



“Influencing the Invisible World” (series)

- What don't know, you suffer from it -

Daniel 10:10-14

21 days of the angelic princess battle

In the third year of the reign of King Cyrus of Persia, Daniel (also known as Belteshazzar) had another vision. He understood that the vision concerned events certain to happen in the future—times of war and great hardship.

When this vision came to me, I, Daniel, had been in mourning for three whole weeks. All that time I had eaten no rich food. No meat or wine crossed my lips, and I used no fragrant lotions until those three weeks had passed.

On April 23, as I was standing on the bank of the great Tigris River, I looked up and saw a man dressed in linen clothing, with a belt of pure gold around his waist. His body looked like a precious gem. His face flashed like lightning, and his eyes flamed like torches. His arms and feet shone like polished bronze, and his voice roared like a vast multitude of people.

Only I, Daniel, saw this vision. The men with me saw nothing, but they were suddenly terrified and ran away to hide. So I was left there all alone to see this amazing vision. My strength left me, my face grew deathly pale, and I felt very weak. Then I heard the man speak, and when I heard the sound of his voice, I fainted and lay there with my face to the ground.

Just then a hand touched me and lifted me, still trembling, to my hands and knees. And the man said to me, “Daniel, you are very precious to God, so listen carefully to what I have to say to you. Stand up, for I have been sent to you.” When he said this to me, I stood up, still trembling.

Then he said, “Don’t be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer. **But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way.** Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me, and I left him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia. Now I am here to explain what will happen to your people in the future, for this vision concerns a time yet to come.”

1 . Understanding of the Realm of the Spirit

In the Christian life we battle against “rulers and authorities” (the powerful evil forces of fallen angels headed by the devil, who is a vicious fighter, - *1 Peter 5:8 - Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.*

The unseen world is real; the unseen evil forces are fundamental, and the more we seek God, the more things get revealed to us. There is always a way of fighting back and gain victory in the name of Jesus.

The Bible says my people are destroyed by lack of knowledge or my people are in captivity (Hosea 4:6)

Paul warned the believers in Ephesus that they were in a spiritual battle against unseen forces of darkness. They were struggling against evil powers that were scheming to destroy them. They had to stand firm against the devil and the powers that attack Christians, their families, and their churches. **The enemy (the Devil) is clever and tries to attack in many ways - sometimes directly and sometimes in more complex ways.**

Ephesians 6:10-13

*A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.** For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. **Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.***

If we are all saved and ready to go to heaven, why Paul says there is still a fight. If we are all sitting in heavenly places, why the Bible says about standing.

Withstanding Satan's attack

To withstand Satan's attacks, we must depend on God's strength and use every piece of his armor. Paul is not only giving this counsel to the church, the body of Christ, but to all individuals within the church. **The whole body needs to be armed.** As you do battle against the “mighty powers in this dark world,” fight in the strength of the church, whose power comes from the Holy Spirit.

The Spiritual things cannot be comprehended but influence our lives. People have gained power by using the seen elements to command the unseen entities and vice versa.

- **Light:** something that makes vision possible (lightening)
- **Fire:** Fire is known as both the light and heat that produce the flame
- **Water:** Water is an inorganic, transparent, tasteless, odourless, and nearly colourless chemical substance, but very vital for all known forms of life, even though it provides no calories or organic nutrients.
- **Wind:** can feel it cannot see it and determine the course of its direction
- **Words:** words have sent people to war - the world was created by the word.

That the reason Paul is saying that **our battles are not “flesh-and-blood enemies”** are demons over whom the devil has control. They are not mere fantasies—they are

very real. We face a powerful army whose goal is to defeat Christ's church. When we believe in Christ, these beings become our enemies, and they try every device to turn us away from him and back to sin.

Jesus' warning to Peter occurred just after the Lord's Supper. It is found in the gospel of Luke.

Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers. Luke 22:31-32 (NASB).

Conclusion: Satan at times may test those who are followers of Jesus Christ, but he must ask God for permission. Satan had the right to ask for permission to test the apostles. The apostle Paul tells us that we, including himself, struggle against evil forces, in the book of Ephesians.

- Test may come in the way of "a delay"
- Test may come in the way of "a frustration"
- Test may come in the way of "a closing doors"

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12 (NASB)

Our victory is found in depending on God. It is described as putting on the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-17).

- Victory in Jesus Name
- Power in Jesus Name
- Glory, alleluia, there is victory in Jesus Name

P **Prayer Points:**
Luke 24:45 - Then he **opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,**

- Pray that God will give you strength to grasp his word
- Pray that God will revealed you the mystery of his word

2 Kings 6:17 - Then Elisha prayed and said, “O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.” So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, **the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire** all around Elisha.

- Pray for God to open your spiritual eyes to see the unseen world
- Pray for God to sustain your faith and to depend on him for your victory.

Prayer 1: I am ready to take my stand against the powers of darkness. Please help me to stand against the spiritual forces of evil that want to destroy me, my family, and the church.

Revelation 12:11 - *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*