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Called To Spiritual Battle Daniel 10

- I. We Can Be Strong In Spiritual Warfare
 - A. Effective even when old (v. 1 - Daniel over 80)
 - B. Effective when far distant from Israel (v. 4)
 - C. Effective even though we are comparatively weak (vv. 7-8,10,11,15,16,17,18,19)
 - D. Effective even when answers are not immediately apparent
 - 1. The significance of “the third year of Cyrus” (v. 1)
 - 2. The three weeks (v. 3 with vv 12-13)
 - 3. But the answer immediate (v. 12)

- II. How To Be Strong In The Lord
 - A. Humble yourself before God (v. 12 and throughout)
 - B. Love and study God’s Word (vv. 1,11,12,21).
 - C. Grieve over sin, error and Satanic opposition (v. 2)
 - D. Fast (v. 3)
 - E. Pray (vv. 2-3 with v. 12)

- III. The Nature Of The Spiritual Conflict
 - A. The reality and personality of these spiritual beings
 - 1. Demons
 - a) they are objective entities comparable to angels (vv. 13,20,21)
 - b) they resist (v. 13,21)
 - c) they fight (v. 20)
 - d) they unite (v. 21)
 - e) they travel (v. 20)
 - f) they rule (“prince...kings” v. 13)
 - 2. elect angels
 - a) have a form (vv. 5-9)
 - b) they speak (vv. 6,9,11ff)
 - c) they understand relationships and time (v. 14)
 - d) they can touch a person (vv. 10,16)
 - e) they travel (v. 11,12,13,14,20)
 - f) they fight (vv. 13,20,21)
 - g) they minister to people
 - (1) encouragement (vv. 11ff)
 - (2) healing & strength (vv. 16-19)
 - (3) bringing kings to power & sustaining them (11:1)
 - B. Organization & work of angels
 - 1. There is hierarchy amongst spiritual beings
 - a) Michael was “one of the chief princes”

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- b) Among demons there were princes (vv. 13,20) and “kings” (v. 13)
2. There are assignments to regions and control of regions
 - a) Territorial demons assert ownership
 - (1) Prince of Persia (v. 13,20)
 - (2) kings of Persia (v. 13)
 - (3) prince of Greece (v. 20)
 - b) Angels contend for areas where God’s people are
 - (1) “withstood me” (v. 13)
 - (2) “had been left alone there” (v. 13)
 - (3) “Michael your prince” (v. 21)
 - (4) “I stood up to confirm and strengthen him [Darius]” (11:1)
3. There is the need to travel
 - a) “I have been sent to you” (v. 11)
 - b) “I have come” (vv. 12,14)
 - c) “came to help me” (v. 13)
 - d) “I had been left alone” (v. 13)
 - e) “I must return” (v. 20)
 - f) “when I have gone forth” (v. 20)
4. There are assignments to minister to people
 - a) Daniel (vv. 11ff)
 - (1) See ministries listed above
 - (2) This angel comes in answer to Daniel’s prayers (v. 12)
 - b) Darius (11:1)
5. Elect angels are sometimes at a disadvantage (because of lack of prayer??)
 - a) “came to help me” (v. 13)
 - b) “I had been left alone” (v. 13)
 - c) “withstood me twenty-one days” (v. 13)
 - d) “no one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince” (v. 21)
- C. The relationship of our prayers to their spiritual battles
 1. This battle started the moment Daniel began to pray and fast (v. 12 - “for from the first day that you set your heart...”)
 2. The battle was sustained by Daniel’s twenty-one days of prayer (v. 13 with verse 2)
 3. Earlier battles were tied to prayer and fasting as well (11:1 with Daniel 9 and with Daniel 6; cf. Ezra 4:5-6)

IV. Conclusions that can be drawn:

- A. We must not draw a sharp line between political and spiritual. All of life is involved in spiritual battles.
- B. We should not be surprised at the hostility that flesh and blood bring against us. Ultimately, we wrestle with unseen spiritual forces.
- C. We must have a holy dissatisfaction with the sinful state of affairs and not treat such as normal.
- D. If Daniel could win such battles in his day, so can we.

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- E. Spiritual battles cannot be won without prayer
- F. Angels suffer setbacks without prayer
- G. Prayer brings breakthroughs where nothing else can.
- H. Humility, faithfulness to the Word, prayer and fasting is not optional in spiritual warfare.