# Lesson 12 Daniel 10 - 11:1 Angelic Vision

(Faith) Considering the accuracy of the Messianic prophecy from Daniel 9, how do chapters 9-10 help your understanding of the reality of the existence of angels in according to Church teaching? See CCC328.

Daniel 10:5, 11-12

5 As I looked up, I saw a man dressed in linen with a belt of fine gold around his waist.

11 “Daniel, beloved,” he said to me, “understand the words which I am speaking to you; stand up,   
 for my mission now is to you.” When he said this to me, I stood up trembling.

12 “Do not fear, Daniel,” he continued; “from the first day you made up your mind to acquire  
 understanding and humble yourself before God, your prayer was heard.

NABRE Footnote to Daniel 10:5

The heavenly person of the vision is probably the angel Gabriel, as in 9:21

Daniel 9:21-23

21 I was still praying, when the man, Gabriel, whom I had seen in vision before,  
 came to me in flight at the time of the evening offering.

22 He instructed me in these words: “Daniel, I have now come to give you understanding.

23 When you began your petition, an answer was given which I have come to announce,   
 because you are beloved.

CCC328

The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls "angels" is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition.

(Hope) Our hope for heaven and our salvation is based on the revelations found in Holy Scripture, in prophecy and the words of Our Lord, and the teachings of the Church. How does fulfillment of past prophecies in Scripture help you trust in what you have been taught will happen in the future, at the end of your life, and at the end of time?

Daniel 10:14

14 [I] …came to make you understand what shall happen to your people in the last days;   
 for there is yet a vision concerning those days.”

(Love) How do certainty of judgment and an accounting for how you have lived your life encourage you to live in obedience to Our Lord’s command to love one another?

John 15:14, 17

14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.

17 This I command you: love one another.

CCC679

Christ is Lord of eternal life. Full right to pass definitive judgment on the works and hearts of men belongs to him as redeemer of the world. He "acquired" this right by his cross. The Father has given "all judgment to the Son". Yet the Son did not come to judge, but to save and to give the life he has in himself. By rejecting grace in this life, one already judges oneself, receives according to one's works, and can even condemn oneself for all eternity by rejecting the Spirit of love.