

Lesson 11

Introduction To the Vision Of the Anointed One and Lessons On Spiritual Warfare

Daniel 10

Begin today's lesson asking the Holy Spirit to illumine your mind and to teach you His precepts.

Before you start the questions for this week's lesson, take some time to read through Daniel 10.

The last three chapters of the book of Daniel are about one vision, the vision of the Anointed One. Chapter 10 is the introduction; Chapter 11 is the vision, and Chapter 12 is a postscript.

1. When did this vision take place? See Daniel 10:1,4. Mark the vision on the timeline on page 77 and record some details. How old is Daniel at this time? Where is he?
2. We are not told exactly why Daniel mourned in Daniel 10:2, but Daniel 10:12 tells what he prayed for. What did he do while mourning? What did he pray for?
3. In Daniel 10:5-6 Daniel describes the man he saw. Read Ezekiel 1, focusing on 1:26-28 and Revelation 1:12-18. Describe this man. Who do you think he is?
4. Discuss Daniel's reaction and compare it with that of John in Revelation 1.

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

Ephesians 6:12

5. Acts 9:1-9 and Acts 26:12-18 depict an encounter that Saul (soon to become Paul) had with the Lord Jesus Christ. From Daniel 10, Acts 9 and Acts 26, note the way Daniel's and Paul's companions perceive the supernatural encounter. Discuss what this means to you.

6. Daniel is strengthened by a "hand" in Daniel 10:10 and by a "man" in 10:16 and 10:18. Compare Hebrews 1:13-14, Luke 22:43 and I Kings 19:4-8 to see who this man might be. Notice that he was "dispatched" in response to Daniel's prayers. See Daniel 10:12. Discuss what this means to you.

7. As Daniel 10 unfolds, it is as if God lifts a veil for us to see into the supernatural. Who or what do you think the prince of the Kingdom of Persia is? What is described in Daniel 10:13 and 20-21?
See II Corinthians 10:3-5 and Ephesians 6:10-20 and discuss.

8. Look up Romans 8:38-39 in which Paul mentions angels, principalities and powers. What points does he make in these verses?

9. According to Ephesians 1:20-21 where is Christ now seated? Who is seated with Him?
See also Colossians 3:1-4 and Ephesians 2:6.

10. What do the following verses say about rulers and authorities and powers?
 - ❖ I Corinthians 15:24

 - ❖ Ephesians 3:10

 - ❖ Colossians 2:15

11. As previously stated, only two godly angels are named in Scripture. One is Gabriel, whom we discussed in Lesson 9, question 3. The other is Michael. Michael's name means "who is like God." What do you learn about Michael from Daniel 10:13 and 21, Daniel 12:1, Jude 1:9 and Revelation 12:7-8?
12. What is the purpose of the heavenly visitor's appearance before Daniel in Daniel 10? Give one verse that sums it up.
13. Compare Daniel's response to the vision of Jesus in Daniel 10 with his response to facing the lion's den in Daniel 6. Discuss your insights.
14. As we close this lesson on spiritual warfare, look back at Ephesians 6:10-20. After clothing ourselves in the armor of God, how do we wage this war?
15. Take some time right now to follow the instructions of Ephesians 6 and take up your place in the battle.
16. As you look back over this lesson about Daniel 10, what do you want to remember?
17. Consider the following scriptures and meditate on them using the prayer exercise that is explained on page 81.
 - ❖ Scriptures: **Colossians 4:2-4**
 - ❖ Word or phrase:
 - ❖ Amplification:
 - ❖ Invitation:

Thoughts From Martha:

As if he hadn't already seen enough!! It amazed me that Daniel's prolonged and impassioned prayers brought him yet another glimpse into the unseen world. And there is something else I found equally amazing. You'd think all that 'vision stuff' would've been old hat by now. I mean, it wasn't like it was Daniel's first rodeo when it came to that sorta thing; but I ask you, "Did it impact him any less?" Nay, I say! He went out like a light! Well, OK ... I guess if you want to get technical ... he *was* hangin' in there when he first saw the "face like lightning" and "eyes like flaming torches." Even though he turned white as a ghost and grew faint, I have to admit, he was still *upright*. Without a doubt though, his senses were on the verge of overload because as soon as he heard that voice ... the voice like the sound of the roaring sea ... it sent him into immediate power failure. Nighty-night Daniel! Wow! That kinda reaction made me sit up and take notice ... *again!*

And maybe that's why Kathy's talk about wanting to behold the glory of the Lord and not limiting our understanding of who God is to just a few heart-warming stories in the New Testament also captured my attention. What we've been encountering throughout Daniel (and related passages) are people and prophets who got to step 'through the looking glass' so to speak -- to see the Infinite and Almighty -- and had no words to describe what they saw. Oh, they tried! They said His voice was like the sound of roaring waters and He looked like burnished bronze, chrysolite, flaming torches or bolts of lightning. But how does one describe the ineffable, transcendent, unfathomable, and eternal? Have we, in this day and age, gotten so 'chummy' with God that we no longer have a sense of worship ... no awe and wonder of someone who is so other and outer and upper that not even the godliest of men could put a pen to what He was like?

I think sometimes we learn just as much about God from the way people reacted to His manifestations as from their attempts to describe what they saw: they lost their strength, fainted, fell, felt terrified, were speechless ... do I need to go on? Perhaps those falling-down-and-passing-out reactions were God's built-in surge protectors kicking in to protect them from being over traumatized. I just think in our human, finite, and fallen bodies, we can't possibly handle the totality and vastness of God's holiness and power without blowing some sort of fuse. As we have witnessed over and over, there were no half-hearted, ho-hum reactions. They were all immediate, intense, and overpowering. And I have no doubt these accounts were given to us, not only to increase our understanding of who God is, but to fan into flame a hunger to experience more of His power and glory and holiness. To stir in each of us a desire for more of the fullness of who God is so we too, may be filled to a measure that leaves us imbued with a sense of awe, wonder, and praise of the One whose abundance continually enriches our lives in ever increasing measure and whose nature and kingdom are beyond all human telling.

Lecture Notes: