

**Keep On Praying!**  
**Daniel 10:1-14**

- There is a story about a woman in remote Scotland who went to great lengths to install electrical power in her home
- After a few months, the Electric Company noticed that not much power was being used at the woman's house, so they sent a meter reader over to check the wiring
- He said, "Ma'am, we checked your meter and it shows that not much electricity is being used, and everything is hooked up correctly, is there a problem?"
- She said, "No we're very satisfied, we just turn the lights on every night to light our lamps and turn them off again."
- She believed in electricity and had it installed, but didn't understand the potential power of electricity in her home

***So It Was Used Sparingly!***

# We Have A Tendency To Treat Prayer Like That!

- We believe in it
- We've heard good things about it
- We Know of the promises God has made about it
- But we use it sparingly, Why?
  - We secretly believe in our hearts that God's going to do what he wants to anyway
  - We use it as a last resort, when all else fails (like a Hail Mary football pass)

# Daniel Didn't Pray That Way

- Daniel prayed 3 times a day
- Daniel prayed in his room
- Daniel prayed in the lion's den
- Daniel prayed for wisdom and guidance
- Daniel prayed for God to forgive the sins of the Israelite people and return them to their homeland
- In Daniel chapter 10 he had been praying for 21 consecutive days about a dream he'd had
- Many of us have trouble praying 21 straight days period

# Jesus Taught That We Should Pray And Never Give Up

- Remember the story of the Judge in the parable in Luke 18 who “neither feared God nor man,” who had a widow who kept coming to his court asking for justice against her enemy

*“.....Though I do not fear God or regard man, yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she wearies me.”*

*Luke 18:4-5*

*Jesus Says God Is Much More Sensitive To Our Cry!*

# Why Should We Always Pray And Never Give Up?

- Is it hard to get God's attention?
- Is he hard of hearing?
- Daniel 10:12

*Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard ; and I have come because of your words."*

# This Isn't The First Time Daniel Has Heard From An Angel About His Prayers

*“At the beginning of your supplication the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter and understand the vision”*

*Daniel 9:23*

*If God Is No Respector Of Persons, Every Time You And I Pray, In Earnest, An Angel is Dispatched To Help Us!*

# Daniel 10:12-13

*Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me 21 days; ....*

# Daniel 10:12-13

.... “ *and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.*”

- Here I believe we get to see a glimpse of what’s happening behind the curtain in our lives (Remember Haman who plotted and planned for Jewish extinction was a Persian official)
- When we pray, in earnest, heaven is moved, “*I have come because of your words.*”
- When we pray, Heaven helps us to battle the evil one
- When we pray, angels are willing to fight in answer to our prayers

# Observations

- Daniel prayed for 21 days, and the angel was sent the 1<sup>st</sup> day he prayed, but didn't arrive until day 21
- What if he had quit praying on day 5, or 12? Would the angel have arrived with his answer?

**Maybe and Maybe Not!**

- **But I believe that these verses and the parables us Jesus teach us that every time we pray, in earnest, forces are released from heaven for our help!**
- **Every prayer to the throne of God brings his power on difficult people, situations, and lost souls**
- **The weight of our prayers adds up in God's sight**

# Hebrews 1:13

*Speaking about Angels , “Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?”*

*So When We Say That God Will Help Us To Fight Our Battles, Know That The Heavenly Host Is Used On Our Behalf!*

# “When I Pray I P.U.S.H.”

**PRAY**

**UNTIL**

**SOMETHING**

**HAPPENS**

*Your Prayers Can Be An Aggressive, Effective Ministry  
To Move The Forces Of Heaven*

# The Plan Of Salvation

Hear the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Repent of Sins

Acts 17:30

Confess Christ

Acts 8:37

Be Baptized

Acts 2:38