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Living Faithfully in an Unfriendly World, Daniel 10

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In this chapter, as in many other places in the Bible, the mighty God of heaven appears to a godly man on earth to assure him that amid struggle and trials, He is in charge. Also heaven's veil is peeled back and Daniel is given insight into the very real spiritual conflict going on around him (and us).

Background (vv. 1-9)

1. The First Touch: Enabling Daniel to S_____ (vv. 10-14; 20b-11:1)

2. The Second Touch: Enabling Daniel to S_____ (vv. 15-17)

3. The Third Touch: Enabling Daniel to R_____ (vv. 18-19)

LESSONS FROM DANIEL 10:

- 1) The events of this world cannot be interpreted by the historian alone. The events of human history are inextricably intertwined with those in heavenly places.
- 2) Christians are inevitably caught up in spiritual conflict. It is not an option. It is the new environment into which we have been brought by entrance into God's kingdom.
- 3) Daniel's vision underlined for him the power of prayer. His intercession was influencing the events of history.
- 4) Daniel's vision reminds us that God's people are never alone. His angels are *all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation* (Heb. 1:14).