
Sermon Text Discussion Notes 11/22/2020

Daniel 10 "Moving From Sadness to Strength in Spiritual Warfare" by Drew Hunter

Overview

This week we continue our series in the book of Daniel. In this chapter the curtain is pulled back and Daniel gets to peer into the spiritual realm. This chapter gives us a window into the spiritual realities around us. And what we see is a great conflict. We call it spiritual warfare.

This text lets us follow Daniel's experience and was outlined as follows:

- I. What He Feels (v1-3)
- II. What He Sees (v4-9)
- III. What He Learns (v10-21)
- IV. What He Receives

God revealed this spiritual realm to Daniel in order to encourage and strengthen him. Like Daniel, we can feel discouraged about life. We can feel uncertain about the future. And this text is here to give us the same kind of strength and encouragement today.

Quotations

"We can think of it like this: The Bible says that we live in a two-story house. We're living in the first floor, but there is another floor above us. It's the spiritual realm... The Bible affirms this sense that we have that there is meaning and significance beyond this first story. And there is a spiritual realm. And we'll have a hard time making sense of life without understanding this. And Daniel 10 gives us a striking window into it." -*Drew Hunter*

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." -*Genesis 3:15 (ESV)*

"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." -*Ephesians 6:11-12 (ESV)*

Understanding & Application

- 1) Drew commented that, when it comes to spiritual warfare, we need to avoid the two extremes of being over-sensitive or under-sensitive to it. What are some of the problems with each? Which of the two do you tend to subscribe to? How would you benefit from a rightly balanced view of spiritual warfare?
- 2) In what ways can this window into the spiritual reality help us make sense of some of the evil and horrors of this world? How can it be an encouragement to us?
- 3) How does this understanding of the spiritual realm influence your appreciation for the importance and power of prayer?
- 4) In light of these spiritual realities, how do we see the hope of the Gospel (see Romans 16:20)?