

Daniel 10

Main Points

Prayer truly matters and makes a real impact

- Dan 10:12 we see that it was because of prayer that the heavenly messenger left where he was and came to Daniel
- God valued answering the prayer of Daniel and was willing to use a finite and limited (yet very spiritually powerful being) resource that could have been doing something else to answer his prayers

Humility is closely linked to the effectiveness of our prayers

- Self-reliance often turns us away from seeking God's help in situation

There is real spiritual warfare

- There is real spiritual conflict that is taking place around us that we are often completely unaware of

Questions

- How does Daniel's posture (fasting, mourning, waiting) show humility before God?
- Why do you think humility is so closely connected to prayer in Scripture?
- What are some ways our comfort or schedules might keep us from praying like Daniel did?
- How does this chapter challenge the feeling we might have that prayer is just "talking to ourselves"?
- How might knowing spiritual warfare is real change the way we pray?
- When something goes wrong in your life, what is usually your first response—fix it yourself or pray?
- What keeps you personally from spending more time in prayer?
- Do you ever feel like you don't know *how* to pray? What makes prayer feel confusing or intimidating?
- What would it look like for you to "give something up" (time, entertainment, comfort) to seek God more intentionally?
- If God really hears prayers the moment they're prayed, how should that change the way you pray this week?