

DANIEL
IS SATAN ASSIGNING DEMONS
OVER NATIONS TODAY?

Dan. 10

Open your Bibles to DAN. 10. It is encouraging Dan. in the 10th Chapter prays for 21 days and he does not get an answer. The reason he doesn't get an answer (we learn on down in the chapter) is the message has been blocked. Dan., of course, did not know what was going on behind the scene. Maybe you have prayed for something and the answer hasn't come. There are many things in the chapter that's very, very helpful. Some things, really, to stretch our minds to.

We're gonna look at it verse by verse and then draw some conclusions.

V. 1 (read) 'third year of Cyrus' that was about a couple of years after the Jews started returning back to Judah. Incidentally, only 42 thousand, six hundred returned. They got settled in Babylon and they liked the city life and the material things and they didn't go back, like you would think they would. Daniel was broken hearted. But this is about when this would be, which would be about 536 B.C.

'A thing' that's the Hebrew word 'word' - a word was revealed unto Dan. (or Belteshazzar - and we already met this in Chap. 1: 7). His Hebrew name was DANIEL which means 'God is judge'. They paganized his name in Bablonia, Belteshazzar, which means 'Baal will protect you'. Baal was a pagan, Babylonian god. Why do they use his Babylonian name here? To remind us this is the same Daniel that went into captivity seventy years earlier - still on the scene. Still the same Daniel, that we met in Chap. 1.

'the thing was true but the time appointed was long' - those words are strange

but scholars who know Hebrew better than I, are all agreed those words should be translated 'and concerned a great war'. That's what those words mean. That is the word that came to Daniel concerned a great conflict and we're gonna see, of a great angelic conflict raging, between the good and the evil. Between God and the devil. Good angels and bad demons.

But also, in the 11th Chap., we will see the great conflict that's gonna rage in the time of the Great Tribulation. So this is really a summary statement here. ~~xxxxgonnaxragerinxthextimeoxofthexGreatxTribulationxxxxSexthixixx~~

~~reallixx~~ A word came to him concerning a great conflict. 'He understood the word and had understanding of the vision'. Dan. understood it. He DID have visions he did not understand, but he DID understand this. It plainly says he did.

V. 2 (read) he identifies himself again. 'I, Daniel'... the same Daniel you have been reading about - (rest of the verse). Now the word 'mourning' here refers to 'fasting'. In Lev. 23. the Jews were told to afflict themselves on the day of Atonement. In James 5, we're told to afflict ourselves - that is fasting. And prayer and intent spiritual discipline. He said he did it for three full weeks.

It's significant, we know, from the context a little later on, that this was the third month or really the first month of the ~~XXXX~~ Jewish calendar - our third month - either March or April - nisan - and this was the third month of the Holy month of Nisan, which was the month of the Passover and the seven days of unleavened bread. We have to be careful in the free church when we say there is nothing to special times of discipline.

WE have Holy week in our church. The Bible teaches there are times that are

more sacred and, psychologically, more conducive to discipline and great spiritual things than others. I think the week before Easter is the choice week of the entire year, for spiritual reflection and examination. So it's during this Holy month he's praying 21 days.

V. 3(read) ate no delicacies. Bread - that would be the word 'food'. Latter part of verse - now here is an interesting sideline on fasting. Sometimes a fast is not a fast of all foods. I have done this. I think you have, if you've fasted. I have denied myself of certain foods and took some other foods. I remember that Jack Howel told me when I was with him twelve years ago, he fasted every Thursday, but, he says, I drink orange juice. I have done that. I have taken juices but denied myself heavy desserts and things like this and things that I love so very much, but which, really, are not good and which weight down the mind and the entire body.

DAn. was engaging in a partial fast, it seems. Denying himself of the rich foods and these special things. He could have been taking some fruit juice or things. Now the 'anointing' mentioned here was oil placed on the face. We do it today to keep the sun from burning us. Also it was a symbol of joy and not to do it was a type of self-denial. Understand that while this was external, it was in the heart of Daniel.

No need to do any of these things, unless it's from the heart. It was an outward symbolizing of the inward condition of the soul.

V. 4(read) 'first month' that's Nisan and that is the Holy month of Nisan with the Jews. The river Hiddekel - that's the Hebrew word but that's just the Tigris river. He is on the Tigris river. We know, therefore, he's not in Babylon, the capital, though he may still be president there, he's not in

BABylon because BABylon was on the Euphrates river.

V. 5(read) in V. 5, he's going to describe the clothing of this certain being that came to him and in V. 6, he's going to describe his body. Who is the person? Well, we're gonna look at him, point by point. But if you read Rev. 1: 12 thru 15 or 16, you have almost the identical description. But what you have in Rev. 1 is the post resurrection Christ. He's already risen in Rev. 1. What you have here is the pre-incarnate Christ. The Glory of the pre-incarnate Christ. That is, before He was born at Bethlehem. This was 536 ~~XXX~~ B.C.

'Linen' white linen - this would indicate His purity. Also that He's a priest. Jesus, indeed, is. This word 'Uphaz' occurs one other time in the Bible. We're not sure where it is, or what it is. The important thing is the gold. Indicates deity.

V. 6(read) 'Body like the Beryl' the Hebrew says 'cautious stone'. Probably a topaz. ~~The~~ Being gold and yellow - very precious stone. Shows the brilliance of Jesus and ~~these~~ shows His glory, expressed in precious stone. FACE: shows the brilliance of the glory of His radiance. Face being a symbol of His total being and character. You see in the face of Jesus who He is and what He is. EYES: would indicate His penetrating insight and His omniscience and knowledge, as lamps of fire.

ARMS and FEET :brass is a symbol of judgement. Brazen altar in the Tabernacle was made of brass. The animals were sacrificed here. Jesus, being the God of mercy, but also of judgment. VOICE: which, (voice of a multitude) of course, would indicate when He speaks, it sounds millions are speaking, it's so great and commanding. This is what we call a 'theophany' an appearance

of Christ and here He's in physical form before He was born at Bethlehem. You understand JC was and is God forever and He became flesh at Bethlehem but He always HAS BEEN.

He's called the angel of the Lord often. The angel of the Lord is just Jesus, pre-incarnate. Some would say 'well, this was just an angel'. No, this is too majestic for an angel. Also, it corresponds to the description of the risen Christ in Rev. 1. You're always safe, if you have another passage of Scrip. that you can tie in. This is Jesus. I'm convinced of this.

There's only one thing you have in Rev. 1 that you don't have here, basically you have his hair in Rev. 1. That, of course, does not rule out the fact the two sections are parallel.

V. 7(read) he continues to identify who he is; he wants you to know it's the Daniel, Beltexhazzer. 'I saw the vision but the men with me did not see the vision' - this reminds us of the vision of Paul of the risen Lord, in the 9th Chap. of Acts, 7th verse(read). You got something similar here. These people with Daniel could possibly have heard but they did not see Jesus. Why didn't they see JEsus? Not qualified to see Him.

These were probably pagans with Dan. Or God probably covered their eyes. In Luke 24, there were two people that walked with the risen Lord fourteen miles, from Jerusalem to Emmaus, and the Scrip. says 'their eyes were holding (or closed) so they could not see Jesus or understand who He was. We do not know why, it simply says 'Daniel alone saw the vision and was left alone'. And often it's that way - more often than not. It's a wonderful time when we're left alone with God and no one's there.

This is what I call 'Holy devastation'. We need this today. We need to

confront God by ourselves and not in a group and see God for what He is. The men who have changed the world have been men who were left alone with God and were overwhelmed by the Holiness of God. You remember Jacob was left alone with the angel of the Lord.

Dan. is left alone with Jesus. He says 'for the men that were with me saw not the vision but a great quaking (or trembling) fell upon them'. Even though they did not see the vision, the power of God and the Holiness of God will bring even pagans into trembling. I've been in services where children would be talking and squirming and I would begin to preach and the power of God would come and those children were spellbound. I tell you when the power of God and the Holiness of God settles upon a congregation, it's an awesome thing.

Oh that we could see it more, until men would be afraid to ~~move~~ move. I've been in prayer meetings a few times (not enough) but I've been in one a few times when I was afraid to open my mouth and pray - there was such a Holiness of God. I waited on the Lord and wouldn't even open my mouth. I was afraid to open my mouth. We need a sense of the Holiness of God and if God reveals His power and His glory, we'll tremble. We need this concept of God, in the world today.

I hope God lets me live - I've been thinking about the great revivals of the 18th Century that made this country. United the Colonists to fight the American Revolution - this type of revival came on the East coast and then it moved on down into the Carolinas and Georgia and Florida. The power of God, I read, settled over North Hampshire, Mass. until people were just under conviction day and night. Came to Jonathan Edward, the preachers home, day and night and said 'I've got to find the Lord'. I pray this revival will

come to Americans, until there will be such a movement of Gods power and people will be melted by the Holiness of God and they'll be coming to the preacher rather than the preacher going to them. I think it's gonna take that kind of revival to turn us back.

You have something of this here. It says 'but a great quaking fell on them so they fled to hide themselves'. They just ran away, they're so frightened.

V. 8(read) he ~~was~~ devastated. I call this 'Holy devastation'. 'Turned in me to corruption' that is, he was deathly pale, is what the Hebrew says. I retained no strength'. This is quite a traumatic experience he's having.

V. 9 (read) he heard this heavenly messenger - the pre-incarnate Christ - and 'when I heard the voice of His words, then I was in a deep sleep (or a deep faint). ~~MY~~ He's lost his consciousness and on his face. 'My face toward the ground'. Can you see this 85 year old man - here's an 85 year old man; he's fasted 21 days - he's on his face. Sometimes people ask me 'what can God do with His spirit today?' I'm always cautious; I say 'God can do a lot of things'. I've never been knocked out in the spirit but it would be hard to say what God might do with His spirit.

In the Wesleyan revivals they were knocked out by the hundreds and left in the prayer room, history tells us. Then the Methodist meetings in the early Methodist meetings - we don't KNOW what God will do. We have to be careful we don't get into just plain psychic hyponosis. But, friends, the revival that must come to turn us back, is gonna be MORE than just a Sunday morning dressed-up, smiling occasion, in my opinion.

There's gonna be a manifestation of the Holiness of God that's gonna knock

some people over who have had some pretty stiff necks, in my opinion. You certainly have it here. It's an unusual thing. His face is toward the ground.

V. 10 (read) 'hand touched me' which indicates this being was in physical form. Jesus manifested Himself that way. Literally, 'which set me trembling upon my knees and the palms of my hands'. I think you get the picture here. He's not up yet, he's on his knees and he's on the palms of his hands and he's trembling. This is one of the most traumatic ~~experiences~~ spiritual experiences - what I call 'a Holy Devastation' that's in all the Word of God.

V. 11 (read) 'O Daniel, a man greatly ~~loved~~^{beloved} ~~word~~' - oh, how that/must have come to DAn. ear. Why did He call him 'greatly ~~loved~~ beloved'? He called him that three times. That's a word of assurance. Man, he thinks he's gonna die, probably. Here's that voice 'O Daniel, a man greatly beloved!! Understand the words I speak unto thee and stand upright'. He commanded him to get up off the ground. 'Stand upright', man, that's a tremendous word of assurance-

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'For unto thee am I now sent' in Chap. 9:23, He had called him a man greatly beloved and He's going to call him that again in V. 19. Three times He calls him 'greatly beloved'. But notice He says 'for unto thee am I anow sent' - what a word! How do you think you'd feel if Jesus came to you and spoke to you and touched you and said 'I have been sent unto You, Bill Bennett'. MY! You'd never forget THAT!

How would you feel if the doorbell rang and Ronald Reagan was there and said 'I came to have lunch with you today'? Would you ever forget that? Well, this is far better than Ronald Reagan coming to your house. That's the point

here. 'For unto YOU I'm sent'. Last sentence of the verse: he's still trembling. When God manifests Himself in full ~~power~~ power, there won't be a lot of foolishness. You won't see people walking around. People will tremble and quake. There probably won't be any noise. I tell you there's nothing going on. Daniel's not spoke a word. He's speechless. Pretty good description of what'll happen when the power of God comes in mighty power.

V. 12 (read) 'fear not, Daniel' - well, he's scared to death. That's the reason He says 'fear not, Daniel'. 'From the first day' and that would have been the third day of Nisan, 'thou didst set thy heart' - I want you to notice these words 'set thy heart'? What does that mean? Great will-power. Now God is Sovereign but listen, He doesn't make us set our hearts. He doesn't even make us humble ourselves. He gives us the opportunity of humbling ourselves, if we want it. And if we want that, He'll humble it.

There's sometimes, an over emphasis of the Sovereignty of God and saying 'God is in control and God will do this'. Listen, it says 'Daniel set his heart' - that indicates he was determined. I've found when I've set my heart to pray is when I pray. When I just sluff it off and say 'well, you know, if God wants me to pray, He'll have me to pray and I don't have to worry about it and I'm not involved with it. Everything's been predestined and Gods in control and Gods Sovereign.

Listen, Friend, the Bible is simply not written that way. If you're having trouble with prayer, set your heart. God is gonna come to the rescue of those who set their hearts, not who retreats in a theology that's impractical and doesn't touch our lives. We need to set our hearts: to pray, to study the Bible and to do what Gods called us to today and not cope out, in false doctrine or imbalance of Truth. He says 'THOU didst set thine heart to

understand and to chasten' (that means to ~~infix~~ afflict - that's your fasting again) 'thyself before God'. Last part of the last sentence means 'the day you started praying, I heard you' (isn't that wonderful?) But Dan. didn't know it. I believe this with all my heart. Whether you know it or not, God does not turn a deaf ear. There's no such thing as unheard and unanswered prayer, for Gods children.

He says 'the very first day on the third day of the month (it's now the 23d) I heard and I came in response.' But look at

V. 13(read) 'but' - something happened to me - Jesus said 'I started to come' and here's the most amazing verse, in one sense, in all the Bible, that I've ever read ... 'but the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days' - what does the word 'withstood' mean? Well, you move down to V. 20 and He calls it a fight. He says 'the prince of the kingdom of Persia fought Me. I was in WAR with the prince of the kingdom of Persia twenty one days'. Well, who is the prince? OF the kingdom of Persia?

Say, 'well, that must be the King of Persia. The Prime Minister'. IMPOSSIBLE Why? BEcause here is one so powerful He's fighting the Son of God. And Michael and has prevented Daniels' prayer to be answered for twenty one days! We're dealing ~~ixx~~ with a supernatural power, exceeded only by the God ~~NIIMXXXX~~ in Heaven. The ~~xix~~ prince here is not king - the fleshly king - but the prince here is the prince of this world. Jesus calls him the prince three times, the prince of this world. But here probably a major demon dispatched by the prince of this world, satan.

And place him over Persia. Is satan appointing special demons over nations today? And what was that demon doing over Persia? There was some action

Persia had to take in order for Dan. prayer to be answered for the people of God and he was blocking this. Is it possible for a demon in the Congress of the U.S. to work against the people of God in legislator? I think this definitely, implies the real possibility. And you understand the way the prince was working was through demonized people. That's the way he works in our government and in our family.

Families, he works through people, generally. See? But He goes on to say (V.13) 'lo, Michael, one of the chief princes came to help Me.' Michael is the only angel that is called the arch-angel. In Jude 9, he is called the arch-angelous in Greek - the first angel or arch angel. He's the protector of Israel always. He's so described in Dan. 12:1(read). But here Jesus says 'Michael, your protector, helped Me'. Now some say 'this couldn't be Jesus. He wouldn't need any help'. He would not. He's unlimited in His power.

But the Bible says in Heb. 1:14 (read) 'angels are ministering spirits which He sends forth'. He works through angels and they do His bidding. Here you have Michael aligning with Him and both of them fighting the demon who was placed over Persia. He says 'I remained there' or 'I was left in control there with the ^{kings} ~~chiefs~~ of Persia'. When He says 'I remained' that means He was left in control, with the kings of Persia'.

In other words: He says 'I went out' and notice he says 'the kings' (that's in the plural, which indicates it was not only the present king of Persia - that he'd prevailed to have influence with - having defeated the demons - but also the kings to follow. Now we get down to V. 20, we'll discover Greece ~~existing~~ is going to have a prince over them and Persia's power continues for about 200 yrs. Evidently after the 200 yrs of Persian pass, a special demon

was placed over Greece. You see the point being by placing a demon over the dominating power, the devil ~~though~~ thought he could complete - a he could defeat Godsplan for His people. The Jews being subject to Persia, the Jews being subject to the Greeks. What was happening here in this 21 days was the government of Persia ahad to take some action. We don't understand what it was, in order for Dan. prayer, in the interest of the people of God to be answered, and the demon was blocking that in the legislature or in the councils of Persia.

Jesus comes in, after 21 days, (why 21 days? We dont' know) and He says 'Michael and I broke the hold of demons' power over this land. Your prayer got through. It's an amazing thing and there's nothing like it in the Bible that I've ever read.

'Now I'm coming to make thee understand'- V. 14(read) He says 'I've come now to tell you what's going to happen to the Jews'. When we get to Chap. 11 and 12, we will find out what that was. It is a description of the days of Antiochus Epiphanes and the Great Tribulation. Which is yet to come upon the Jews; after Jesus comes and the Jews are left here in the world and there is a great revival and that's a study within itself.

He says 'I've come to tell you' and we'll see that in next Sundays lesson.

V. 15(read) he couldn't even speak, he said.

V. 16(read) 'one like the similitude of the sons of men' (that's just a long phrase for 'a human being') 'behold, one like a human being touched my lips'. Now who is this person in V. 16? The same person we met in V.6 - well V. 5 and 6. There's no reason not to believe this is the same pre-incarnate

Christ who is still dealing with Daniel. There are three that appear. You could say you have the God-head. But it's best to say V.16 you still got Jesus, pre-incarnate, dealing with Daniel.

'He touched my lips and then I opened my mouth' you see the first touch raised him up; the second touch gave him speech. 'He touched my lips and then opened my mouth and spoke to him that stood before me..... (to end of V. 16) literally, 'I have no breath left. These visions have devastated me. I'm out of breath. I can't even breath'. Holy devastation. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
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V. 17(read) see? He spells it out there.

V. 18(read) that's the same person.

V. 19(read) there's the third time. Say 'well, I thought God loved every one'. He does. But do you realize there are some He loves more than others or He can show His love to some more than others? I'll show you why he loved Daniel so much. God so loved the world..... it's just like you. You love your children but there's certain children you can show more love to than others. If a child is obedient and will take instructions, you can show more love to that child than one who's rebellious and runs off from home and not listen to you.

The Bible speaks of Daniel as being a special object of the love of God. This meant a lot to old Daniel because this is an experience like he's never known. In v. 19, He tells Dan. 'be strong, yea, be strong' - man, I like those words. Any leader has to hear these words. A pastor that's gonna lead a church has got to hear these words. Be strong! Be not afraid!

Daniel says (latter part of verse 19) 'I was strengthened and said 'let my ~~xxx~~ Lord speak' in other words he was saying 'let my Lord (that's Jesus) - that is, let the messenger) proceed.... in other words, he's saying 'Go ahead and speak, Jesus for Thou hast strengthened me'.

V. 20(read) He says 'Daniel, do you know why I came unto you?' Well, He's already told him why He came. He told him He had come to tell him about what was gonna happen to the Jews in the future. But notice, in V. 1, He says He's gonna tell him about a great conflict? There are two of those conflicts He told him about: the angelic conflict in outer space and the conflict that's going to occur in the Great Tribulation between Gods people and the antichrist.

You say 'well, didn't Dan. know about the angelic conflict?' I'm not sure he did. Did you know about it? Did I know about it? Not like I know today. I never had a conviction like I have today. You know we piddle around and we discuss a lot of things and we get all excited about many things that's not even worth our time when all the time the power's behind the throne. There's an angelic conflict that's going on. Satan is waging warfare.

We need to know it. He's waging warfare behind the scenes, trying to destroy your family. I think he has special emissaries over every church, especially a church ~~xxxx~~ that's trying to serve Him, trying to destroy that church. Especially the pastor and those who lead. I really believe this and over anions like the U.S. I really believe our history reveals the Holy angels fought for us.

But I do not know whether they're fighting for us today or not. There is so much sin and rebellion that sometimes you wonder if the demons of darkness

have not been let lose on us and we are a people without much protection. Too many sad things are happening. As Xtns, we need to KNOW what I'm saying. If Dan. had known, he could have handled it a lot better but God told Dan. and He's also telling you and me, 'knowest thou whithersoever I come unto thee (do you know why I did?) and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia (V.20) now He comes back.

He said up there in V. 13 'he was left with the kings of Persia. Now I've come to your rescue to get your prayers, though it's delayed for 21 days, Michael and I, we handled the demon'. He says 'now that I've handled it, I will return to fight with the prince of Persia'. He says 'I've got to go back' which indicates the devil will never quit fighting and that Jesus had to go back - He and Michael - to keep him in check over Persia, lest Persia become an enemy to the people of God and defeat the people of God.

Man, you get it all together - I've never seen anything like it! Are you overflowing me? This is the most unusual thing I've ever found in the Bible. He says 'when I have gone forth, Lo, the prince of Greece shall come' and this implies Greece, who succeeded Persia as world Empire, that satan would put a demon over Greece. Maybe satan puts the demons over the nations that have the influence over His people and over that which is - can be good. I really think there's no nation in the world that satan has thrown more demon power ~~inx~~ against, than the United States of America.

Because He raised us up to be a base for World Evangelism. That's the reason He established this country was that America might share the Gospel with the whole world. That's our mission in the world. We have basically, done that. If he can defeat us, through our government and through our schools, through our families, he will defeat God. But now in

V. 21(read) 'noted' (written) or 'the writing of Truth'. 'holdeth' (supports with me). He says the only help I get in this is your special protector, Michael. Then the next verse of Chap. 11 goes with it.

Chap. 11: V.1(read) 'confirm' (support) and to strengthen him (or Michael)'. Says 'I've already helped Michael'. I did it in the first year of Darius.

I do not pretend to day to understand all we have studied. But I know we have studied a word that we need to ponder and we need to keep pondering it. Eph. 6:12 (Phillips Translation) is a summary and notice, this is after the resurrection. Daniel, of course, is before Christ victory in His cross and resurrection. I have no doubt, according to the N. T., Jesus has defeated satan. Stripped him of this powers. Col. 2 15 (read).... But that's only when Jesus' power is utilized and people understand...

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... said 'we are up against the unseen power that controlled this dark world and spiritual agent from the very headquarters of evil'. That's what Paul says. He says our enemy is not flesh and blood, basically. It's not human beings; it's not communism, basically, that is our enemy. It's satan and his demons and they're organized in a world-wide network.

Billy Graham says 'there are 99 kinds of angels - good angels'. There must be more than that of bad angels and they're organized in a great world-wide military organization.

EIGHT GREAT LESSONS FROM DANIEL 10!

I just want to list these quickly and move on to this demonic consideration.

1. LIMITED FASTING. Maybe that's the way God would get you into fasting. That's the way I began it. Limited Fasting.

2. PERSISTANCE IN PRAYER. He prayed 21 days without an ~~ANSWER~~ inkling of an answer.

3. THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD.

4. ANGELIC WARFARE. We're gonna talk about that.

5. HOLY DEVASTATION. I've talked about that all through the Chapter. How, when unholiness confronts Holiness, it would devastate. We're forced to our knees. We may not be able to speak. God is HOLY and we're unholy.

6. MANS ATTITUDE AFFECTS GODS EVALUATION.

7. DEMONS - YES - BUT THANK GOD FOR GOOD ANGELS. Jesus and Michael overcame! PTL! Demons, yes, but thank God for good angels. And there's two good angels to every bad angel, according to the Bible.

8. THE REAL ENEMY IS NOT RUSSIA - HE'S AN INVISIBLE/^{ENEMY}FROM THE VERY HEADQUARTERS OF EVIL.

Seven Reasons Why God Loved Daniel So Much!

There's a great teaching here for us. God wants to love us more than generally. Here's the reasons:

1. Steadfast Loyalty to God from His Youth Up.

2. He Was Humble in Exaltation. He was exalted to the highest office

but he was humble.

3. Faithfulness in Trial.

4. Persistence in Prayer.

5. He was Unselfish in His Motives. Never Anything for Daniel, it was always for the people of God. For Gods Glory.

6. He was Concerned About Gods Name and Gods Glory.

7. He was Devoted to the People of God and the House of God. Even the very house where they worshipped God; heart was broken when it was not what God intended it to be.

Now the Bible mentions any number of people who have been ~~favoured~~ greatly favored of God. 1. David was a man after Gods own heart. You see the Scrip. 2. John, the disciple Jesus loved. Does that mean He didn't love Peter? No. But there was something about John that elicited His love, that was not in Peter. 3. Abraham was a friend of God. 4. Mary was favored with God. 5. Hilarious giver. God said 'I love a cheerful giver or an hilarious giver'. Yet, God is no respecter of persons.

But it cannot be denied from Scrip. that Gods attitude and His love that HE's able to show to us is directly proportional to our attitude toward Him and our response. I think I know some people that God loves more than He loves others. Their spirits are so wonderful and they're so open to God, when other people are so careless about the Lord. We want to be loved by God, don't we? Let's learn a lesson from Daniel.

I believe we can be loved more than we've ever been loved and we need to feel that.

What Daniel saw in the vision. He saw:

1. Holiness of God.
2. Sovereignty of God.
3. Glory of God.
4. Power of God.
5. Omniscience of God.
6. Judgment of God.
7. Faithfulness of God.

That's about all you need to know about God. He saw every one of these things in that vision. That's Jesus. Jesus is God.

Now the final questions -(I think I've tried to answer them)

1. Is satan assigning demons over nations today? I cannot quote a verse to answer this, but I have no doubt that he is, in the light of what we've studied today.

2. Also over cities? Is there a demon over Ft. Smith? I think so.

3. Over counties, churches and families? I believe so. I think you and I need to know this.

4. Has satan assigned a dominating demon over each lost person?
I can't quote a Scrip. to prove it, but why not? He wants every lost person to stay lost.

5. Can satan assign a demon to a born again person? I believe he can. I do not believe - I'm sure the Scrip. teach a ^{saved} ~~lost~~ person cannot be possessed by a demon. I do not believe he can. That does something to sal-

vation, in my opinion. Greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world. And that's the H. S. (I John 4:4). But that does not mean that satan could not have a demon hounding you and trying to influence, especially if you're in a place of responsible leadership - spiritual leadership - and if you're seeking to obey the Lord, you need to take into account there might be a special emissary of satan assigned just to you.

6. Does satan today send his special emissaries to influence governments like the U.S. against the people of God? Why not? If he sent someone to Persia to defeat Gods will for the Jews, would he not send someone to Washington. There's certainly evidence in legislation, in attitudes and the direction of our government for a long time that there's some emissaries working in Washington.

John MacArthur, who's one of the most perceptive men on the scene today said he encountered a man recently who was in touch with the occult and belonged to their highest organization and he said this man told him in the U. Nations he personally knew any number of people that were there as agents of satan. I have not met this man - I'm just quoting MacArthur. And they are operating from outer space. There's a lot that can't be explained.

The way we got in the Vietnam war cannot be explained. NO one's ever been able to explain it. Some things that's happening in our government today.

7. Can a nation or person bind away demon power? Jesus gives us authority over demon powers - absolutely! You can bind him away if you're a child of God. Read Luke 10:18. But how about a nation? It's according to the extent of concern of the Xtens and the understanding of them and their obedience and their willingness to go with God. Finally

8. Why is demonic activity on the increase in America today? Because sin is on the increase. REbellion is on the increase. I think because we're getting closer and closer the coming of Christ and the Great Tribulation.

9. What is our hope? Our hope is in Jesus, the Son of God, who did not only come to defeat sin and death, but came to destroy the works of satan.

I ask you today, are you in Jesus? Is Jesus your Saviour and Lord? If not, of course, you're a prey to satan and his demons. You're a Xtn, you need to understand who the enemy is and you need to use the weapons of our warfare, which are not carnal II Cor. 10 : 4,5,& 6. And you need to study, carefully, Eph. 6: 12 following which says if we're gonna stand against the devil even as believers, we have to put on the whole armour of God.

He can be defeated but he will not be defeated unless we set our hearts to defeat him and we understand what we're up against. There's a real battle on our hands. Jesus will enable us to win it but, unless we're determined to win it, we'll lose. Many families are losing it. Churches are losing it. Governments are losing it. Individuals are losing it.

Let us pray for a real alertness at this point and understand it. I hope you'll go back and read Dan. 10 or listen to the tape. It's a serious matter. a very serious matter.

Let's stand and pray.