In His Hands #12 “An Eye Opening Encounter” Daniel 10

**Intro:** The king of Aram sent an army with horses and chariots to

capture the prophet Elisha. They surrounded him in the night. Early in the morning his servant went out and was afraid, “What shall we do?!” Do not be afraid; those with us are more than that army!

* ***Lord, Open his eyes that he may see.***

Mountain full of horses and chariots of fire… army of angels!

**t/s** – This morning, ***an Eye-Opening encounter*** with Daniel.

**Daniel 10: 1-21**

Review: In spite of circumstance, God is on His Throne.

Context: Last section of book is chapters 10-12 (one movement)

 10 – Preparation for the Vision

 11 – The Vision

 12 – God’s Final Instructions/Encouragement to Daniel

Testify – Almost hurried past this “preparation” chapter; but, the Lord

 used this chapter to shake up, to challenge some ***Suppositions***

**READ** (Wild… Bizarre… Overwhelming… track Daniel’s posture)

 **Vs. 3** – Fasting, mourning, (seeking understanding)…

 Date = return stalled… opposition and discouragement

 **Vs. 6** – An unnamed Angel (Gabriel?) --- the Glory of the LORD!

 **Vs. 13** – ***Prince of Persia*** = political/military or spiritual?

 **Michael** = Mentioned in Daniel, Jude and Revelation.

 Ark-angel = Guardian of Israel… Warrior

 **Vs. 21** – “I will tell you” == Chapter 11

**t/s** – This chapter is like Elisha’s prayer for me; “Lord open his eyes!”

 **Daniel challenges some faulty Suppositions:**

**I Am Weaker than I Suppose.**

Exp – Daniel is a giant of the faith; yet, here he is exposed as small.

 Pale, on face, hands and knees, trembling, speechless…

 Four Times = ***NO Strength, No Strength***…

ILL – *Did we in our own strength confide; Our striving would be losing*

ILL – Simon…Satan is going to sift you like wheat!

**App** – Over-Confidence is deadly. (Stay LOW)

**The Battle Is Not What I Suppose.**

**Exp** – Daniel was frustrated, disappointed with the failure of those who has returned to Rebuild… ***Financial, Political, Leadership,***

 ***Logistics…***  This is a Spiritual Battle.

 **Vs. 13** – Angels Fighting Demons to accomplish God’s Purpose.

**ILL** – *For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.*

 *This world with devils filled, threatens to undo us*

 *The Prince of Darkness grim… armed with cruel hate*

Do you Believe that Stuff? Residual of Dark Ages?

 Luther got that from the same place he got most of his material: The Bible. We Fight a Spiritual Battle.

**ILL** – C.S Lewis, “There are two equal and opposite errors into which we fall about devils. One is to disbelieve their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.”

**App** – Behind the rulers and powers of this world that are dark, depraved and determined to oppose the cause of Christ; work spiritual forces of wickedness in active rebellion. ***Open Your Eyes***. ***The Battle Is More than You Suppose.***

**Prayer Is More Important than I Suppose.**

**Exp** – **Vs. 12** – Remarkable! ***Your words were heard*** = divine passive

 ***I have come in response to your words***!

 Davis, “Daniel prayed; and angels went to War!”

**ILL** – “Prayer Warriors Needed” – QSBC Prayer Room!

 Upper Room – 24/7 Goal…

**App** – Would you learn to Pray? Commit to Pray?

 Become a Great prayer Warrior!

**Our LORD Is Stronger than I Suppose.**

**Exp** – Daniel’s response to the Glory of the Angel(s), gives us an

 Indication of Awesome is the presence of the LORD!

* *Pale, trembling, on Face, Speechless, in Anguish*…

The Battle is Real, but the outcome is never in question:

**Vs. 21** – I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth.

 Truth = certain, firm, unshakable… already recorded.

 The future is already recorded in the books!

**ILL** – God’s Truth abideth still; His Kingdom is Forever!

**App** – We Find Strength in the LORD!

**Vs. 18-19** – Strong used five times… Strength in the LORD!

 ***Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but he is strong!***

***Be strong in the Lord so that you will be able to stand firm against the devil***

**Ephesians 6: 10-12**