

Raphael Revealed

Tobit 12 – 14

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Tobit and Tobias discussed the wages that should be paid to Raphael. Tobit suggested a bonus. But Tobias insisted, "He guided me safely; he healed my wife; he retrieved your money from Gabael; he oversaw the transportation of all the wealth given to me by Sarah's father after our marriage; and he healed you. He doesn't deserve a bonus; he deserves half of everything I have."

Raphael was called in. Tobit offered him half of everything he and Tobias had brought back with them to Nineveh. Raphael encouraged them to live a life in honor of God. "Do good and evil will not overtake you. Give generously to those in need. Better to live right and have nothing than to be wealthy and corrupt." Then he revealed his true identity. "You and Sarah both prayed for death. I was the one who reported your prayers to the Lord. God sent me to heal you and to deliver your son's wife from an evil spirit. I am one of the seven angels who stand ready in the glorious presence of God."

The two men were terribly shaken, but the angel said, "Don't be afraid. Praise God every day of your life." Then the angel ascended into heaven and vanished from their sight.

Tobit praised God for all the blessings he'd been given.

Years later, after the death of his parents, Tobias moved his family to Medea. He lived to see the destruction of Nineveh as predicted by the prophets. He died in peace, knowing that ultimately people of every nation who are genuinely mindful of the Lord will be gathered together and will praise the eternal God.