

## When God Answers Your Prayers

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### Introduction

Do you pray?

### A Great Vision of a Divine Messenger (1-9)

These verses describe Daniel's three weeks of fasting and prayer and what happened afterward. Evidently, he was concerned about the work stoppage on the Temple in Jerusalem and was wondering about what was going to happen to God's people. In response to Daniel's prayer, God sends an awe-inspiring angel and Daniel faints!

– Ezra 1:1-4; 4:11-24; Acts 9:3-6

- *What keeps us from praying?*

Thinking that God is not listening and responding.

- *Our prayers are not just hitting the ceiling even if it feels that way. So pray!*

Someone can be listening to me whether I know (sense, feel, see) that they are listening or not! – Psalm 22:1-2

- *When God answers your prayers it will be according to His timing and wisdom and He's never late. So pray!* – Luke 18:1-8

### A Message Delayed by Spiritual Warfare (10-14)

These verses explain why the answer to Daniel's prayer was delayed. And the answer is that there was a spiritual conflict in the spiritual realm that caused the delayed answer.

– Mark 8:22-26

- *What keeps us from praying?*

Thinking that the most important thing is what is done in the physical realm.

- *There are powerful spiritual forces at work in our country and government. So pray!* – 1 Timothy 2:1-8

- *When God answers your prayers it will be in light of what you don't see as well as what you do see. So pray!* – 2 Samuel 5:22-25; 2 Kings 6:8-19; Ephesians 6:10-20

## **The Overwhelming Nature of Reality (15-17)**

These verses describe the impact of the vision of the angel on Daniel. Daniel is drained and overwhelmed with the vision and revelation of things unseen.

- *What keeps us from praying?*

Thinking that we can handle most things without seeking God for help.

- *We do not have the resources we need to face life as it is and as it will be. So pray! – Luke 21:25-36; 22:39-46*
- *When God answers your prayers it will be to strengthen your perception of reality (truth). So pray! – Psalm 119:18; Ephesians 1:18-21*

## **The Peace that Passes Understanding (18-21)**

These verses describe how Daniel was strengthened through the revelation of God's love to him. Further strengthening would come as Daniel is given insight into God's plan for His people.

- *What keeps us from praying?*

Thinking that God's plan does not require God's people to pray or questioning whether He really is concerned about us. – James 4:2; Philippians 4:4-7; 1 Peter 5:6-7

- *Our strength and courage comes from the truth that God has a plan and a love for His people that cannot be thwarted. So pray! – Luke 11:1-13*
- *When God answers your prayers it will be to strengthen your trust in His love. So pray! – Ephesians 3:14-21; 1 John 4:16; Romans 8:15-17; John 16:26-27; Psalm 143:7-8*

## **Conclusion**

How's your prayer life?

Have you prayed and asked God for mercy? – Romans 10:12-13