

Thriving in Babylon- The seen and unseen battle.

Sermon Notes

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Have you ever been so troubled about something that you entered a season of pleading before God? Perhaps even moved to fasting and praying concerning this troubling matter?

Daniel's pleading and mourning out of a troubled heart. Daniel 10:1-3

- He grieved heavily for three weeks.
- He couldn't eat or drink wine.
- He didn't do common care of himself.
- "God what could this mean or why must this be?"

What Daniel could not see. Daniel 10:12-13

- God immediately responded to Daniel's plea. (12)
 - Daniel is commended for seeking understanding.
 - He is commended for seeking God from a humble heart.
 - God heard him.
- The angel fights a 21-day battle against the spiritual adversaries. (13)
 - Delayed initially fighting with the prince of Persia.
 - Then detained by the king of Persia.
 - Rescued and assisted by the chief princes Michael.

God reveals the seen and unseen battle yet to come. Daniel 10:14-11:1

- God gives him the understanding that Daniel seeks. (14)
- God's angel strengthens him. (18-19)
Hebrews 1:14 "Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?"
- God's angel speaks of returning to fight a battle against spiritual forces. (20-11:1)

Our battle is more in the unseen than seen. Ephesians 6:10-12

- The devil is scheming against you. (10)
- There spiritual forces that have named positions. (12)

Being in the know of the unseen—put on your armor. **Ephesians 6:13-17**

1. Belt of truth.
2. Breastplate of righteousness.
3. Feet ready for sharing the gospel of peace.
4. Shield of faith.
5. Helmet of salvation.
6. Sword of the Spirit.

God is at work in the realms of the unseen. He is our protector! Consider Elisha's troubled servant...

2 Kings 6:11-17

¹¹ This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?"

¹² "None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom."

¹³ "Go, find out where he is," the king ordered, "so I can send men and capture him." The report came back: "He is in Dothan." ¹⁴ Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

¹⁵ When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked.

¹⁶ "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Benediction: Open House Plug

Psalm 147:5-6 *"Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit. The Lord sustains the humble but cast the wicked to the ground."*