

The Holy Spirit Ceased to be the paraclete. Angels now fulfill the role.

Rutherford similarly claimed his books were revelations from the Lord.

"In recent months the Lord has revealed to his people a clearer understanding of the Devil's organization, and of his purpose to wreck that wicked system that the people may have complete deliverance. This message he has been pleased to permit to appear in a book entitled DELIVERANCE. Has not God provided this instrument in the hands of the anointed class? Let those who so believe carefully study the message therein and be prepared to use it" *Watchtower* 1926 August 15 p.248

Over time, Rutherford came to the conclusion that once Jesus was enthroned, holy spirit ceased guiding the Slave and Jesus used angels to direct him and the remnant. This was on the basis that the holy spirit was provided as a helper in Jesus absence, and hence no longer needed after Jesus' return in 1914

"While Jesus was absent from them, and while he is engaged in 'preparing the way before the Lord' and before he comes to his temple, the holy spirit operates as an advocate, helper and comforter of and for all that have responded to the call for the kingdom. But when the Lord comes to his temple and gathers his approved ones into the temple, is there any further need for the office of the holy spirit as a helper or advocate? If not, then the advocacy of the holy spirit would there cease. Jesus, being in the temple and with his chosen ones, would act for them directly.

... now the Lord Jesus himself has returned, is in his temple, and, acting by and through his holy angels, puts it into the mind and heart of the remnant class to take positive action and to do a certain work;" *Watchtower* 1930 Sep 1 pp;262-263

"With the coming of the Lord to his temple and the gathering together unto himself of the chosen ones the holy spirit would there cease to function as a paraclete or advocate for the church. ... After the holy spirit as an advocate or paraclete ceased to function in behalf of the consecrated, then the angels are employed in behalf of those who are being made ready for the kingdom." *Watchtower* 1930 Jun 1 pp.166,167

"God uses angels to teach His people now on earth." *The Golden Age* 1933 Nov 8 p.69

"Certain duties and kingdom interests have been committed by the Lord to his angels, which include the transmission of information to God's anointed people on the earth for their aid and comfort. Even though we cannot understand how the angels transmit this information, we know that they do it." *Preparation* (1933) pp.36,37

"Enlightenment proceeds from Jehovah... and is given to the faithful anointed.... the remnant are instructed by the angels of the Lord. The remnant do not hear audible sounds, because such is not necessary. Jehovah has provided his own good way to convey thoughts to the minds of his anointed ones." *Preparation* (1933) p.64

"Judge Rutherford couldn't write these things unless he were used of God". *Golden Age* 1935 Oct 23 p.50

"No man can properly interpret prophecy, and the Lord sends his angels to transmit correct information to his people." *Watchtower* 1936 Feb 15 p.52

Joseph Rutherford, *Vindication* (New York: Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, 1932.), 3:250, accessed March 16, 2018,

<https://ia800209.us.archive.org/29/items/VindicationVolume3> ByJudgeRutherford/1932-VINDICATION-3.pdf. "This pictures the heavenly messenger or angels of the Lord, now used by the Lord in behalf of the remnant. These angels are invisible to human eyes and are there to carry out the orders of the Lord. No doubt, they first hear the instruction which the Lord issues to his remnant and then these invisible messengers pass such instruction on to the remnant. The facts show that the angels of the Lord with him at his temple have been thus rendering service unto the remnant since 1919."