

PRAYING AS AN INTERCESSOR

(How God Is Working Even When You Cannot See Him)

Daniel 10:1-19



STANDING IN THE GAP

- ◆ Daniel's Priority
- ◆ Daniel's Power
- ◆ Daniel's Promise

“Fear not Daniel, for from the first day you set yourself to pray, thy words were heard and I am come for thy words. But the Prince of Persia withstood me 21 days.” (Daniel 10:12,13)

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“Then said he unto me, fear not Daniel for from the first day thou didst set thine heart to understand and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.” (v. 12)

“But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days; but lo, Michael, one of the chief princes came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.” (v. 13)

Introduction

- Daniel was born about 620 BC
- He was about 4 years old at the time of the great revival in Judah under King Josiah. (II Chronicles 34)
- Daniel was 10 years old when Josiah (Judah’s good king) died.
- He was 13 years old when carried off to Babylon in 607 BC
- He was rewarded by being asked to serve in the court of the king.
- His courage was undented (he was not afraid to reprove Babylon’s two kings, Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar).
- Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself. (1:8) (His character was pure.)

The Setting Of Daniel 10

1. God sent the answer to Daniel’s prayer on the first day.
2. The answer took 21 days to get through to Daniel.
3. The prince of Persia withstood God’s angel, which means:
 - A satanic being was dominating the spiritual realm above Persia.
 - This wicked power in the atmospheric heaven was keeping God’s angel (and answer) from getting through.

How Prayer Works

I. Daniel’s Priority In Prayer (V. 1-9)

“In those days, I, Daniel was mourning three full weeks.” (10:2)

- A. The Jews have returned home to rebuild the ruined Temple.
- B. They have been in Jerusalem for two years rebuilding.
- C. Daniel has been mourning for three full weeks:
 1. His heart is grieved and broken
 2. The Jews have become slothful and indifferent.
 3. They have joined themselves to strangers and sin.
 4. They soon lost the glory God was longing to restore.
- D. Daniel is about 90 years old now and still attending the king.

Question: What do you do when you see someone you love away from God?

Question: How do you pray for those who need to be restored to Jesus?

Answer: You pray like Daniel prayed:

(Daniel's Priority In Prayer Included Three Elements)

1. **Heavenly Mindedness**

"I set my face unto the Lord God..." (9:3) which means:

- a. We walk in the direction we are facing.
- b. We can only pray if we are walking towards God.
- c. Prayers are wasted if our faces are towards this world.
- d. Only those who live "other worldly" have the ear of God in prayer.
- e. To pray right, we must live right.

2. **Hunger and Thirst**

"...to seek by prayer and supplications with fasting" (9:3) which means:

- a. Daniel prayed while others played. (He fasted while others feasted)
- b. Daniel narrowed his interest to pray.
- c. Daniel paid the price to prevail with God.

3. **Humility and Confession**

"...and sackcloth and ashes" (9:3) which means:

- a. Daniel set aside his garb and gold (5:29)
- b. Daniel lays all pride aside and takes the low road, and is rewarded accordingly.

"And behold, a hand touched me." (10:10)

Fact: Daniel sees what John saw in Revelation I (Daniel 10:5, 6)

Fact: Daniel feels the touch of God.

Fact: Daniel knows that heaven is responding.

Fact: "He touched me" means that prayer on earth still avails in heaven!!!

II. **Daniel's Power In Prayer (Vs. 10-15)**

"Thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words." (v. 12)

Fact: For three weeks Daniel besought the Lord.

Fact: For three weeks there was no visible manifestation.

Fact: For three weeks it seemed as though all was wasted.

Question: Why do prayers of intercession take time to answer?

Answer: Because praying for others in bondage challenges wicked spirits in the upper atmosphere.

Fact: Angels are involved in the affairs of our world:

Fact: Angels (powerful intelligent beings) are in conflict in the heavenlies.

1. The angels of God minister to God's people.
2. The angels of Satan promote and encourage people in disobedience to God.

Case In Point (Daniel 10)

(Why Your Enemy Is Never In The Pew)

1. Satan was controlling an evil angel over Persia.
2. This evil angel was sent to influence the hearts of the Persian kings against God's people.
3. This evil angel withstood the Holy Angel of the Lord for 21 days.

Question: What's the secret to Daniel's answer?

Question: What's the secret to our answer?

Answer: That all supernatural intervention from God is precipitated by believing prayer on earth. (Repeat)

"I am come for thy words." V. 12 means:

(And let this build your faith)

1. Praying on **earth** results in God hearing that prayer in **heaven**.
2. God send answers, but Satan is attempting to **hinder** these answers from reaching us.
3. God has the power in the unseen world to **overcome** every obstacle of Satan.
4. That power to overcome will only be realized, if we like Daniel, will be the go-between (and **pray** until it **costs** us something)!!!
 - There is power in prayer, because prayer **brings God** into the picture.

III. **Daniel's Promise In Prayer (Vs. 16-19)**

"Then there came again and touched me...and he strengthened me." (v. 18)

Question: What can we expect in prayer?

Question: What will Jesus do in prayer? (**Three promises to trust in**)

1. **Jesus will "accompany" you**
"Then there came again." (v. 18)
 - The devil says, "You're too far away!"
 - The devil says, "God won't answer you."
 - The devil says, "You cannot be renewed." But God came to Daniel! And God will come to you in prayer!
2. **Jesus will "assist" you**
"He strengthened me." (v. 18)
 - God strengthened Daniel! And God will strengthen you!
3. **Jesus will "assure" you**
Question: Are you in the midst of enemy spiritual warfare? (You can feel it inwardly)
Question: Are you walking through enemy territory? (Fighting to reclaim what's been stolen)
Question: Are you anxious at this very moment? (As you battle in prayer with God)

Then God has a word for you,

"Fear not, peace be unto you, be strong, be strong." (10:19)

Take Heart Today

1. If we establish prayer as our **priority**.
2. Then God's **power** will be revealed.
3. And the **promises** of God will be manifested.