**DANIEL 10:1-21 Living In Two Worlds - February 16, 2020**

PROPHECY has the great effect of strengthening us at our core!

To keep us from losing hope in whatever immediate circumstance we face.

We find direction, perspective, boldness, and Godly confidence in prophecy.

The encounter between Daniel and God is at the same time, scary and wonderful. I have never believed the two things were mutually exclusive if it is God taking the initiative!

**Ex**. Chronicles Of Narnia – ASLAN **Sec. 72 and 75 READ** “ Quotable Lewis”

So many have finally got what they though they wanted, especially Americans;

Enough money to give the illusion they really don’t have to agonize in prayer; enough agony praying about it to come away saying, “ We have brought nothing into this world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. If we have food and clothing, with these we shall be content.” Comfort in everything becomes the goal of their life; predictability; no surprises; **and consequently, a soul-dulling apathy that is so lazy, it can’t even lead to tears of repentance**.

**TEXT: Daniel 10 :1-21 READ ALL**

Daniel Chapter 10-12 is a unit of thought.

 Chapter 10 the prologue; Chapter 11 the content; Chapter 12 the Epilogue

 It more fully describes the events of Chapter 8.

**8:27 – “Then I, Daniel , was exhausted for days. Then I got up again and carried on the king’s business; but I was astounded at the vision, and there was none to explain it.”**

**But today the prologue.** It gives to Daniel what he really needs; and what we really need.

A real encounter with God. And encounter that causes all other concerns to fade!

**10: 1-2** Keil-Delitzsch quote: “The first year of Cyrus had seen the beginning of the fulfillment of chapter 9; but in this 3rd year of Cyrus this had little effect on the lukewarmness of the majority of the people. Only a small portion had returned to the land of Israel. While the foundation of the new temple was laid, among the shouts of joy was the loud wailing of old men who had seen the former temple. It was depressing and sorrowful! (Ezra 3). Since they had refused to accept help from the Samaritans, the Samaritans tried to influence the Persians to make them stop building. This sad state of affairs, at the beginning of the year, filled Daniel with deep sorrow. Deep sorrow can become a settled condition unless you have a deep encounter with God.”

**10: 3-6** The Pre-incarnate Christ. Christ is in Chapter 7 as the “Son of man.”

 Ezekiel 1 and Revelation 1 similar to this

**10: 7-9** The world to come is so powerful and awesome, compared to this one, that a mere touching of that world to this; is more than a body can take!

**So what have you been thinking about this week?** How about this,,,

“ For I consider that the sufferings of this present life are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”

**Do you expect encounters with God; or divine appointments just for you from God?**

**10:10-18 Spiritual warfare \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**Eph. 6:12** “ For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

**10:13** **“prince”** - demonic angel

 **“Michael one of the chief princes”-** heavenly angels ( fully organized spiritual forces)

**10: 17** Daniel was willing but not able. God would equip him. He equips the willing.

 Total surrender: Accepts the call: Moves out in faith

**10: 19** What you have always wanted and desperately need!

**“Don’t be afraid; Peace be with you; take courage; be courageous”**

VERSE 19 trumps all concerns mentioned in VERSE 17!

**Is your evaluation of yourself higher than God’s evaluation?**

**Lewis:** “ I think if God forgives us we must forgive ourselves. Otherwise it is almost like setting up ourselves as a higher tribunal than Him.” P. 221 Sec. 499 “Quotable Lewis”

**Isaiah 6: 1-8 SEND ME!**