

Joyful Life Bible Studies

Daniel 10:1-21

Lesson 12

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. Share a way last week's study of Daniel 9:1-27 has motivated you:
 - a. to pray

 - b. to be ready for the Lord's return

2. Daniel 10 contains important insight into spiritual warfare that should expand and embolden our prayers and intercessions. The last recorded prophecy given to Daniel begins in Daniel 10 and continues through Chapter 12. Read Daniel 10:1-21 and write a phrase or verse that especially stands out to you.

3. Daniel 10 validates the statement: *Prayer precedes blessing*. God wants to bless you through your study this week. Write a prayer asking the Lord to bless you with understanding and help you apply what you learn to your life.

*So shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My mouth:
it shall not return unto Me void,
but it shall accomplish that which I please,
and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*
Isaiah 55:11

SECOND DAY: Read Daniel 10:1-9

1. Daniel 10:1-4 introduces a remarkable encounter for Daniel. His final vision came when he was about 85 years old. This occurred after the first group of exiled Jews returned to Jerusalem under the leadership of Ezra (Ezra 1:1,2). Record a few interesting details about the background of this vision from the following verses:

a. verse 1 (*thing* here means *message* or *word*)

b. verses 2,3

(1.) Describe Daniel's fast.

c. verse 4

2. Ponder Daniel's incredible experience as you read about it from Daniel 10:5-9. How did he describe this *man*? Answer from verses 5,6.

a. Compare Daniel's vision with the Apostle John's in Revelation 1:13-16. Note the similarities.

(1.) What is your response to these descriptions of Jesus?

3. Pastor Chuck and many Bible expositors identify Jesus as the *man* in Daniel 10:5,6. *And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision* (Daniel 10:7 NKJV). With this in mind read Daniel 10:7b-9 and describe the reactions of:

a. *the men*

b. *Daniel*

(1.) How is Daniel's reaction in verses 8,9 similar to John's in Revelation 1:17a?

4. In today's study we saw that Daniel fasted and prayed. Why would a Christian today choose to fast and pray?

THIRD DAY: Read Daniel 10:10-14

1. Daniel 10:10-12 reveals what happened after Daniel's *great vision* in verses 5-9. Daniel had another visitor, probably an angel. According to verses 10-12 write what this messenger:
 - a. did

 - b. said

2. Consider Daniel's reaction and the messenger's explanation in Daniel 10:11b,12 NLT: *When he said this to me, I stood up, still trembling with fear. 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."* Observe the startling statement in Daniel 10:13. What do you see?
 - a. How does Ephesians 6:12 identify the unseen opposition against God's kingdom and His children?
 - (1.) What does this reveal to you about spiritual warfare?

 - (2.) What can believers do to *stand against* these forces of evil? Answer by recording a few key phrases from Ephesians 6:10-18.

3. Daniel interceded for his people. Define the word *intercession*.
 - a. According to Daniel 10:14 how was Daniel's intercession rewarded?

 - b. With verse 14 in mind read Isaiah 59:16a and Ezekiel 22:30. In what way do these verses press you to intercessory prayer?

*The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world.
On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.*
II Corinthians 10:4 NIV

FOURTH DAY: Read Daniel 10:15-19

1. Daniel was overwhelmed and needed strength and encouragement from the Lord. Notice this from Daniel 10:15 NKJV: *When he had spoken such words to me, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless.* Consider the interaction between Daniel and the heavenly messenger in verses 16-19 by summarizing what the following verses declare about this:

a. verse 16

b. verse 17

c. verse 18

d. verse 19

(1.) What encourages you the most in verse 19? Why?

2. Think about this affirmation: *greatly beloved* (Daniel 10:11,19). There are many Scriptures that tell us about God's love. Record what the following verses say:

a. Jeremiah 31:3

b. John 3:16

c. Romans 5:8

d. Romans 8:37-39

e. What affect does the knowledge of God's love have on you?

3. Complete today's study by writing a prayer expressing your thanksgiving for God's amazing love.

FIFTH DAY: Read Daniel 10:20,21

1. These closing verses in Daniel 10 are introductory to the longest and most detailed of Daniel's prophecies. Pastor Chuck says, *The prophecies the angel had for Daniel concerned Israel in the very distant future.* Read Daniel 10:20. What did the angel say to Daniel?
 - a. The spiritual battle was not over. Unseen spiritual forces were behind the conflict, particularly as it involved Israel and its neighboring nations. What does this indicate about the struggle between angelic forces of good and evil behind the scenes of world politics and conditions today?
 - (1.) What is our part in this battle?
2. Daniel was about to receive the answer to his prayer for understanding. What was he told in Daniel 10:21a?
 - a. With the phrase *Book of Truth* in mind (verse 21a NLT), record John 17:17b.
 - (1.) How does this declaration minister to you?
3. Daniel 10:21b reveals that *Michael, Israel's prince*, would get involved in these spiritual battles. What does Revelation 12:7(8,9) reveal about Michael?
 - a. What do you learn about angels from the following verses:
 - (1.) Psalm 34:7
 - (2.) Psalm 91:11
 - (3.) Hebrews 1:7,14
 - (4.) How are you encouraged by these verses?

SIXTH DAY: Review Daniel 10:1-21

1. Write one observation or discovery you made through your study of Daniel 10:1-21 about:
 - a. the Lord
 - b. Daniel
 - c. prayer and fasting
 - d. spiritual warfare
 - e. angels

2. What particular aspect of this week's lesson ministered to you? Share why.

3. How has your study this week inspired, encouraged or challenged you?

*When the enemy comes in like a flood,
the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.*
Isaiah 59:19b NKJV