

Battle Prayers!

Part 3

Meet Daniel



OUR DAILY BREAD

Junior Edition

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.* (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

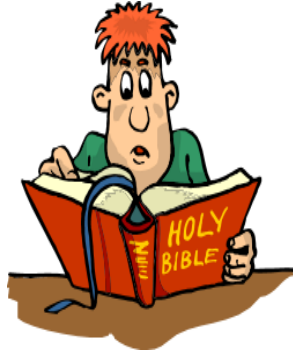
(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! *But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.* (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)



Did you get to do your BILBE STUDY during this past week? Last week we suggested that you read 2Corinthians 11:14-16 in your King James Bible.

If you did, you learned Satan “transformed himself” into “an angel of light”.

“And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”

What is an “angel of light”? First of all WHO is the TRUE LIGHT OF THE WORLD?

Jesus, of course! He said so Himself!

“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying: I am the light of the world:” John 8:12a KJB

You can read John 1:1-18 too. Jesus is the TRUE LIGHT of the Word! And Jesus has “angels of light” who follow Him & obey Him! Angels of light are the angels who are, you could say, the “good angels”. They are Jesus’ “helpers”! They obey Jesus, their COMMANDER IN CHIEF! In this lesson we will see some of the jobs that Jesus gives His “angels of light” to do.

The Lord tells us in the bible that Satan has made himself to look like “an angel of light”. He can make himself LOOK like someone who is doing what God wants them to do. Now of course, with our HUMAN EYES we CANNOT see Satan. We CANNOT hear Satan with our HUMAN

EARS. But as we have been learning over the past few weeks, Satan has people in this world whom we CAN see with our eyes & whom we CAN hear with our ears. These are people who follow Satan's ways of thinking & doing things even though most of them really don't even know that that is what they are doing! You see, Satan has TRICKED many, many people to think that they are doing what God wants & all the while, they are really doing what Satan wants! See Rev 12:9 KJB. These people who "follow" Satan's way of thinking, are called his "ministers" or "helpers". And just like Satan can make himself LOOK like what he is doing is RIGHT to TRICK people into not trusting Jesus & into making a mess of their lives, Satan's helpers can do the same thing! Satan's "helpers" teach LIES about Jesus, most of the time WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING that that is what they are doing! But they do it in such a SWEET way, that they can TRICK many people into thinking that what they say about Jesus is TRUE & RIGHT!

Unbelievers can EASILY be TRICKED because they know next to nothing about Jesus! But even BELIEVERS can be EASILY TRICKED if they don't READ THEIR BIBLES. When we don't read our bibles, we will not know about Jesus. And we won't know about Satan's tricks either since God has written down many things in the bible about Satan & his tricks. God wants us to BE PREPARED to SPOT Satan's lies! But Satan wants us to be IGNORANT of what God has to say! This way Satan can take advantage of our IGNORANCE about Jesus & our IGNORANCE about Satan's tricks too! That is the battle & that's why we must READ our bible EVERYDAY:

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."

2Corinthians 2:11 KJB

As you study your bible, God will teach you more & more



TRUTH about Himself. Then you will be able to SPOT Satan's lies in a second! When you KNOW God's TRUTH, Satan will NOT be able to TRICK YOU!

Now why does Satan want to trick us anyway? Because, he is God's ENEMY! As we have learned, there is a REAL SPIRITUAL BATTLE going on in this universe between God & Satan. If God allowed us to SEE into the spirit realm, we would see GOOD ANGELS & EVIL ANGELS in battle! If God WANTED us to see it, He would LET us see it. But for now, EVERYTHING God wants us to know about this battle is written down for us to READ in our King James Bible. When we STUDY God's Word every day, God will teach us more & more about this battle. His Word will PREPARE us MIGHTILY to be able to RESIST all Satan/s temptations to get us to be TOO BUSY to KNOW, LOVE & SERVE GOD! Eph 6:10-20; 2Peter 5:6-9 And as we have learned, PRAYER is a very important part of this battle! We have learned that we must STRIVE - WORK HARD - at praying. We must pray for things which God says we should pray for in this battle! We can find out what to pray for only by READING our BIBLES DAILY!

Satan wants to STOP God's people from reading their bibles & telling others that Jesus Christ is their ONLY WAY to heaven. Satan wants to STOP God's people from helping others & showing others the love of Christ.

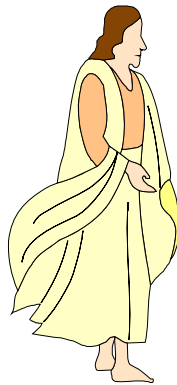
2Corinthians 4:4, 11:3; Ephesians 6:10-18; 1Thess 2:18



Last week we read one of the BATTLE PRAYERS of the apostle Paul. This week we are going to begin to look at a BATTLE PRAY of a man named DANIEL. His prayer & what happened when he prayed will also show us that

1. There is a SPIRITUAL BATTLE going on in this universe.
2. Prayer is part of this SPIRITUAL BATTLE.

DANIEL'S BATTLE PRAYER



About 5 or 6 hundred years before Jesus Christ was born, there lived a man named Daniel. He was a prophet. A prophet was someone to whom God gave information about future events EXACTLY how they would happen. Then God would tell the prophets to tell the people! God used prophets during the time in history when His Bible was not yet completely written.

Then when Jesus came down to this earth IN PERSON to tell us more about God; & when God had His written Word - the Bible - completed, God no longer used prophets. Hebrew 1:1-2 KJB

"God who at sundry (various) times and in divers (different) manners (ways) spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets.

Has in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds:"

There are NO PROPHETS today because God has told

us EVERYTHING that He wants us to know! Everything God wants us to know is now written down CLEARLY for us to read in our King James Bible! 1Cor 13:8-10. But, in Daniel's day, God DID use prophets & Daniel was one of them. Let's learn more about Daniel.

When he was only a young teenager, Daniel was taken away from Jerusalem with his family & all the other Jewish families. He was taken away by the Babylonians who captured the Jews and kept them as slaves.

Once all the Jews arrived in Babylon, the King of Babylon, King Nebuchadnezzar, took the "smartest" of all the Jewish children away from their families. He had these "special children" brought into his palace. He wanted

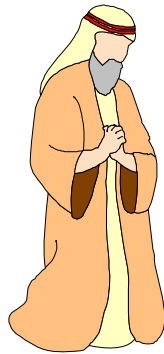


to TRAIN them to FORGET their God, The Lord, & instead worship & serve him & his pagan gods! You can read Daniel 1 to learn more about this.

At this time, even though he may not have realized it, King Nebuchadnezzar was FOLLOWING SATAN! He was doing things AGAINST GOD to HURT GOD'S PEOPLE! Trying to get God's people to STOP KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING, WORSHIPPING & PRAYING to THE ONE TRUE GOD & worship & serve him instead! Isa 14:12-14

However, RIGHT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, even though Daniel was only a TEEN-AGER, even though this was a very FRIGHTENING

situation, Daniel MADE A DECISION. Here is what Daniel DECIDED: Daniel 1:8 KJB



"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself."

Right away, Daniel DECIDED that he would CONTINUE TO OBEY GOD IN EVERYTHING - even concerning his food! You see, at THAT time of history, God - for many reasons - gave His people a certain DIET to follow. There were certain foods that God did NOT want His people to eat. This is NOT God's plan for us today.

Today God says we can eat ALL kinds of foods that are good for us! And we can eat them whenever we choose! Today, God does NOT forbid us to eat certain things. In FACT! If someone tells you that God has forbidden us to eat certain things on certain days etc., they are WORKING FOR SATAN even if they DO NOT realize it! God SAYS SO in 1Timothy 4:1-7 KJB which we'll read in a moment!!!

That scripture is more evidence of the BATTLE going on! And when we read it, we will see that God mentions PRAYER again too! It seems that most every where Satan is mentioned in the Bible, God's people are told to READ their BIBLES, OBEY GOD, and PRAY! Read this next scripture CAREFULLY, you'll see God's ENEMIES mentioned, Satan's helpers mentioned, God's WORD mentioned, & PRAYER mentioned!

Now you might be thinking: Why does Satan CARE what

people EAT or DON'T EAT! Well, any time Satan can get people to think that they can DO THINGS - like eat or not eat certain foods - to EARN or WORK their way to God & heaven, Satan has SUCCEEDED in TRICKING people away from what God has REALLY SAID! And what has God REALLY SAID about our way to God & heaven? Jesus told us in John 14:6:

“And Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father, but by me.”

The religion of eating or not eating certain foods is NOT what gets you to heaven! Only FAITH in Jesus Christ will get you there! Eph 2:8-9

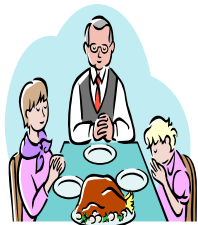
Now let's carefully read this scripture that tells us that THERE IS A BATTLE GOING ON & that PRAYER is PART of that BATTLE! 1Timothy 4:1-5 KJB

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed (believing) seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils: (There's some of God's ENEMIES!)

Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; (There's the lies!)

Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from (stay away) from meats which God

hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.



For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. (God's Word & prayer.)

Next week we'll learn about one of Daniel's BATTLE PRAYERS!

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