

### ***“A Battle for the Ages” Part III***

- I. Warfare is caused by Satan and demons who hate God.
- II. Warfare was initiated because of God’s activity on the earth.
- III. Warfare was unseen on earth, but felt here.
- IV. Warfare is won through the power of God.

There are several conclusions to be drawn from this:

First, it is important to note that Daniel is nowhere portrayed as praying to or commanding angels. His prayer is directed to God alone who in turn, it would appear, commissions His angelic hosts to engage in the conflict.

Second, we clearly see that the demonic hosts are engaged in warfare with the angelic hosts of heaven, the prize being the opportunity to manipulate earthly kings, nations, and peoples.

Third, Daniel's prayer did, in fact, provoke a heavenly conflict. The fact that Daniel's three-week fast coincides with the three-week struggle between the "prince of Persia" and the unnamed angel "demonstrates a relationship between human intercession and what happens on a higher plane. Daniel's prayers appear to influence angels who play a significant role in shaping the destinies of nations" Does this suggest that the outcome of the heavenly conflict is dependent on the frequency or fervency of one's prayers on earth? Whatever answer one gives to that question, it is important to remember that Daniel had no idea of what was

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happening in the spiritual realm as he prayed. Yet, today - because of what happen to Daniel - we do know.

Fourth, The battle is not over, yet. When Gabriel left Daniel, he had to return to assist Michael in battling the prince of Persia and the prince of Greece. The ruler of Persia had shown great kindness and mercy to the Jews in allowing them to return home, and Satan was against this decision. God also had plans for Greece (11:2-4) and Satan wanted to interfere there.

Chuck Swindoll writes, “These verses flash a sobering warning: Overcoming demonic forces is not a once-for-all matter.”

**In the midst of the conflict....**

**So God sends this angel to Daniel to comfort and reassure him.** In verse 12 and again in verse 19, he says, “Don’t be afraid.” The number one message angels bring is “Don’t be afraid!” Is that the message you need to hear from God today? Don’t be afraid. Faith and fear cannot reside in your heart and mind at the same moment; they are mutually exclusive. If you let Him, God will replace your fear with faith today.

He says in verse 21 - “Don’t be afraid because Michael, our prince is here. Judah will not be left defenseless and unprotected.

**Second, Daniel turns to the Word of God.**

Notice, Daniel 10:21 “Scripture of Truth”

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This is an “unerring tablet.” There is a word that is true and unerring in the midst of our warfare.

Colossians 2:15 “Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.” This is in reference to the cross.

I Peter 3:19 is in reference to the cross.

Revelation 12:11 “And they overcame him by (accuser - Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...”

The defeat of Satan has been assured. But like a legal victory, it must now be enforced.

We are the enforcers.

Acts 19:15 “And the evil spirit answered and said, ‘Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?’”

Zechariah 3:2 “And the Lord said to Satan, ‘The Lord rebuke you, Satan!’”

Jude 9 “Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”

What was the big deal about the body of Moses? If Israel would worship a golden calf, they would worship the body of Moses. The devil wanted them to worship Moses.

“Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.” (1 John 4:4)

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We don't worship angels and we are not to be afraid of demons. Hebrews 1:6 "Let all the angels of God worship Him."

Colossians 2:18 "Let no one defraud you of your reward, taking delight in false humility or worship of angels..."

Close: II Kings 6:16-17