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OPENING PRAYER

Daniel - The Sovereignty of God – He Rules Over All; He Overrides All!

Daniel Chapter 10 – Introduction to Daniel's vision of the **Glory of God**. The final three chapters of Daniel record a revelation of the prophetic future that is without parallel in Scripture, presenting this final vision, which is a grand prophetic overview of events from the time of Cyrus to the final establishment of God's kingdom. These last three chapters constitute Daniel's fourth vision, gathering together the significant threads of prophecy, especially as they relate to the Holy Land and to the people of Israel. The entire experience of Daniel in this chapter is on the one hand a reminder of human weakness and insufficiency, and on the other, of divine enablement that strengthened Daniel for his task of recording this great revelation. In that an entire chapter is devoted to this preparation, makes clear that the revelation to follow is important in the completion and fulfillment of God's purposes in the world.

Chapter 10 Vision of the Glorious Man – vs. 1-9; Prophecies Concerning Persia and Greece – vs. 10-21.

Key Verse: Dan 10:14 Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come.

Daniel's Terrifying Vision of a Man

Dan 10:1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. The message was true, but the appointed time was long (or and of great conflict - long and difficult); and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision.

- ***In the third year, of Cyrus king of Persia, around 536 B.C.***, which was a couple of years after the first small group of 40,000-45,000 Jewish exiles had returned back to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple.
- ***Daniel's*** previous visions must have left questions in his mind that were not fully resolved, although he had faithfully recorded what he had seen and heard. It is doubtful whether Daniel completely understood all of the vision that followed, but at least he comprehended its general characteristics and was not left in a state of perplexity, as he was in (*Dan 8:27*) where he was physically sick as a result of the extensive vision given to him.
- **The introductory statement is sufficient, however, to alert the reader that a tremendous revelation** is about to be presented. This vision is for a long period of time, covering a good period of the history of man, going out beyond where we are today. This vision that Daniel had received and its understanding, will actually go out to the return of Jesus Christ in glory, to establish God's kingdom upon the earth, because *chapters 10-12* are all a part of this vision!
- **Daniel understood the message, and had understanding of the vision**, which seems to indicate that Israel's future will be long and difficult. His mourning could well have been, just the understanding of the long and difficult time ahead for the Jewish people.

Dan 10:2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks.

- **We are not told of the cause of his mourning. It is very possible that it is the news** that came back from those who had gone to rebuild the temple with Ezra, and of the difficult conditions that they were experiencing. (*Ezr 4:4-5*) *Then the people of the land tried to discourage the people of Judah. They troubled them in building, [5] and hired counselors against them to frustrate their purpose all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.*
- **It could be that there were so few people that even desired to return.** It was the longing and prayer of Daniel and of every true Jew that God would restore to them **Jerusalem**, the land, the temple, and now the opportunity has come to return from the captivity. Of the large number of Jews that were taken captive, just forty thousand plus, went back with Zerubbabel to resettle in the land. (*Ezr 2:64*) *The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty. Too many chose to stay in the land of the enemy, which is never a good thing!* That must have been most discouraging to Daniel.
- **But worse than that, the reports that were coming from those who did go back**, were that the conditions were bad! The people were demoralized. Already, they were turning away from a primary focus on God, getting interested in their own things more than the things of God. The prophet Haggai said, (*Hag 1:4-7*) *Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins? [5] Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways! You have sown much, and bring in little; You eat, but do not have enough; You drink, but you are not filled with drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; And he who earns wages, Earns wages to put into a bag with holes." [7] Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways! It is because you have not put God in His proper place in your life. You are giving God the leftovers! Consequently, you are being robbed of the blessings that God bestows upon those who put God first in their lives.*
- **When we encourage you to put God first, when we encourage you to give God the first fruits**, it is for your benefit. God blesses those who will honor Him and serve Him with their whole heart! That is a principal that God has declared over and over. Haggai is pointing out to the people that it is because they have forsaken God. They have their own self-interests above the interest of God, so that things are going badly for them. The same applies to you. Turn it around and get the proper priorities again and you will find the blessings of God will still be there.
- **His mourning could well have been, just the understanding of the long and difficult times ahead** for the Jewish people. So whatever the cause, Daniel was in mourning for three full weeks.

Dan 10:3 I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself (a popular custom in the east) at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

- **A partial fast.** Now, there are various kinds of fasts. A fast does not necessarily need to be a total fast. There are times that people just wish to deny the flesh, to not eat food for a period of time, in order that they might give themselves to fasting and prayer, and the Bible does teach concerning fasting and prayer. (*Dan 1:12*) *"Please test your servants for ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink."*
- **We are told how Jesus fasted for forty days prior to His public ministry.** We are told how the Pharisees got after Jesus because though the disciples of John fasted, Jesus' disciples did not seem to observe this custom of fasting. Jesus explained that while the bridegroom was with them, they did not fast but rejoiced, but the bridegroom would go and there would come a time when they would fast. When the disciples questioned Jesus, because of their spiritual ineptness, their inability to cast the demon out of this boy, we read, (*Mar 9:29*) *So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."*
- **The Bible refers to fasting both in the New and in the Old Testaments,** the denial of the flesh in order to pursue after the Spirit. The problem is that there is the physical man and the Spiritual man. We take particularly good care of the physical man, but so often we neglect the Spiritual man. We see that the physical man gets his three meals every day, being instilled in us from youth. We take care of ourselves physically, but so often starve the Spiritual man. No wonder the physical man is strong, and the Spiritual man is weak. Fasting and prayer sort of reverses the process.
- **Through prayer we are feeding the Spiritual man and just letting the old physical man get a bit weak,** which does not hurt. A fast though does not have to be a complete fasting from all foods. There are some jobs that would prohibit such a fast. You need your strength. But any form of fasting, and form of the denial of the flesh is good. If you are in a position where you cannot fast totally, then consider fasting as Daniel did. Just cut out some of the goodies, the pastries, and the meat. It is good for you to just cut these things out for a while in order that when you get a hankering for these things just realize that Lord, I just want to serve You and the pang will remind you that you need the sweetness of the Lord in your life. Just seek the Lord! So you can go on long periods of partial types fastings.

Dan 10:4 Now on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, that is, the Tigris,

- ***The twenty-fourth day of the first month,*** which is the month of Nisan, meaning that he fasted through the feast of Passover. He was not in the city of Babylon, but about fifty miles away at the Tigris River.

Dan 10:5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz!

- ***Behold, a certain man clothed in linen.*** All commentators agree that the personage was not a man, but either a glorious angel or a **Theophany of Christ**, that is, an appearance of God Himself. Everything in these last three chapters had to do with one vision that starts with the vision of a man clothed in linen and extends all the way through history until the setting up of the kingdom of the Messiah on earth.

Dan 10:6 His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude.

- **Of whom did Daniel have his vision? Who is this that Daniel had a vision of?** We note the description, which closely fits that found in Revelation Chapter one, where John is describing his vision. (*Rev 1:13-15*) *and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. [14] His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; [15] His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters.* As you look at that description of Jesus, which John had on the island of Patmos, and you read the vision that Daniel had, the descriptions so match that it would be difficult to believe that Daniel saw anyone other than Jesus Christ, one of the manifestations of Jesus in the Old Testament, one of the theophanies.
- **It is believed that Jesus appeared many times to the saints during the Old Testament period.** Jesus said concerning Abraham, (*Joh 8:56-58*) *Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." [57] Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" [58] Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."*

- **Some believe that perhaps Melchizedek was in reality** the king of peace and actually one of the manifestations of Jesus Christ and that Jesus was referring to that.
- **We do know that the Lord appeared to Abraham**, that he had talked to the Lord, when the angel of the Lord was on His way to destroy the city of Sodom.
- **Now there is a difficulty in interpreting or in understanding that this and subsequent appearances in this chapter were all of Jesus Christ.** The difficulty lies in the continuing of the chapter as there is that mention of fighting with the prince of Persia, being detained for 21 days, the powers of darkness that control Persia, until deliverance came through Michael, the chief prince. We will get to that in a moment.

Dan 10:7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

- **Daniel had a vision. There were others with Daniel.** We are not told who they were. They did not see the vision, but they felt the presence so much that they began to fear. They were shaking and they ran from the presence.

Dan 10:8 Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my vigor (strength, splendor) was turned to frailty (ruin, corruption) in me, and I retained no strength.

- **Note the effect and the results of the vision upon Daniel.** Suddenly he felt frail, deathly pale! His vigor was turned to frailty! His splendor turned to ruin! He retained no strength.
- **Similarly, we read (Isa 6:1, 5) In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. [5] So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts."** When John saw the Lord in (Rev 1:17) ***And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.***
- **Seeing oneself in the light of the Lord!** The true effect of seeing the Lord is that of seeing yourself in the light of the Lord and a total unacceptability of yourself! Seeing yourself in the light of the Lord, we are ugly. We see ourselves as we are! We see the filth, the sin, the corruption. No man can be proud who has really seen the Lord! The effect is always that of the degrading of self. Throughout the Bible wherever one really saw the Lord, it was self-degradation. It is woe unto me for I am a man of unclean lips.
- **Jesus said, (Mat 5:3,8) "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [8] Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.** Poverty of spirit is that which comes from seeing God, of really seeing the Lord, of having a real concept of God, seeing yourself in the light of the Lord! How clearly have you seen yourself in the light of the Lord?
- **People walk around, always, as Jesus said, making a mistake because you are measuring yourself by each other.** That is the wrong standard! You can always look around and say, "Well I am not too bad. Look at them." You look at yourself in the light of other people and you may get an exalted opinion of yourself, but you look at yourself in the light of the Lord and it just wipes you out! Woe is me! How each of us need to get a real vision of Jesus! How we need to see Him in His glory, in His power! Then we will get a true view of ourselves, and the beauty turns into corruption! It was an experience that just really flattened Daniel!

Dan 10:9 Yet I heard the sound of his words; and while I heard the sound of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

- **It left him prostrate, lying face in the dirt.** This vision of the Lord just totally wiped him out.
- **Second time. I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.** Here and in (Dan 8:18 Gabriel) ***Now, as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me, and stood me upright.***

Dan 10:10 Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands.

- Most commentators believe this is a new personage, probably an angel, and not the same one as a certain man clothed in linen (Jesus Christ?), shown previously in verse five.
- Note the different personages (a Theophany of Jesus in vs. 5-9?), 2-3 angels in verses, 10,16, and 18!
- Strength and comfort commonly come by degrees to those that have been long cast down and disquieted; they are first helped up a little, and then more.

Dan 10:11 And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling (fear of falling again).

- **Do you too, have the assurance of being greatly beloved?** Three times Daniel is referred to as a man greatly beloved, in (*Dan 9:23* (Gabriel), *10:11, 19*).
- **There is one in the New Testament who is referred to as the disciple whom Jesus loved.** It was John. But the interesting thing is that here it is the angel that is declaring this to Daniel, "You are greatly beloved." Who is the one who said, "John was greatly beloved?" John. He always identified himself as the one whom the Lord loves. Peter did not say that about John. They had a little jealousy going. They wanted to be the greatest when they got there. But John says that about himself. I love that. He had the assurance that the Lord loved him. Shouldn't we, you, and I, as well, surely have that same assurance that the Lord loves us? John believed it and thus he said, "the disciple whom Jesus loved."
- **It is possible that in seeing the vision of Jesus that this messenger** who begins to talk to Daniel in verse 10, is an angel, dispatched from God to give Daniel the answer to his prayer in giving him understanding of the future. This is the way that some Bible interpreters see this.
- **It should be mentioned that there are many different views by Bible scholars.** There are those scholars that say that this vision that Daniel saw could not possibly be Jesus Christ, because of the fact that He speaks about the prince of Persia detaining Him and it would be impossible for Satan to have that kind of power over Jesus for He is God.
- **But, then there are others who see that there is more than one person dealing with Daniel.** We find that Daniel apparently speaks of another person in (*Dan 10:16*) *And suddenly, one having the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, saying to him who stood before me, "My lord, because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed me, and I have retained no strength. (Dan 10:18) Then again, the one having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me.*
- **There are possibly several personages in this vision that Daniel is receiving.** That the first which parallels the vision of John of Jesus Christ was in fact one of the theophanies or Christophanies of the Old Testament, but now in *verse 10* an angel, the messenger that has been dispatched to give Daniel the understanding is just that, an angel, separate from the vision from the Lord that John had. So, whichever fits you best, take what is comfortable for you.

Dan 10:12 Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.

- **This is twenty-one days later. The first day that he began to pray this prayer was heard and this messenger, an angel, not Jesus Christ,** was dispatched from God to give Daniel the understanding that he was seeking. We can see here a little of what goes on in the Spiritual realm, which may delay our receiving a prompt answer to prayer, even though an answer has been sent.

Dan 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia (a fallen angel?) withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me (seems to preclude this angel could be Jesus Christ!), for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

- **Here we get an interesting insight into the unseen world.** We get a rare glimpse behind the scenes of world history. There are spiritual forces at work that are far in excess of what men who disregard revelation would suppose. They struggle behind the struggles that are written on the pages of history.
- **The world of spirits that are antagonistic and opposed to those angelic spirits that are obedient unto God,** and the warfare between them. You experience that spiritual warfare yourselves as you feel the tugging towards the good and the tugging towards the evil. There is a powerful warfare that is being waged

daily in your life. Many times we feel the residual effects of this warfare, and we do not understand our emotions. We feel this, not knowing where it is coming from, resulting in just a spirit of unrest and turmoil.

- **Do not stay in the physical arena: go to prayer!** If Satan can draw you into the physical conflict, man he can just do a number on you. Stay out of that physical arena. Stay where you have the power—in prayer! The glorious thing about prayer is that you can just wipe a person out and they do not even know where it is coming from. It is a long-distance artillery. You can just do so much damage to the enemy. If you get right into their face, pretty soon you find yourself losing the victory, yelling at them, and telling them what a stupid nut they are, and you have gotten into it and you have lost it then. But by prayer, you are taking authority and power over the situation, and you can bring Christ victory in those situations! And that is the beautiful thing!
- **Why is it that your loved one has not opened his heart to Jesus Christ?** Why is it that he is stubbornly resisting? The reason, according to the Bible, is that the god of this world has blinded their eyes! That they cannot see the truth. Why is it that they do not listen? Why is it that they cannot seem to understand? Their eyes are blinded!
- **Paul says that we might take them from the captivity of the enemy** who is holding them captive against their will. So, when I pray I need to pray that God will bind that work of Satan that is holding them as a captive! I need to pray that God will open up their eyes to let them see! All of the arguing, and they may be excellent arguments, yet the person cannot see, causing us to get frustrated, but you need to realize that it is a spiritual battle. Satan has blinded their eyes!
- **You need to first of all come in prayer and through prayer, praying that God would open their eyes, stopping** that work of Satan that is holding them as a captive, which is blinding their eyes, and pray, “Lord, set them free in the name of Jesus, and in the authority of the name of Jesus! Free them, Lord! Prayer in a sense becomes a Spirit force. It is a spiritual force and the most effective force in this spiritual battle.
- **There is a spiritual warfare, and the weapons of our warfare are not carnal.** (2Co 10:4-6) *For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, [5] casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, [6] and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.* If you start using carnal weapons, you are going to find yourself in big trouble. This is one of the main problems with the church today is that in spiritual warfare we are trying to implement and integrate carnal weaponry against the enemy. Whereas if we would live after the Spirit, walk after the Spirit, and use the spiritual weapons that God has given to us, then we can bring forth Spiritual victories! Now, (Eph 6:12a) *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers.* We need to remember that! It is so important that we keep the true perspective.
- **Often when you are being bombarded and you do not really understand it.** You do not know why. The important thing is to recognize that this is a spiritual battle! This is an attack from the enemy. One of the most important things is to learn to be spiritually sensitive, **to know the source of the attack** against you, and realize that it is the enemy attacking you! If I think that people are attacking me, my response is to put up my defenses and attack back. But when you realize that this is a spiritual attack, then having recognized it, you can deal with it. If you do not recognize it as a spiritual attack then you can't deal with it, and Satan can just have a field day with you.
- **When you recognize that it is a spiritual attack from the enemy then you can resist it.** Resist the devil and he will flee from you. But you have to recognize that it is an attack of Satan against you. I will resist it in the name of Jesus, and you rejoice in your position of victory. **Remember the three “R’s,” recognize, resist, and rejoice.** You rejoice because Jesus defeated Satan. That is why we have to stay in the realm of the Spirit, because when you are in the realm of the Spirit, Satan is a defeated foe!
- **Now, there is the physical world and the spiritual world.** The both of them are very real. We are prone to think only in the physical world because I can see, touch, and smell it. We so often are oblivious to the spirit world because I cannot see or touch it, but it is real. There are spirit forces and spirit beings that are here right now. There are angels of darkness that are here interested in what is going on and there are the angels of God, the angels of light, which are here right now, too!
- **So, being in a spirit realm over against the physical realm that we are in, they have definite advantages** over us. But, when I pray, my prayer takes on the nature and the characteristics of a spirit force, and my prayers, like a spirit, can move as rapidly as thought, faster than the speed of light. So, say someone needs prayer in a distant land who are going through a real problem in their spiritual walk right now. Satan is really after them. I can get on my knees and begin to intercede in these problems. As I am praying here,

my prayers become a spirit force back there, entering their home, beginning to bring peace and tranquility. They begin to come against and hold back those forces of darkness that are seeking to disrupt and tear them apart. Prayer becomes a spirit force doing spiritual battle.

- **Now, here is the case where an angel was dispatched to Daniel to bring him the answer from God** for his prayers, but these demonic forces that were controlling the kingdom of Persia, withstood him, capturing him for twenty-one days, until Michael, that chief angel came to help!

Dan 10:14 Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come.

- **This vision that he is going to receive is for the future.** As we come into chapter 11 you will be astounded and amazed at how the Lord revealed to Daniel with such intricate kind of details, the conditions that were going to go on in the splitting up of the Grecian kingdom. This was a couple of hundred years before there ever was a Grecian kingdom! It describes the coming of Alexander the Great and of the kingdom being divided into the four different divisions and of the warfare that would go on between the Ptolemies and the Seleucids. And how Cleopatra would be involved.
- **There are prophecies here concerning Cleopatra and the things that would take place** in that intrigue. They are written with such accuracy that this 11th chapter has become one of the greatest problems of Bible critics. They do not know what to do with it. So, what they have done is say that Daniel did not write it, because he could not have written about these things because they haven't happened yet. They think it was impossible for him to have written them. Great human logic. But that is the logic of man without God and without a belief in God, who is the eternal God living outside of our time continuum and able to speak about the end from the beginning.
- **When we get to chapter 11, we will be fascinated, comparing it to the actual history and seeing** the exact accuracy it is written and then chapter 12 speaks of future things. This prophecy is going to take us out to the end, taking us to the glorious return of the Son of God to establish the kingdom of God upon the earth.
- **In the latter days,** is an important chronological term in the prophetic program that is unfolded in the book of Daniel. This phrase is seen to refer to the entire history of Israel, beginning as early as the predictions of Jacob in (*Gen 49*), declaring to his sons "what shall happen to you in days to come," and climaxing in the second coming of Christ to the earth. The *latter days* view the entire history of Israel as culminating in the climax of the second advent and the establishment of the earthly kingdom. This prophecy is centering around Israel. It only brings in the other empires as they relate to Israel, but it is for Daniel's people in the *latter days*, or the last days, for yet *the vision is for many days*. It is going to cover a long period of time and indeed it does.

Dan 10:15 When he had spoken such words to me, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless.

- **It was sort of an overwhelming kind of an experience** that just left him speechless. He was as a man astonished, who did not know what to say, struck dumb with admiration and fear, not wanting to communicate with one so far above him.

Dan 10:16 And suddenly, one having the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, saying to him who stood before me, "My lord ("sir"), because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed (turned upon) me, and I have retained no strength.

- **Here again, we apparently see another angel, possible Gabriel, like chapter 8?**
- **Daniel was helpless,** wiped out because of the vision! Pains seized his body in all parts of it, sharp and pungent, like those of a woman giving birth!

Dan 10:17 For how can this servant of my lord talk with you, my lord? As for me, no strength remains in me now, nor is any breath left in me.

- **It was just a totally devastating kind of an experience** to actually get involved in the spiritual realm in a physical body getting this kind of insight and all. His contact with the spirit realm just left him half dead with fright, physically washed out! How shall we that are dust and ashes speak to the Lord of glory? Oh, just to think of our coming glorification and getting a new body that can be in His presence!

Dan 10:18 Then again, the one (Gabriel?) having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me.

- **Daniel is strengthened for the third time.** It seems that there are different entities that are dealing with him here. The context of *verses 18 & 19* seems to link this angel to the one who addressed Daniel in *verses 11-12*.
- **One touch from heaven brings us to our knees, sets us on our feet, opens our lips, and strengthens us;** for it is God that works on us, and *works in us, both to will and to do* that which is good.
- **The detail given here leaves the impression that the revelation to follow must be of tremendous character,** as indeed it is. The triple strengthening of Daniel in this agonizing experience has been compared to that of the Lord's temptation in the Garden of Gethsemane, where in both cases an angel was the source of strength. This is the last time in this vision Daniel required additional strength to be administered by the angel.

Dan 10:19 And he said, "O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!" So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."

- **There is going to be much that is going to be given to Daniel.** We see him receiving that strength from the Lord to receive these things that are going to be given to him.
- **O man greatly beloved!** I like these words. Notice first of all, **greatly beloved!** May you just take this personally as the Lord is speaking to you tonight. *O greatly beloved, fear not.* Nothing is more likely or effectual, to revive the drooping spirits of the saints, than to be assured of God's love to them. Those are *greatly beloved* indeed whom God loves; and it is comfort enough to know it.
- **Fear not! There are a lot of things in the world today which disturb and upset us.** Conditions are so unsettled. Things do not look good, but what does the Lord say to you? *Fear not!* What is the answer to that? In *(Isa 41:10) Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'* So, the ministering man here said to Daniel, "*fear not!*" Then he said unto him, "*peace be to you.*"
- **Peace be to you! (Php 4:7) and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.** The peace of Christ which surpasses human understanding keep your heart and your mind. *Peace be to you.* Peace is one of the glorious effects of God's Spirit within our life. That peace that comes from confidence that God is in control, that peace that passes human understanding. I love it. It really bothers the unbeliever when you have such peace in such a world of turmoil. Demonstrating peace in your life is a great witness! Peace be to you and the Lord said, "*be strong!*"
- **The longing and the desire of man's heart for peace and the Lord said, "Peace, Daniel."** He was mourning and troubled over the situation. Things are not going well. It looks bad. And the Lord is just saying, "*Peace be to you, Daniel. Be strong, yes, be strong!*"
- **Daniel responded, You can give me more, Lord,** because you have strengthened me. Now that Daniel has experienced the effectiveness of God's strengthening word and grace, he is ready for anything: "*Now, Let my lord speak,* and I can hear it! I can bear it, and I am ready to do according to it! Let God enable us to comply with His will, and then, whatever it is, we will stand complete in it!

Dan 10:20 Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come.

- **Do you know why I have come to you?** This spiritual battle is not over. He is going back to get into the fight. I imagine the angels really love getting involved against the enemy. He is not going to flee this one. He is returning to fight the prince of Persia!
- **And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come.** After Persia, he is going to fight the prince of Greece who is going to come, the powers of darkness that will take over the Grecian Empire and elevate it to a world dominating power.
- **(Psa 2:2-3) The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, [3] "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away**

Their cords from us." The Grecian monarchy, though favorable to the Jews at first, as the Persian was, will yet come to be vexatious to them. Such also is the state of the church in general, when it has gotten clear of one enemy it has another to encounter: and such as the many heads of that old serpent; when one storm has blown over it is not long before another rises.

Dan 10:21 But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael - Israel's guardian angel- your prince.

Dan 11:1 Also in the first year of Darius the Mede, I, even I, stood up to confirm and strengthen him.) Dan

11:2 And now I will tell you the truth: Behold, three more kings will arise in Persia, and the fourth shall be far richer than them all; by his strength, through his riches, he shall stir up all against the realm of Greece.

- **This is really the introduction now into the prophecy** that will be given to Daniel in chapters 11 and 12.
- **Scripture of Truth. It is interesting to notice how Spurgeon compares Jesus' teaching** from the Scriptures to the two disciples, walking to Emmaus.
- **January 18th — Spurgeon's Evening Reading - "He expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself."** — Luke 24:27 - The two disciples on the road to Emmaus had a most profitable journey. Their companion and teacher was the best of tutors; the interpreter one of a thousand, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. The Lord Jesus condescended to become a preacher of the gospel, and He was not ashamed to exercise His calling before an audience of two persons, neither does He now refuse to become the teacher of even one. Let us court the company of so excellent an Instructor, for till He is made unto us wisdom we shall never be wise unto salvation. This unrivalled tutor used as His class-book the best of books. Although able to reveal fresh truth, He preferred to expound the old. He knew by His omniscience what was the most instructive way of teaching, and by turning at once to Moses and the prophets, He showed us that the surest road to wisdom is not speculation, reasoning, or reading human books, but meditation upon the Word of God. The readiest way to be spiritually rich in heavenly knowledge is to dig in this mine of diamonds, to gather pearls from this heavenly sea. When Jesus Himself sought to enrich others, He wrought in the quarry of Holy Scripture.
- **No one upholds me against these, except Michael** (Israel's guardian angel) **your prince**, who appears to be battling against the kings of Persia or any other enemies opposing Israel. Here on earth, Israel seems small and weak, but in heaven they have none other than the Archangel, Michel to fight for them.
- **In this chapter, we can see Daniel being further strengthened and prepared to receive the glorious vision** of chapters eleven and twelve. We saw this summarized in (***Dan 10:19***) ***And he said, "O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!" So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me." He is saying, Fear not! Peace! Be strong!***

SUMMARY:

- ***O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!*** I believe that the Lord is saying that to us, right now! We are living in a time of great turmoil. We are living in a time of uncertainty. The Lord is saying to you tonight, "Oh, I love you! Peace! Be strong!"

CLOSING SONG:

MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU Maranatha Singers (3:11)

My peace I give unto you It's a peace that the world cannot give It's a peace that the world cannot understand Peace to know, peace to live My peace I give unto you

My love I give unto you It's a love that the world cannot give It's a love that the world cannot understand Love to know, love to live My love I give unto you

It's a love that the world cannot understand My love I give unto you

CLOSING PRAYER:

Read and study Chapter Eleven!