



Empowering People to Change the World

The Battle in the Heavens When We Pray

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Road Declaration

Title Slide: Cosmic War

Part IV: Five Truths about Prayer and the Battle of Cosmic Divine Beings

- Last week we observed the many passages that are written concerning the *divine counsel of God*, called “sons of God” and you can listen to that message.
- We looked at Deuteronomy 32 and the fact that God had disinherited the nations and given the divine beings (elohim) jurisdiction over the nations after the Tower of Babel.
- God set Israel apart from all other nations. Israel would be His special people. But the other nations were given over to the “sons of god.”

**“When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations,
When He separated the sons of Adam,
He set the boundaries of the peoples
According to the number of the children of Israel.
For the Lord’s portion *is* His people;
Jacob *is* the place of His inheritance.”**

- We then began our study of Daniel 10 where we see the cause and effect of *national principalities and powers* battling in the heavenlies.
- We can see the interactions of the unseen with the seen, in one of the most interesting passages in the Bible.
- Daniel has been seeking God in fasting and prayer for twenty-one days when a son of God, a cosmic being, an Archangel named Michael enters from the 4th dimension into the seen three-dimensional world.

Turn to Daniel 10

Five Truths about Prayer and the Battle of Cosmic Divine Beings

- We talked about the first two last week...

“In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. The message was true, but the appointed time was long; and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision. In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks. I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into

my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.”

- Daniel is serving the King of Persia and has received a message through a vision for which he is given a revelation from God about future events.
- He has been fasting and praying for twenty-one days.

“Now on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, that *is*, the Tigris, I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz! His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude.”

1. Divine Beings are Activated through our Actions on Earth.

- All throughout scripture this kind of shininess or brilliant luminescence is a standard description for a divine being.
- There are “sons of God” in the unseen realm that are activated by our actions on earth. You have authority and power in Christ to activate.

Verse 10

“Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and *on* the palms of my hands. And he said to me, ‘O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.’ While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.”

2. Divine Beings are under the Jurisdiction of God.

- “For I have now been sent to you.”
- God sent this divine being to Daniel.

Psalm 89:5-7

**“And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord [Yahweh];
Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones
[elohim].**

**For who in the heavens can be compared to the Lord
[Yahweh]?**

**Who among the sons of God [elohim] can be likened to
the Lord [Yahweh]?**

**God is greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones
[elohim],**

And to be held in reverence by all *those* around Him.”

Michael Heiser writes, “God’s divine counsel is an assembly in the heavens not on earth. This is precisely what we’d expect if we understand the Elohim to be divine beings...”

Verse 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.”

3. When we Pray and Seek God, our Prayers are Heard and Understood in the Unseen World.

- Because of his humility and the “words” of Daniel’s prayers, a divine being is activated!
 - “I have come because of your words.”
 - We may have always believed that only God is involved in our prayers but it seems that God activates principalities and powers in the unseen realm to battle for the answers to our prayers.
 - This gives new meaning to Jesus’s word to us.

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

**“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!”
(Matthew 7:7-11 New International Version).**

Verses 13-14

“But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision *refers to many days yet to come.*”

Verses 18-21

“Then again, *the one* having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me. And he said, ‘O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!’

So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, ‘Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.’

Then he said, ‘Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come. But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.’”

4. There are Evil Divine Beings that Work Behind the Scenes over Nations. They Oppose God and His Kingdom.

- There are *different levels of power or hierarchies* among the sons of God.
- The angel speaking to Daniel could not get to Daniel until “Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me.”
- We notice there is a hierarchy of powers. Some divine beings are stronger than others. This being speaking to Daniel could not break through to answer Daniel’s prayer for twenty-one days. This dark power withstood the angel, and I think it is an angel, because he is trying to bring a message to Daniel.
- Notice it says “kings of Persia”, plural. So, we are talking about plural kings over Persian fighting against Daniels prayer.
- But then a higher angel, “one of the chief princes” Michael comes to help. Called as the chief over all angels and archangels in second and third century Jewish literature. Michael is the warring angel who takes on Lucifer and casts him out of heaven.

“And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (Revelation 12: 7-9).

5. Prayer with Fasting Activates Powers who Fight on God's Behalf.

- In Mark 9, dealing with a demon the disciples could not cast out, Jesus said this kind of demon (meaning higher level) could not come out but through fasting and prayer.
- Daniel is wrestling with "spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" as he cries out to God.

"Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, 'How long has this been happening to him?' And he said, 'From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.'

Jesus said to him, 'If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.' Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, 'Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!'

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, 'Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!' Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, 'He is dead.' But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, 'Why could we not cast it out?' So He said to them, 'This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.'"

- You also may have strongholds of the enemy, demonic powers working overtime in your life, and it might be time to learn how to fast and pray.
- There are demonic powers over America, ruling in the heavenly realm, that only prayer and fasting will unseat.
- God is calling us to live by truth and put on the armor daily.
- Paul understood this when he wrote to the Ephesians.

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be

able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand” (Ephesians 6:10-13).

Put on the Armor and Live by Truth—more on this next week

The Cosmic War over America: The Coming Totalitarianism

I want to conclude with my last blog: The Cosmic War over America.

- There is a cosmic war in the heavenlies and on earth for the future of our nation. Mark my word, 2024 will be the most tumultuous and chaotic since the War Between the States. Not since the Civil War have we been so divided, confused, and unsure of ourselves. This is all part of Satan’s strategy to erode and destroy our nation from within.
- America and the whole Western world are now living in a post-Christian era, with large numbers of those born after 1970 rejecting the Christian faith. This means that we, as Christians, will face increasing opposition to our faith.
- With the loss of a Judeo-Christian worldview, we are seeing an attack on democracy, the Constitution, and law and order, especially from the Marxist ideology that now owns the Democratic Party, mainstream media, tech companies, sports, education, pharmaceutical industry, and all of the Intelligence Networks.
- There is a Marxist militancy gradually taking over western thought. Once described by Pope Benedict XVI (16th) as a “worldwide dictatorship of seemingly humanistic ideologies”¹ that push dissenters to the margins of society.
- Benedict called this a manifestation of “the spiritual power of the Antichrist.”² Because they fear truth and desire to *re-educate* our thinking, the elite political, tech, media structure in America are pushing for censorship of free speech, divisive causes over race relations, and new anti-scientific definitions of gender and sex. They are promoting of what we might call *soft totalitarianism*.
- This *soft communism* or *soft totalitarianism* is gradually getting a foothold in America. Demonic territorial spirits are behind the leaders in this rise of global Marxist socialism that is now infiltrating our land.
- With the loss of power and the Gospel in the Church, demons of sex, immorality, gender confusion, porn, and even human trafficking are released all over

America. One leading sex trafficking expert said that America is the world leader in pornography and child sex trafficking.

- The western church of the mid-twentieth century embraced liberalism in the form German Higher Criticism, which started as a trickle into the seminaries and became a stream into all the mainline protestant denominations. And now, in the twenty-first century we observe the *progressive Christian church* that has been so compromised biblically and theologically that even the definitions of heaven, hell, and substitutionary atonement are up for grabs.
- Rod Dreher writes, “We cannot hope to resist the coming soft totalitarianism if we do not have our spiritual lives in order.”³ Such was the prophetic voice of the Russian dissident, Nobel laureate, anti-communist activist, and Orthodox Christian Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. Solzhenitsyn published the *Gulag Archipelago*, exposing the deceit and lies of the *Russian communist system*. On the eve of his forced exile from his beloved nation, his final message to the Russian people, was an essay entitled, “Live Not by Lies!”⁴
- Solzhenitsyn was not the only dissident to not live by lies under a communist government. Czech playwright and future post-communist president Vaclav Havel coined a phrase “live by truth.”⁵ He realized that under the communist system, most people had learned to live by lies. His challenge was for the people to rise up and know the truth.

Church, be courageous!

- In the same spirit, we must determine to line up our lives according to the truth.
 - It takes courage to lean on the Bible as our foundation of truth.
 - It takes courage to stop letting culture dictate our decisions.
 - It takes courage to be sceptical of the information we’re being fed from the mainstream media.
 - It takes continual courage to live by truth, teach the truth to our children, and be in deep community with like-minded truth seekers.

I’m calling for every Monday in 2024 to be a Road Day of Fasting and Prayer for a Kingdom of God Revival and Revolution in yourself, your family, our community, and our nation.

**“Bring it On” 2024, Prayer Gathering on New Year’s Eve, December 31, 6-8 pm.
Prayer and Fasting on January 1, 2024.**

- **Announcing we are hosting Prayer Gathering Sunday night December 31 from 6:30-8:30 pm, and then taking January 1, 2024, to pray for our personal lives, our families, our city, and America, calling it “Bring it On!**
- **Next week: The Power of Prayer and Fasting in the Cosmic War**

¹ Rod Dreher, *Live Not By Lies*, Sentinel, 2020. Introduction.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid, page 97.