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- c. Psalm 104:3 says that God **“walks on the wings of the wind.”**
- d. The wind is described as an angelic presence. God is ushered into a situation by riding on angelic presence.
- 6. A Christian’s lifestyle without risks has little need for angelic assistance. Why?
 - a. Because that Christian will be residing in “self life,” and believes that self sufficiency is a fact in his or her life.

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“THE HOUSE OF GOD”

XVI. When Jacob awoke from his night vision, he declared that the place was **“none other than the house of God.”**

A. Let us read what Jacob said: **“Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it. And he was afraid and said, How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!And he called the name of that place Bethel....”**.

- 1. What did Jacob mean when he said: **“....This is none other than the house of God....”**
- 2. It could not have been a physical shelter because there was no building there.
- 3. Jacob was not referring to a tribe or some religious group because there were no other people there.
- 4. I believe that Jacob was confused as anyone could be in understanding what the **“house of God”** was.
- 5. It was a prophetic mystery that would not be answered until hundreds of years later in the person of Jesus.

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6. The initial fulfillment of this prophecy is recorded in John 1:4: **“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”**
 - a. The word **“dwelt”** in this verse means “to tabernacle” thus implying that Jesus tabernacled among us as the “House of God”.
 7. He was the “House of God” made flesh – the place where God lived!
- B. The House of God was not a building, or location, but a person.
1. Support for this is found in John 1:49-51: **“Nathanael answered and said to Him, Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel. Jesus answered and said to him, Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater things than these. And He said to him, Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”**
 2. We also must conclude from reading the above Scriptures that Jesus as the House of God operated under an “Open Heaven.”
 - a. This “Open Heaven” concept is supported in verse 51: **“Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”**
 - b. John in the above verse is reiterating the Genesis’ account of the “Open Heaven” found in Chapter 28:12-13: **Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And behold, the Lord stood above it and said: I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants....”**

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3. Please remember, an “Open Heaven” means that the demonic realm is broken off and there is clarity between the realm of God’s dominion and what is happening on earth.
 - a. In reviewing this truth I again mention Psalm 104:3-4 AMP: **“Who lays the beams of the upper room of His abode in the waters [above the firmament], Who makes the clouds His chariot, Who walks on the wings of the wind, V4, Who makes winds His messengers, flames of fire His ministers.”**
 - b. This idea concerning angels is also supported by Hebrews 1:7 **“Referring to the angels He says, [God] Who makes His angels winds and His ministering servants flames of fire;”**.
 - c. The wind here is described as an angelic presence, and indicates that God is ushered into a situation by riding on the wind of angels.
- C. The fulfillment of the House of God and the Open Heaven began with Jesus.
 1. He was the House of God on earth under an Open Heaven.
 2. But, please hear this, the concept did not stop with Him – far from it.
 3. He was the initial fulfillment of the House of God on earth, but not the ultimate fulfillment.
4. THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE!
 - a. For example, your conversion was not God’s ultimate intent for you. It was His initial intent that set you up for the ultimate fulfillment.
 - b. God’s plan for your ultimate fulfillment was that you be filled with His fullness, living a Christian life that is defined by heavens reality.
 - c. A Christian life that is defined by heavens reality is a lifestyle defined by what takes place in heaven.