229

By means of the power which angels receive they protect a person by removing the hells from him; for a single angel is stronger than a thousand who come from hell. See *Arcana Coelestia* 10182

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