

E2E- Part 116a

Daniel 10

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1. The Bible compels us to accept the reality of the physical realm we can see and the unseen realm where holy angels and fallen angels are involved in spiritual warfare.
2. Even though Daniel had been praying and fasting for 21 days without an answer, the angel tells him that his words were heard from the very first day.
3. When God delays an answer to prayer, it does not always mean we have done something wrong. He may be working in our life, someone else's life, or waiting until the proper time.
4. Prayer is meant to bring us in line with God's will, not to get God's will to conform to what we want.
5. Daniel's answer was delayed because the prince of Persia, a powerful fallen angel, took a position against God's angel until Michael came to help.
6. The forces in the unseen realm are active in the affairs of earthly kingdoms, with some fighting for the purposes of God and others fighting against them.
7. The presence of this heavenly being leaves Daniel speechless, without strength, and barely able to breathe. When the angel touches him and tells him to take courage, Daniel is strengthened.
8. Spiritual warfare does not end with one victory. The angel must return to fight the prince of Persia, and the prince of Greece will rise as another satanic power connected to an earthly empire.
9. The "writing of truth" in vs. 21 refers to God's eternal plan for history, which will unfold exactly as He has already determined.
10. Daniel's experience shows that demonic forces cannot stop God. He remains absolutely sovereign, allows opposition only as long as it serves His purposes, and calls us to keep praying when answers are delayed.

GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

Arche (ar-khay´); a chief (in order or rank): — magistrate, power, principality, rule

Kosmokrator (kos-mok-fat´-ore); a world-ruler, an epithet of Satan

Moʿomad (moh-om-awd´); - literally, a foothold:— (standing against)

ʾAlam (aw-lam´); - to tie fast; hence (of the mouth) to be tongue-tied :— bind, be dumb, put to silence

QUOTES

[it] *“...is the book in which God has designated beforehand, according to truth, the history of the world as it shall certainly be unfolded.”*

- Carl Friedrich Keil - 1880

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
The Old Rugged Cross
Holy Holy Holy
How Deep The Father's Love For Us

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1) Daniel purposed to set aside his normal routine to diligently focus on seeking the LORD in prayer for three weeks. His choices reflect how he prioritized and prepared: he mourned/fasted, scheduled it right after Passover, prepared both his mind and heart, and located himself on the bank of the Tigris River—symbolic of expectation.

What are some things we can do to prepare for times of focused prayer?

Can you recall a time when you applied similar changes? What was the result?

2) Two times the angel tells David something to avoid. What was the directive? Why is this significant? (v 12, 19)

3) The sermon reminds us that in the unseen realm of spiritual warfare, the battle is strategic. A hierarchy of rulers, powers, and forces is noted. Additional descriptions of the enemy reinforce images of planned maneuvers and destructive intent. Discuss their similarities:

- roaring lion
- serpent
- deceiver
- accuser of the brethren

How should these word pictures affect our prayer life and cause us to press in to the truth found in I John 4:3,4?

4) The godly character of Daniel is evident in many ways. He humbly serves the king(s) who captured him, refuses to worship false gods, conveys respect to authority yet remains reverent to the LORD. In this passage, Daniel denies himself—not for material gain but to pursue spiritual wisdom and understanding. What does Daniel's example reveal about his faith?

5) Written books indicate a completed plan exists. God is sovereign and His plans will be revealed when His books are opened. The Book of Truth is mentioned in Daniel 10:21. Look at additional books noted in these verses and describe what we are told about each: Daniel 7:10, Psalm 69:28, Psalm 139:16, Philippians 4:3, Revelation 3:5 and 21:27.