THE BATTLE WE ARE IN

WELCOME. This final part part of our series on *demonology*, we look into two important passages: one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament, that will help us become aware of the battle we are in!

WORSHIP. *Mighty Name of Jesus (Belonging)*

WORD. *Read* ***Daniel 10:1-20 and Ephesians 6:10-20***

1. Let's review last Sunday's sermon:

1. The Burden and the Fast: Daniel's Response to Sorrow (Daniel 10:1–4)

A. The return of the Jews to their homeland has been delayed and broke Daniel's heart.

B. Daniel decided to fast and pray for a breakthrough.

C. When God's people face discouragement or delay, our first instinct should be persistent, sacrificial prayer rather than panic.

2. The Vision of the Battle: The Encounter with a Heavenly Warrior (Daniel 10:5–14)

A. An angel revealed that Daniel's prayer was heard the very first day he started praying.

B. The angel revealed that a territorial demonic force, "the prince of the kingdom of Persia" tried to stop him until the archangel Michael came to help.

C. Delay is not denial. An unseen spiritual battle wages constantly behind earthly events, and our prayers matter in that realm. We must remain persistent.

3. Strengthening the Weak: Grace to Stand and Hear (Daniel 10:15–21)

A. Daniel was weakened by his 21-day fast, but the messenger touches his lips and help him regain his strength.

B. The angel prepares to return into the spiritual realms to battle the *prince of Persia* (and later the *prince of Greece),* anchored by the truth written in the book of truth with Michael standing beside him.

C. God does not leave us in our weakness; He touches, strengthens, and reassures us so we can receive His word and endure.

Conclusion: EPHESIANS 6:10-20

1. Be strong in the Lord and don't give up.
2. Put on the full armor of God.
3. Be aware of the spiritual battle we are in.
4. Contend in praise and prayer always.

WORK. Apply God's Word:

1. Have you ever prayed or waited on God for a long, extended period (like 21 days or longer)? How do you keep from losing heart when an answer seems delayed?
2. Read verses 4–6. How does Daniel describe the heavenly figure by the Tigris River, and how does this compare to descriptions in Revelation 1:13–15?

3. Daniel saw the vision, while the men with him did not, yet a great terror fell on them and they fled, which means only believers can have the gift of true spiritual discernment if they're walking in the Holy Spirit. When have you sensed God moving or speaking in a situation where others around you seemed unaffected?
4. What does this passage teach us about what happens in the unseen, spiritual realm while we are praying?
5. Ephesians 6:10 tells us to *be strong.* What is the difference between relying on God's strength versus relying on our own determination or willpower in facing spiritual warfare?
6. Let's look at the individual pieces of armor. Which of these pieces feels the most relevant to your current life season, and why?
7. What is a practical habit or routine you can build into your day to intentionally "put on" this spiritual defense before stepping out into the world?
8. Read Ephesians 6:18-20. Paul takes time to focus on having a life dedicated to prayer. He longs for wisdom, boldness, and clarity in sharing the truth of God. Where, or how, would you like to see your prayer life grow this year?
9. Close your time in prayer. Pray for boldness to share Jesus with your friends.