

## Sunday Sermon Recap

PROPER EXPECTATIONS :




# Puppet Master

pt.2

*Spiritual Wickedness*



We are fighting something that is  
supernatural, that cannot be seen...



12 For our struggle is not against flesh and  
blood [contending only with physical  
opponents], **but** against the rulers, against the  
*powers*, against the *world forces of this*  
*[present] darkness*, against the spiritual forces  
of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural)  
places.

What does Paul mean by “**Rulers**?”


This refers to the organized high level  
spiritual forces that influence the darkness  
and the worldly shifts in society

Ephesians 6: 12

<sup>12</sup> Then he said to me, “Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words. <sup>13</sup> **But the [a]prince of the kingdom of Persia was standing in opposition to me for twenty-one days.** Then, behold, Michael, one of the chief [of the celestial] princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia. <sup>14</sup> Now I have come to make you understand *what will happen to your people in the latter days*, for the vision is in regard to the days yet to come.”

<sup>15</sup> When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and was speechless. <sup>16</sup> And behold, one who resembled the sons of men touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth and spoke and said to him who was standing before me, “O my lord, because of the vision anguish has come upon me, and I have retained no strength. <sup>17</sup> For how can such a [weakened] servant of my lord talk with such [a being] as my lord? For now there remains no strength in me, nor has any breath been left in me.”

<sup>18</sup> Then the one (Gabriel) whose appearance was like that of a man touched me again, and he strengthened me. <sup>19</sup> He said, “O man, highly regarded and greatly beloved, do not be afraid. *Peace be to you; take courage and be strong.*” Now when he had spoken to me, I was strengthened and said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.” <sup>20</sup> Then he said, “Do you understand [fully] why I came to you? Now I shall return to fight against the [hostile] [b]prince of Persia; and when I have gone, behold, the [c]prince of Greece is about to come. <sup>21</sup> But I (Gabriel) will tell you what is inscribed in the [d]writing of truth. **There is no one who stands firmly with me and strengthens himself against these [hostile spirit forces] except Michael, your prince [the guardian of your nation].**



## Daniel 10: 12-21

*a glimpse of the spiritual  
battle happening behind the  
scenes (as seen in 11  
Chronicles 18)*

## Daniel 10: 14-21

*Same Daniel who was thrown in  
the lion's den!*

- While Israel is exiled to Babylon,  
Daniel receives a vision of the last days  
(ch.7-10) that scares him to the point  
of not eating for 3 weeks

- In this chapter, Gabriel, an angel  
comes to answer his prayer after being  
delayed for 21 days by the prince of  
Persia

*Gabriel had to strengthen Daniel  
during their conversation*

### Prince of Persia?

*This doesn't refer to a human ruler, but instead a  
high level demon who is over this specific area of  
Persia*

*(shown also in vs 20 with the prince of Greece)*

*Not all the fallen angels were low ranking...*

*The moment Daniel  
prayed, his words were  
heard by God*

*\*\*Sometimes there are  
interferences to our  
prayers\*\*\**

**GOD DOES ANSWER  
PRAYERS**



There is a satanic hierarchy

Jude 1:6  
2 Peter 2:4

satan has powerful demonic angels that follow him

some so horrible they are in chains  
now--only being released on  
Judgment Day

AND

GOD HAS HIS ANGELS THAT FOLLOW HIM

These angels are still alive and there is  
still a spiritual battle going on around us

**NOW**

there is a reason

**WE STILL WRESTLE**



“Michael...your Prince?”



1. Michael was assigned over the people of Israel

2. We as believers have the Most High the **Son of the Living God** the one angles had to bow down to

3. We have to know our *rights* and know **WHO** it is we serve

Knowing all of this...Why are you so concerned about people?

*So what are you afraid of???*

<sup>1</sup>But the **[Holy] Spirit** explicitly and unmistakably   
declares that in *later times* some will turn away from the  
faith, paying attention instead to deceitful and seductive  
spirits and doctrines of demons.<sup>2</sup> [misled] by the  
hypocrisy of liars whose consciences are seared as with a  
branding iron [leaving them incapable of ethical  
functioning], <sup>3</sup> who forbid marriage and advocate   
abstaining from [certain kinds of] foods which God has  
created to be gratefully shared by those who believe and  
have [a clear] knowledge of the truth. <sup>4</sup> For everything  
God has created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if  
it is received with gratitude; <sup>5</sup> for it is *sanctified* [set  
apart, dedicated to God] by means of the word of God  
and prayer.

*If it is sin to you,  
it is sin to you*

*rings true for our  
culture today!*

## I Timothy 4:1-5

*Paul is writing to his protégé Timothy in  
the midst of his conflict pastoring a  
church*

**Visible church:** physical attendees of church

**Invisible church:** truly saved people serving  
Christ

## *Key Points*

1. **Who** you listen to matters
2. Too many lies taken in *affects* your  
*conscience*
3. If we are not careful we will  
become numb to the **conviction** of  
the Holy Spirit and His Word

*What are you listening to or watching?*



<sup>37</sup> Yet in all these things **we are *more than***  
**conquerors** and gain an overwhelming victory  
through Him who loved us [so much that He died  
for us]. <sup>38</sup> **For I am convinced** [and continue to be  
convinced—beyond any doubt] that neither death,  
nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things  
present and threatening, nor things to come, nor  
powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor any other  
created thing, will be able to separate us from the  
[unlimited] **love of God**, which is in Christ Jesus our  
Lord.

Romans 8:37-39



**NOTHING** can separate you from Christ's *love*



...satan is just a roaring lion looking to devour

**IF** you **REMAIN** where the Lord *called* you to  
you will remain unharmed

When you get out of place, you  
have to run for your life



*have you been  
running?*

***Its time to stop.***