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## IMPERATIVE IN ALL SPIRITUAL WARFARE

A Study of Daniel 10 • "Spiritual Warfare in the Heavenly Places"

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### STUDY SECTION FOR VV. 10-21

#### 1. Our prayers are heard by God in Heaven!

Daniel 10:10–12, TLB -<sup>10</sup> *But a hand touched me and lifted me, still trembling, to my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup> And I heard his voice—"O Daniel, greatly beloved of God," he said, "stand up and listen carefully to what I have to say to you, for God has sent me to you." So I stood up, still trembling with fear. <sup>12</sup> Then he said, "Don't be frightened, Daniel, for your request has been heard in heaven and was answered the very first day you began to fast before the Lord and pray for understanding; that very day I was sent here to meet you.*

#### 2. Unseen spiritual warfare may delay us from seeing the answer to prayer!

Daniel 10:13, TLB -<sup>13</sup> *But for twenty-one days the mighty Evil Spirit who overrules the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the top officers of the heavenly army, came to help me, so that I was able to break through these spirit rulers of Persia. [Iran of today].*

#### 3. Prayer is when we speak to God, but also, it is when God speaks to us!

Daniel 10:14, TLB -<sup>14</sup> *Now I am here to tell you what will happen to your people, the Jews, at the end times—for the fulfillment of this prophecy is many years away."*

#### 4. Prayer is exhausting—but exhilarating—work!

Daniel 10:15-19, TLB -<sup>15</sup> *All this time I was looking down, unable to speak a word. [Daniel fasted 21 days while he sought the Lord. Then he fell on his face when he met the Lord Jesus Christ by the Tigris River. Then he bowed down to the ground, totally exhausted, when he heard the angel's explanation.] <sup>16</sup> Then someone [Heb. Lit., "The One, the son"—he looked like a man possibly a Christophany—touched my lips and I could talk again, and I said to the messenger, [a word typically used to describe an angel—I don't know if he's now talking to the angel or Christ] from heaven, "Sir Christ or the angel?], I am terrified by your appearance and have no strength. <sup>17</sup> How can such a person as I even talk to you? For my strength is gone, and I can hardly breathe." <sup>18</sup> Then the one who seemed to be a man [Christ] touched me again, and I felt my strength returning. <sup>19</sup> "God loves you very much," he [the angel] said; "don't be afraid! Calm yourself; be strong—yes, strong!" Suddenly, as he spoke these words, I felt stronger and said to him, "Now you can go ahead and speak, sir, for you [Christ] have strengthened me."*

Romans 15:30–31, NASB -<sup>30</sup> *Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive [We get our word "agony" from this Greek word] together with me in your prayers to God for me, <sup>31</sup> that I may be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints...*

#### 5. Prayer enables us to see the unseen forces of good and evil!

Daniel 10:15-19, TLB -<sup>20</sup> *He replied, "Do you know why I have come? I am here to tell you what is written in the 'Book of the Future.' We will see this "insight" in chapter 11] Then, when I leave, I will go again to fight my way back, past the prince of Persia; and after him, the prince of Greece. Only Michael, the angel who guards your people Israel, will be there to help me.*

2 Corinthians 10:3–5, NIV -<sup>3</sup> *For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. <sup>4</sup> The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

2 Corinthians 10:4, NLT -<sup>4</sup> *We use [used in the imperative mood] God's mighty weapon, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds...*