

Exposing Darkness: The Power of Praying it Through!

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Wednesday Evening Service

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[Daniel 10:1–3 \(NLT\)](#)

In the third year of the reign of King Cyrus of Persia, Daniel (also known as Belteshazzar) had another vision. He understood that the vision concerned events certain to happen in the future—times of war and great hardship.

2 When this vision came to me, I, Daniel, had been in mourning for three whole weeks. 3 All that time I had eaten no rich food. No meat or wine crossed my lips, and I used no fragrant lotions until those three weeks had passed.

[Daniel 10:4-6, 11 \(NLT\)](#)

4 On April 23, as I was standing on the bank of the great Tigris River, 5 I looked up and saw a man dressed in linen clothing, with a belt of pure gold around his waist. 6 His body looked like a precious gem. His face flashed like lightning, and his eyes flamed like torches. His arms and feet shone like polished bronze, and his voice roared like a vast multitude of people.

[Verse 11...](#)

“Daniel, you are very precious to God, so listen carefully to what I have to say to you. Stand up, for I have been sent to you.” When he said this to me, I stood up, still trembling.

[Daniel 10:12–14 \(NLT\)](#)

12 Then he said, “Don’t be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer. 13 But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia. 14 Now I am

here to explain what will happen to your people in the future, for this vision concerns a time yet to come.”

[Daniel 10:15](#) (NLT) While he was speaking to me, I looked down at the ground, unable to say a word.

[Daniel 10:20–11:1](#) (NLT) “Do you know why I have come? Soon I must return to fight against the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia, and after that the spirit prince of the kingdom of Greece will come. 21 Meanwhile, I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one helps me against these spirit princes except Michael, your spirit prince. 11:1 I have been standing beside Michael to support and strengthen him since the first year of the reign of Darius the Mede.)

THREE TAKEAWAYS FROM DANIEL’S ANGELIC ENCOUNTER:

FIRST: Turn your burdens into prayers...

Life Point 1 : Don’t carry your burdens, cast your burdens...

[Psalm 55:22](#) (NKJV) “Cast your burden on the Lord, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.”

[1 Peter 5:7](#) (NLT) “Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.”

Quote: “Prayer moves the hand that moves the world.” – Charles Spurgeon

SECOND: Don’t stop praying until you receive your answer or see your miracle manifest!

THIRD: Persistent prayer builds spiritual strength...

[Daniel 10:18–19](#) (NLT)

18 Then the one who looked like a man touched me again, and I felt my strength returning.
19 “Don’t be afraid,” he said, “for you are very precious to God. Peace! Be encouraged! Be strong!”

As he spoke these words to me, I suddenly felt stronger and said to him, “Please speak to me, my lord, for you have strengthened me.”

Life Point 2: Daniel not only received his answer — he received *power*.

The waiting made him *wiser*, and the warfare made him *stronger*.

Life Point 3: While you wait, God is developing the strength you’ll need later.

Life Point 4: Every time you pray and wait, God is doing two things:

1. Working on the situation.
2. Working on you.