DANIEL: "Shining in a Dark World"

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"Angels & Demons" (Daniel 10)

As there is a kingdom of God, so, too, is there is a kingdom of Satan. And the two are in conflict. Few Christians fully realize the extent of Satan's influence. Nor do they understand their own authority (1John 5:19, 4:4). The fact is all people belong to one of two kingdoms: the kingdom of light or the kingdom of darkness. If one is not "in Christ" one is "in the power of the devil," even if there is no visible, sensible awareness of being in the devil's grip.

Daniel 10 draws back the curtain and gives us a glimpse of the spirit realm and how our intercession impacts conflict between angels and demons.

Dan.10 the effectiveness of the praying believer

Dan.11 power of the antichrist (The War of Wars)

Dan.12 the full victory of the redeemed (Our Bright Future)

Our Weapons: vv1-3, 7, 21

Prayer (with fasting), Community, and God's Word.

Matt.4:1-11; Eph.6:10-20 The Whole Armor of God; Heb.10:24-25 Matt.6:16-18; Matt.17:21; Isa.58:1-12

"Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon their knees."

-William Cowper

"The man who prays with fasting is giving heaven notice that he is truly in earnest..." -Arthur Wallis (God's Chosen Fast)

Our Attitude: vv4-12

Humble (Eliminates Pride) Confidence (Eliminates Fear)

Isa.6:1-8; Luke 5:8-11; Mark 4:35-41; Rev.1:9-20

Our Conflict: vv13-14

We have three enemies: Society, Satan & Sinful Self. Eph 2:1-3

Behind the scenes Deceiving/Manipulating/Instigating the flesh and blood evil (society/sinful nature) is something that is not flesh and blood (Satan). Eph.6:12; Luke 10:17-20; Isa14:12-17; Ezek.28:11-19; Rev12:4; Matt.25:41; Satan's goal: 2Cor.4:4, 11:3

Our prayers provoke a heavenly fight between angels and demons that can make a difference in people's lives on earth that have eternal implications. Matt.6:10; 2Kings 6:16-17; Exodus 17:8-16; James 5:16; Angels: Heb.1:14; Ps.91:11

Our Marching Orders: vv15-21

God will empower you to BE what He wants you to BE and to DO what He wants you to DO. vv18-19

Why? Because you are Greatly Loved! v19; also, v11 Therefore, Fear not, Peace be with you and be strong and of good courage! v19

Our response: "Your wish is my command!" v19b

vv20-21 No cease fire this side of eternity!

Growing Notes

- 1) What comes to mind when you think about spiritual warfare? How important is this topic in the life of the believer? What two extremes can we fall prey to when it comes to spiritual warfare?
- 2) Read Daniel 10. What stands out to you from this chapter? How proficient are you in the three weapons of our warfare (vv1-3, 7, 21)? How critical are they (see cross references)?
- 3) Why do you think an encounter with God would give you an attitude of humble confidence (vv4-12)? How does pride or fear make us spiritually vulnerable?
- 4) What are our three enemies in spiritual warfare (Eph 2:1-3)? How does Satan work behind the scenes deceiving, manipulating, and instigating (vv13-14)? What is his goal (2Cor.4:4, 11:3)? What do our prayers provoke?
- 5) What are our marching orders (vv18-19)? How should this empower (strengthen) you? How does being Greatly Loved by God overcome fear, give you peace, strength, and good courage? What will our response be (v19b)? What is God speaking to you from this study? Pray.

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DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

- >Elders/Pastors available after every service to pray with you.
- >Call the church office to be added to the prayer chain.
- >Sunday night prayer meeting 6pm, in the lobby
- >Elders meeting 3rd Wed. monthly, Elders available for prayer and anointing.

James 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord

Weekly Happenings at DBCC

- > PRAYER NIGHT: Sundays @ 6pm in the Central Lobby
- > SEASONS OF CARE: Last 2022 meeting is Nov. 21st
- > FOOD PANTRY: Thursdays @ 11:30am Community Hall
- > GRIEF SHARE: Thursdays @ 7pm in the Family Room
- > CELEBRATE RECOVERY: Fridays @ 6:30pm Anomaly Room.

Church office hours: Mon-Thurs 9am - 3pm 602-374-4588

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