

2 Pet. 2:11

Matt. 18:10

Matt. 26:53

Luke 16:22

Rev. 12:7-9

Sermon Notes

"The Spiritual Battle Behind the Physical Battle"

Daniel 10:1 – 11:1

August 23, 2015

Introduction:

8. From your study so far in the book of Daniel, what have you become convinced of regarding spiritual warfare? What do you see as your own part in this conflict and what does it require from you?

Let's Pray:

Pray for those in political authority over you. Ask God to rule and overrule in their decisions so that good and justice prevail.

1. There are _____

2. There is an _____
that involves angels and believers.

3. Angels can _____

4. God's angels _____

Conclusion:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 8-23-15

Questions adapted from Daniel: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 2013, pp. 107-116; Douglas Connelly, Daniel, Spiritual Living in a Secular World, Intersity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 2000, pp. 41-43; John Lennox, Against the Flow: The Inspiration of Daniel in an Age of Relativism, Monarch Books, Grand Rapids, MI, 2015, p. 407-8..

Getting Started:

1. When you hear of bad things happening in other areas of the world or to other people, do you wonder why God doesn't intervene to stop what's happening? What explanation do you give for God's apparent silence or inactivity?

Digging Deeper:

2. Read Daniel 10:1 – 11:1. In 10:5-6, what are the most prominent features of the one whom Daniel sees in his vision?
3. How would you compare the description of the "man dressed in linen" in 10:5-6 with the way Jesus is described in Revelation 1:10-16? What are the similarities and differences?

4. Summarize Daniel's response (10:7-9, 15-17) to what he sees and hears. Note both physical and emotional symptoms.
5. What does 10:12 reveal about Daniel? How does this explain his mourning in 10:2-3? What example is there for us here?
6. Often when we pray for something over an extended period of time without seeing any results, we are tempted to stop praying. What are some reasons why we would quit praying? What do the angel's words to Daniel (10:12-14) reveal about God's response to those who seek him?
7. The existence of angels is taught in at least 34 books of the Bible. What else can you learn about angels from the following texts?

Col 1:16

Heb. 1:14

Heb. 12:22

Heb. 13:2