

Series: Daniel – Life for Eternity

Text: Daniel 10:1-11:1

Main Idea: In the midst of an unseen war, God strengthens His people.

Title/Hook: Touched By An Angel

Date: 3/12/23

Purpose: To help God's people understand that there are spiritual realities and a spiritual battle behind all that we see happening on earth, God's enemies seek to destroy God's people...But, God strengthens His people, Has defeated the enemy at the cross, and will one day come and defeat the enemy for good.

FCF/COR: We fight not against flesh and blood, but spiritual realities.

Christ Trajectory: Gen. 3:15, Ephesians 6:10-20, Col. 2:15, Eph 1:20-23, Hebrews 2:14

Structure: Inductive

Main Idea:

Subject (What is the passage about?): Daniel saw a vision of great conflict and a terrifying man.

Complement (What does the passage say about the subject?): The vision took his strength away, but the man revealed the spiritual realities behind it all, and strengthened him.

Exegetical Main Idea: When Daniel saw a vision of great conflict and a terrifying man, it took his strength away, but the man revealed the spiritual realities behind it all, and strengthened him.

Theological Main Idea: In the midst of a cosmic conflict, God strengthens and sustains His people.

Homiletical Main Idea: In the midst of an unseen war, God strengthens His people.

Outline:

- 1. The unseen is revealed to Daniel and causes him to be afraid (10:1-11, 13-14, 20-11:1)**

Read vv. 1-3

Read vv. 4-11

Read vv. 13-14, 20-11:1

Quote – Iain Duguid – “Satan’s enmity against God’s people is sometimes manifested through the rulers and powers of this present age, and the church’s present experiences are the earthly working out of a parallel conflict in heaven...the conflicts that we experience here on earth are the counterpart of a great spiritual conflict that is presently ongoing in the heavenly realm.”

Ephesians 6:12 - ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Quote – C.S. Lewis – “There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight.”

2. Daniel’s prayer is heard and he is strengthened, for he is greatly loved (10:12, 15-19)

Read v. 12, 15-19

Quote – Wendy Widder – “Prayer pulls us onto a cosmic stage. We do not get to see the cosmic conflict, but we pray about what we do see and trust that however our concerns intersect what is happening behind that cosmic curtain, God will sort it out.”

Ephesians 6:10-12, 18 - ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and

blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places... ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

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Read vv. 11, 19 again.

Romans 5:8 - ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Colossians 2:13-15 - ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Hebrews 2:14 - ¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil.

We are able to stand firm against the Enemy as the battle rages on because the war has already been won at the cross and the empty grave.

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Ephesians 6:13-17 - ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God...

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