

WHERE GOD MOVES

LESSON 10 – OUTLINE

- I. Daniel clearly exemplifies the reality of the spiritual realm.

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JEREMIAH 25:11

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DANIEL 9:3-4 AND 19

And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy mountain of my God; [21] Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel [the same angel who appeared to Zacharias and Mary in Luke 1:19 and 26-28], whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. [22] And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

DANIEL 9:20-22, BRACKETS MINE

- A. It took Daniel about three minutes to pray this prayer (Dan. 9:4-19).
- B. God moved in the spiritual world and gave the commandment at the very beginning of Daniel's prayer, yet it took approximately three minutes for Gabriel to show up.

At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

DANIEL 9:23, EMPHASIS MINE

- C. That's not a long period of time, but it plainly reveals that God moved in the spiritual realm before there was any physical evidence of it.
- D. God commanded it in the spirit realm before there was physical manifestation.

II. Daniel prayed again in Daniel 10.

A. This time, it took three weeks—not three minutes—before Daniel saw the manifestation of what he prayed for.

In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. [3] I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

DANIEL 10:2-3

And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. [11] And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.

DANIEL 10:10-11

Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

DANIEL 10:12, EMPHASIS MINE

B. God gave the command and answered on the very first day, but it didn't manifest until three weeks later because of demonic opposition.

But the prince of the kingdom of Persia [a demonic power] withstood me one and twenty days [three weeks]: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes [another angel, see Jude 9 and Rev. 12:7], came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

DANIEL 10:13, BRACKETS MINE

C. God answered Daniel's prayer immediately on both occasions.

III. Today, as New Testament believers, we look back to what God has already done through Christ.

A. The provision was made before we ever had the need.

B. It's not God moving differently for different people; it's people who receive differently.

C. God has already done His part, but there are things that hinder what He's done in the spiritual realm from coming into the physical world.

- IV. God does things according to the power that is at work in us (Eph. 3:20).
 - A. Faith is the bridge that God's provision uses to cross out of the spirit realm into the physical.
 - B. Whether what's spiritually true ever manifests itself in the natural realm isn't dependent upon God answering our prayers, but upon whether we can—by faith—reach over into the spiritual realm and bring into physical manifestation what He's already done.
 - C. God is the one who must provide something in the first place in the spirit, but then He flows through us to get it into the natural realm.
- V. As a New Testament believer, God has given you authority and power—with that comes responsibility.
 - A. If you don't resist the devil, he won't flee.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

JAMES 4:7

- B. It's God's power standing behind you making it work, but nonetheless, the devil flees from *you*.
- C. You can't ask God to rebuke the devil for you—He has given that authority to you.
- VI. Many Christians today pray and then passively stand and stand and stand in "faith," patiently waiting until finally—maybe—they receive their answers.
 - A. These believers simply fail (1) to recognize that the devil is hindering their answers from manifesting and (2) to exercise the power and authority they've been given to do something about it.
 - B. As a born-again believer, you don't have to pray the way Old Testament people did.
 - C. God has already commanded your answer, but it must come from the spiritual world into the physical world.
 - D. There are a number of things that can happen to hinder that.

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LESSON 10 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Daniel 9:2, how did Daniel understand Jeremiah's prophecy?
2. According to Jeremiah 25:11, "*this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon*" for how long?
3. According to Daniel 9:24, what are determined upon the people and the holy city?
4. What for?
 - A. To finish the transgression
 - B. To make an end of sins
 - C. To make reconciliation for iniquity
 - D. To bring in everlasting righteousness
 - E. To seal up the vision and prophecy
 - F. To anoint the most Holy
 - G. All of the above
 - H. None of the above
5. According to Daniel 9:3-4, Daniel set his face to do what?
6. According to Daniel 9:19-23, who immediately came to Daniel with God's answer?
7. When did Gabriel say that the commandment came forth?
8. What angel was sent to deliver God's messages in Luke 1:19 and 26-28?
9. According to Daniel 10:2-3, how long did Daniel fast and pray the second time?
10. According to Daniel 10:10-13, when was this angelic messenger sent?
11. What took so long?
12. Who came to help this messenger?
13. Who does Jude 9 reveal Michael as?
14. In Revelation 12:7, Michael and his angels fought against whom?
15. Ephesians 3:20 says that God is able to do exceeding abundantly above _____ according to the power that works in us.
16. John 4:24 reveals that God is a _____ and those who worship Him must worship Him in _____ and in truth.

17. James 4:7 tells us to submit to God and _____ the devil.
18. According to Hebrews 13:8, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever?

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LESSON 10 – SCRIPTURES

DANIEL 9:2-24

In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem. [3] And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: [4] And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; [5] We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments: [6] Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. [7] O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee. [8] O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee. [9] To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; [10] Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. [11] Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him. [12] And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem. [13] As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth. [14] Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice. [15] And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly. [16] O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us. [17] Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. [18] O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. [19] O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord,

hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name. [20] And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God; [21] Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. [22] And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. [23] At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision. [24] Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

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LUKE 1:19

And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings.

LUKE 1:26-28

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, [27] To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. [28] And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

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JUDE 9

Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

REVELATION 12:7

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.

EPHESIANS 3:20

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

JOHN 4:24

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

JAMES 4:7

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HEBREWS 13:8

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.