

Spiritual Warfare in the Heavens

Lesson Eleven: Daniel Ten

Introduction:

Interest in the occult and paranormal phenomena is on the rise today. However, most people have a distorted understanding of the satanic realm. Scripture presents this subject in stark contrast to the misinformation that is consumed by the masses. Much of our knowledge about the invisible struggle is found in this chapter.

DANIEL'S VISION OF THE MYSTERIOUS MAN.

- A. This vision occurred in the third year of Cyrus. (10:1-3)
- B. Daniel received a message from God that great conflict was in Israel's future.
- C. The vision of the mysterious man. (10:4-6)
- D. Daniel's reaction to the sight of this man.

FIVE PRINCIPLES OF PRAYER

- A. ***Believer's prayers are immediately heard by God.*** (v.12)
 - 1. The messenger told Daniel that God heard his prayer and immediately sent him in response.
 - 2. Never allow yourself to believe your prayer has not been heard.
 - 3. We will not always receive prompt replies to our petitions.
 - 4. The answer that is delayed must not be interpreted as having been denied.
- B. ***Demonic forces can delay answers to prayer.*** (v.13)
 - 1. The angel was dispatched immediately but delayed for three weeks by the prince of Persia. This is a reference to a fallen angel.
 - 2. Here we get a remarkable insight into the unseen world and the conflict that is being carried on in the heavens.
 - 3. For three weeks Daniel had been before God in earnest supplication. You've been there?
 - 4. "The whole world lies in the power of the evil one". 1 John 5:19
 - 5. There is a kingdom of darkness over which Satan is king. That kingdom is composed of "principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of the age and wicked spirits".
 - 6. Satan is the "prince of the power of the air." It was no false claim when he offered Jesus the kingdoms of the world and their glory." Matthew 4:8-9
 - 7. If there is a prince of Persia and a prince of Greece, why not a prince of every nation and city.
 - 8. The host of hell is now set to deceive the very elect of God by presenting something to take the place of Jesus Christ and His truth.

9. 2 Chronicles chapter eighteen:

10. **Let me hasten to tell you that Satan has his limitations.**

- Daniel was unaware of the spiritual conflict that had taken place.
- Victory was made possible by the help of an angel named “Michael.”
- This eye-opening look into the invisible war being fought around us should cause us to pay heed to the exhortations of Ephesian 6:12.
- 1 Corinthians 10:13
- Revelation 12:7-9.
- Jude 9.
- The ministry of angels.

C. **Wrestling in prayer is exhausting work.**

1. After being told that the future of the Jews was about to be unveiled, Daniel ***“turned his face toward the ground and became speechless.”*** (vs.14-15)
2. Daniel had waged a war on his knees, and he learned that the battle we wage can take a physical toll on us.
3. Fatigue is a small price to pay for curbing evil and furthering the cause of Jesus.

D. **Following weakened times of prayer, strength returns in extra measure.**

1. The angel who helped Daniel speak also gave him strength to see the vision. (Vs 18-19)
2. The Lord still uses His heavenly ministers to encourage us in our walk with Him and to protect us in our fight against satanic powers.

E. **Overcoming demonic forces is not a once-for-all-matter.**

1. The angel who brought God’s answer to Daniel said he would be returning ***“to fight the prince of Persia”*** who would be aided by the ***“prince of Greece.”***
2. He promised that he would not leave Daniel until the vision was explained and Michael would aid him.
3. The battle is still being waged.
4. Satan’s big weapon is deceit, however, greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world.

Conclusion:

- A. 2 Kings 6
- B. If we could see the invisible, we would be amazed at the presence of good and evil around us.
- C. We should be encouraged by the invincible might of God within us.
- D. Discover the power of praying God’s promises.

- E. Remember God's delays are not God's denials.
- F. Never underestimate or overestimate the power of Satan.