

THE SECRETS TO STANDING STRONG

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF DANIEL

#12: WINNING THE INVISIBLE WAR DANIEL 10:1-21

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. THE REALITY OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

1. The battle is real

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.

Ephesians 6:10-13 (NLT)

There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio,
Than are dreamt of in your philosophy.
Hamlet

2. I am engaged in this war

Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

2 Corinthians 4:4-5 (NLT)

The weapons we use in our fight are not made by humans. Rather, they are powerful weapons from God. With them we destroy people's defenses, that is, their arguments and all their intellectual arrogance that oppose the knowledge of God. We take every thought captive so that it is obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (GWT)

3. The Lord has provided me with the weapons to win

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

1 John 4:4 (NIV)

Surrender to God! Resist the devil, and he will run from you.

James 4:7 (CEV)

II. AN OVERVIEW OF DANIEL 10:1-21

 A praying prophet (v.1-3)

2. A frightening vision (v.4-9)

3. A powerful ally (v.10-21)

God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

1 John 4:9-10 (NLT)

I will answer them before they even call to me. While they are still talking about their needs, I will go ahead and answer their prayers!

Isaiah 65:24 (NLT)

The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

John 6:63 (NLT)