

FIVE HINDRANCES OF

Prayer

REASONS MY PRAYERS ARE NOT ANSWERED





Daniel 10:1-13

PART 1

**UNSEEN
WARFARE**

1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar; and the message was true and one of great conflict, but he understood the message and had an understanding of the vision.

2 In those days, I, Daniel, had been mourning for three entire weeks.

3 I did not eat any tasty food, nor did meat or wine enter my mouth, nor did I use any ointment at all until the entire three weeks were completed.

4 On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, while I was by the bank of the great river, that is, the Tigris,

5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man dressed in linen, whose waist was girded with a belt of pure gold of Uphaz.

6His body also was like beryl, his face had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a tumult.

7Now I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, while the men who were with me did not see the vision; nevertheless, a great dread fell on them, and they ran away to hide themselves.

8So I was left alone and saw this great vision; yet no strength was left in me, for my natural color turned to a deathly pallor, and I retained no strength.

9But I heard the sound of his words; and as soon as I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

10 Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.

11 He said to me, “O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

12 Then he said to me, “Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words.

13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.



I. Unseen Warfare: Dan. 10:1-16

1. In the **Natural Realm**- This is what we see (I John 2:15-17)
2. In the **Unseen Realm**- God exists in the unseen realm along with Angels and Demons.
 - a. **Angels** - Heavenly beings, superior to human beings. There are 250 mention of angels in scripture from Genesis to Revelation. (Hebrews 1:14; Psalm 91:11; Colossians 1:16)
 - b. Every Believer has at least one angel. (Hebrews 1:14)

c. Hierarchy of Angels

- Archangels- Michael, Gabriel, and Lucifer (Isaiah 14; Exodus 28)
- Holy and Righteous Angels- (Seraphim and Cherubim)- These angels protect the holiness of God near his throne. (Isaiah 6:1-7)
- Regular Angels
- Guardian Angels (Hebrews 1:14)





1. Demons - Fallen angels who joined Satan in his rebellion against God that were defeated and cast out of Heaven along with Satan.

(Revelation 12:7-10)

- a. Satan is the *prince of demons* (Luke 10:18-19; Matthew 12:24)
- b. He has been condemned to hell (Matthew 12:41)
- c. He has some power in the earth realm (2 Corinthians 4:4)

d. The Demonic world has a Hierarchy.
(Ephesians 6:12)

- Principalities and powers- Demonic Power of evil
- Powers deal with demonic influence of government.
- Rulers of darkness and the rulers of this dark world. (John 12:31; John 14:30; John 16:11; II Corinthians 10:3-6)

II. Spiritual Conflict in prayer

1. An angel comes to answer Daniel's prayer.
2. The angel was resisted, but there was a battle in the spiritual realm.
3. Daniel was waiting for his answer while praying and fasting. (Jude 9)



a. The hinderance of Daniel's prayers:

- Territorial demons over Persia
- The prince of Persia
- witchcraft and voodoo influences regions

P R A Y E R

b. Prayer *delayed* is not prayer **denied**.

- When your prayers are hindered-
you must keep praying.
(Matthew 7:7-11)
- When your prayers are hindered-
you must fight(pray) in the spirit. (Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 5:18-20)
- When your prayers are hindered-
you must pray and fast. (Daniel 9:3; Daniel 10; Matthew 17:21; Mark 9:29; Isaiah 58:5-9)