

# **Battle Prayers!**

## **Part 5**

### Daniel Prays



### The Angels Fight

## ***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)

## **GOD HAS ENEMIES!**

“The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail over his enemies.”

Isaiah 42:13 KJB

## **GOD will PREVAIL OVER His ENEMIES!**

Isaiah 42:13 tells us that God has enemies & that He will PREVAIL OVER them. That word PREVAIL means: to be stronger than, be victorious over, prove to be the winner over.

All during the course of history, God’s enemies who are led by God’s greatest enemy, Satan, have tried over & over again to prevent God from doing all that He said He would do. But over & over again, no matter what God’s enemies try to do, God PREVAIL’S OVER THEM! And in the END, in the final battle of all time, this ENTIRE UNIVERSE will see that God is the CREATOR & SUPREME RULER of everything! At that time, the war will be over and EVERY KNEE will bow to the King,

The Lord Jesus Christ!

Those who have already believed in Jesus as their Savior, will bow with praise & thankfulness & joy! But those who have said NO to Jesus as their Savior, will bow to Him in FEAR! Psalm 9:17 KJB



We sure do hope YOU have believed in Jesus as your

Savior. He LOVES you so much that He became a man & suffered & died to pay for all your sins. He rose from the dead so that YOU could become God's child forever & go right to heaven when you leave this earth. Oh, that people would look to Jesus & be saved BEFORE it is too late! And once a person dies, IT IS TOO LATE! Here is what God says:

"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there* is none else.

I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth *in* righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear."

Isaiah 45:22-23 KJB

And just WHAT is it that EVERY TONGUE SHALL SWEAR?

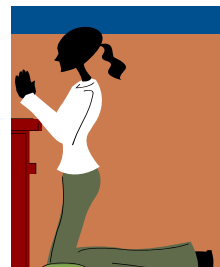
"And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Philippians 2:11 KJB

But until that day comes, the BATTLE between God & His enemies will continue! And as we have been learning,

PRAYER is part of this BATTLE!

Today, we will read about some amazing things that happened when a man named Daniel prayed. If you need to know who Daniel is, get our lessons from 6-15-08 &



6-22-08. The events that happened when Daniel prayed show us DEFINITELY that

1. There is a BATTLE going on between God & Satan!
2. Prayer is part of that battle!

Last week we saw that for one of the prayers that Daniel prayed, God sent His answer to Daniel IMMEDIATELY while Daniel was STILL PRAYING! Read Daniel 9. Some time later however, when Daniel prayed again, God's answer took 3 WEEKS to get to Daniel! Let's see WHY in Daniel ch.10.

The Lord had given Daniel some important information about what would happen to His people - the people of Israel. Chapter 10 tells us that Daniel had prayed for understanding, but this time God's answer did NOT get to him IMMEDIATELY! So for 3 full weeks, Daniel didn't eat any "pleasant bread". For 3 weeks, Daniel didn't eat any meat nor drink any wine. For 3 weeks, Daniel did not "anoint himself" - he didn't use any lotions or colognes for his body. For 3 weeks Daniel waited for God to send His answer! Daniel kept on praying!

And THEN the Lord gave Daniel an AMAZING VISION which caused Daniel to feel really weak & fall asleep. But all of a sudden Daniel felt someone



TOUCH him: Here is what Daniel said about that:

"And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my

knees and *upon* the palms of my hands.

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 KJB

The person who touched Daniel was one of God's holy angels whom God had sent to bring His answer to Daniel. The angel told Daniel that he had come to help him understand what God had revealed to him. So Daniel stood up to hear, but Daniel was

**TREMBLING!**



I probably would have FAINTED if that happened to me! How about YOU? But it is a VERY GOOD THING that Daniel did NOT faint because listen to what that angel said to him: Daniel 10:12 KJB

"...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."

Right away, the angel told Daniel to FEAR NOT! Don't be afraid! Then the angel told Daniel an amazing thing! That angel told Daniel that from the very FIRST DAY that Daniel had gone to God in prayer, Daniels words were heard! Well,

if Daniel's prayer was heard that very 1st day, WHY did it take 3 WEEKS for God's angel to come to him with God's answer? The angel told Daniel why! The angel said:



"But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days (21 days = 3 weeks): but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes (That's Michael the archangel of God), came to help me: and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision *is* for *many* days."

Daniel 10:13-14 KJB

That is AMAZING! This angel told Daniel that the reason it took him 3 WEEKS to bring God's answer to Daniel was because an "evil power" called the "prince of the kingdom of Persia" stopped him from getting down to earth with God's answer. This "prince of the kingdom of Persia" was TOO STRONG for this angel to fight by himself. So God sent Michael - one of the chief princes to help him get through the enemy ranks!

This angel's answer tells us DEFINITELY that there is a BATTLE going on between God & Satan. We can't see it right now with our human eyes, but it is DEFINITELY going on! Both God & Satan

have TROOPS under their command. God has the holy angels who obey Him. Satan has the evil angels & demons who obey him! You see, in both God's army & Satan's army, the angels have RANKS! Some have more authority & power than others - some are like generals - others sergeants etc. And Satan's "princes & powers & rulers do EVERYTHING they can to STOP God from keeping His promises! They do EVERYTHING they can to STOP people from believing in Jesus! 1Thess 2:14-18. They do EVERYTHING they can to STOP God's people from knowing, loving, obeying, serving & worshipping God! That's why God's EARTHLY armies - all who believe in Jesus - must WRESTLE & STRUGGLE against him too! And PRAYING for God to help us KNOW & UNDERSTAND His Word like Daniel did is one way we WRESTLE & STRUGGLE against Satan. So keep on praying that God helps you know His Word. And while you pray, THANK GOD our FATHER that we have JESUS & ALL THE ARMOR OF HIS WORD to give us POWER to RESIST Satan! For Jesus & His Word are GREATER THAN SATAN! See 1John 4:4.



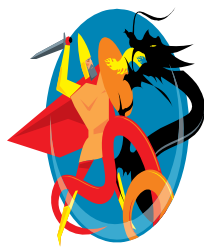
Do you remember the scriptures in Ephesians 6:10-20 which told us that God gives ALL His children SPIRITUAL ARMOR for our souls so we can RESIST Satan? Well, Ephesians 6:12 tells us DEFINITELY that God's children - all who believe in Jesus as God their Savior - must "wrestle" against Satan's armies too even though we CANNOT see them! Here is what it says: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against princi-



palities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*."

So thank God that if you are God's child & you KNOW & BELIEVE & OBEY His WORD - if you TRUST GOD no matter what, you NEVER have to fear Satan & his armies! Jesus will TAKE CARE OF YOU ALWAYS! Hebrews 13:5, Philippians 4:19

Daniel's prayer & what happened when he prayed shows us DEFINITELY that there is A SPIRITUAL BATTLE going on & PRAYER is PART OF IT! In fact, later on the angel said this to Daniel:



"...and now I will return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come." But now I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and *there is* none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince."  
Daniel 10:20-21 KJB

So learn what BATTLE PRAYERS God wants YOU to pray & KEEP ON PRAYING for things God wants you to pray for - especially to know & understand God's Word! NEVER STOP until His answer comes - even if it takes WEEKS, MONTHS, YEARS! It just could be that YOUR PRAYER is part of this MIGHTY & IMPORTANT BATTLE!

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### From I-95

- RI Exit #22; *Left* at split to **Rt. 6 W.**
- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Left*.

### From Rt. 146

- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
- From **146 N** turn *Left* off Exit; from **146 S** turn *Right*.
- Take Mineral Spring to end and stay *Left* around the rotary (pass North Providence Town Hall).
- Take next *Right* onto Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1½ mi.
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