

**St Michael** (Hebrew: *Who is like God?*) is the "Prince of the Heavenly Host," the leader of all the angels. **St Gabriel** (God's strength) is seen at the annunciations. **St Raphael**, (God has healed) is seen healing Tobias' blindness in the Book of Tobit.



**First Reading:** (*Dan 7:9-10, 13-14*) As I looked, thrones were placed and one that was ancient of days took his seat; his raiment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came forth from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

**Ps 137:1-5**

**R./ In the presence of the angels I will bless you, O Lord.**

**Gospel:** (*Jn 1:47-51*) Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

## REFLECTION

Jesus makes a remark about Nathanael's belief and character; a true Israelite by adhering to the commands and expectations of the Lord. His nobility is affirmed once again by his confession of Jesus as the Son of God and king of Israel. For confessing and proclaiming the Son of God, Jesus rewards Nathanael by promising greater glory. **How is my life and confession of Jesus?** Do I exhibit a correspondence between both?