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Have you ever been one of those people when some said to you, let me tell you about the warfare? No, no, I don't want to know anything about that warfare. I don't want to know anything about the devil. I don't want anything to do with him. And I don't want to, I don't want to be in warfare, don't teach my anything. Well, beloved, you need to listen, because you don't need to be afraid. If you understand what the Word of God has to say about the devil and his angels. Then you'll know how to stand firm and not give in.

PART ONE

Sometimes I have to admit, I just get tickled at people, that don't want to know anything about warfare and don't want to hear anything about warfare, do not want to talk about the devil as if it would make him disappear. Do you know what it reminds me of? It reminds me of an ostrich with his head

in the sand thinking no one can see him when you've got that great big fluffy bottom up there, but he doesn't think anybody can see him because he can't see anybody. He's got his head in the sand. When you don't want to know about Satan, and I'm talking about from a biblical perspective, when you don't want to understand anything about spiritual warfare because you think it's going to keep you from being in warfare, darling or sir, you've just got your fluffy bottom in the air and your head in the sand. All right, now let's go back to the seriousness of Daniel, chapter 10. We get an insight into spiritual warfare in Daniel, chapter 10, that we don't get anywhere else. We find out that Daniel gets a message. He's mourning; he's seeking God for three weeks. He's in this partial fast. He's not putting any aftershave on, no ointment on his body, no creams or anything and he is just earnestly seeking God. The minute he starts seeking God and saying I want to understand that vision, I want to understand that message, what You're telling me, then after three weeks, he has a vision of a man standing before him in this glorious appearance, so glorious that the blood just drains out of him. He's flat on his face. He finally gets to his hands and knees and this man says O Daniel, man of high esteem, man, precious to God, man valued very highly by God, get on your feet. I have come to give you understanding. I started the day that your call, your prayer was heard in heaven, I was sent, but I couldn't get here. For three weeks I couldn't get here. Why couldn't he get here? Well let's go back and read it. He says in verse 13, but the prince. Well let me read verse 12. Then he said to me, do not be afraid Daniel, for from the first day you set your heart on understanding. Now understanding is a key word in this chapter and so you want to mark it. In verse 1 of Daniel, chapter 10 it says he understood. So you would mark it there and then you would come down to verse 11 and you would mark O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand. Then in verse 12: Do not be afraid Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself. What was Daniel doing? He was humbling himself before God. That's why

he was fasting. You know when you put fasting and fasting God's way, not man's way, not fasting to be seen, not fasting because everybody else is on a thirty day fast or a ten day fast. But fasting because, cause you're seeking God; not just going without food and going about business as usual and thinking this is great. I'm going to lose a lot of weight. Listen, many times people that fast that long really do not lose weight. As a matter of fact they gain it as a result of changing their metabolism. I'm talking about a fast where you're seeking God. This was a man who was mourning for these three weeks and humbling himself before God. He says your words were heard and I have come in response to your words. Listen now, this is exciting. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days. All right now what have you learned? You always look and you see the who. So here's a prince, he's a ruler. He's of the kingdom of Persia and he was withstanding this man for how long, twenty-one days. Then behold Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the king of Persia. Now what he has just told us is Michael is a chief prince. And this other prince of the kingdom of Persia had been withstanding this man with this, dressed in beryl and all of that, had been withstanding him so he couldn't get to Daniel. But then Michael, a chief prince, so what you see is you see a hierarchy here. Michael, the chief priest came to help me. Now we're going to read on. Then we're going to come back, so hang in there. For I had been left there with the kings of Persia. Now I have come to give you understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days. So once again it's Daniel's people. I put a Star of David, as I have told you, earlier, and as we tell you in your study guide. I put a Star of David over your people, because what you need to see is this vision pertains to the Jews. It does not pertain to the Gentiles. It pertains to the Jews. So to your people in the latter days. So now he has said when this vision is going to happen. This vision is for the latter days or the end of the days. Now the end of the days does not mean hey, it ended and tomorrow

there's new beginning. Or it ended and it's fini, it's finished. It doesn't mean that. It means during this period of the end of the days. For the vision pertains to days yet future. Yet future from what? Yet future from the third year of Cyrus, king of Persia. Now this is the most awesome incredible vision that we're going to see, but it's going to take us a few days to get there, so hang in there. Verse 15: And when he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless. And behold, one who resembled a human being was touching my lips. So this person that he saw was like a man. All right he was touching my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, and said to him who was standing there before me, O my lord, O my lord, as a result of the vision anguish has come upon me, and I have retained no strength. This is troubling. This is, remember, we saw in chapter 10, verse 1, it was a message of great conflict. He said verse 17 and it's still a quote: For how can a servant of my lord talk with such as my lord? In other words, how can, can I, your servant talk to you this way? So here he is, in a sense, bowing himself, just speechless before this angelic being. He says as for me, there remains just now no strength in me, nor has any breath been left in me. Then this one with the human appearance touched me again and strengthened me. He was wiped out until all of a sudden that angelic being reached down and touched him and when he did all of a sudden he was no longer you know, just as weak and laid out and prostrate before him. But here he was now, invigorated. Here he was strengthened and he said to me, O man of high esteem. I love it. O man of high esteem, do not be afraid. Peace be with you and take courage and be courageous. Now as soon as he spoke with me, I received strength and said, may my lord speak, for you have strengthened me? Then he said do you understand why I came to you? Do you know, the word understand, means to know. Do you really know why I came to you? And once again you would hit understand because it's a knowledge. But I shall now return. Now watch, this is very important. To fight against the prince of Persia. So I

am going forth and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come. Now watch. He's trying to get to Daniel. He tries for three weeks, he can't do it because the prince from the kingdom of Persia is stopping him until Michael, a chief prince comes along. And then finally he gets there so he's giving Daniel this strength, this wisdom, this understanding of this vision and then he's taking off again. And where is he going? He's going to fight with the prince of Persia. And then he says so I am going forth and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come. So what is happening? You have God's people being ruled over by the Medo-Persian Empire. Cyrus was a king that was chosen by God. And I'll look at that a little bit later because I want you to see it and I want you to understand it. But he was chosen by God. He was named by God before he was ever born. And he was chosen by God to send the children of Israel from Babylon back to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple. And yet in the heavenlies there is a warfare that is going on in these principalities and powers and spiritual rulers and wickedness in high places. And you and I are going to look at it and we're going to learn and you don't have to be afraid.

PART TWO

I'm so proud of you for coming back after that break. I'm so proud of you for wanting to know the truth. Because you see, it's truth that sets us free. It's truth that liberates us from fear. I mean the enemy's not going to go away because we don't believe in him, because we don't acknowledge him. He's not going to stop his warfare because we hide our head in the sand. But when we understand that that's the trick, the method or the device of Satan then it's not, then, then we don't have to fear. I remember one day I was sitting on a couch and I was talking to this woman about Jesus Christ and she had come out of quite a background in the exposure to Ouija Boards and Tarot cards and things. And we were sitting there and we were talking and she wanted to receive Christ and she wanted me to pray with her. And so I

finished praying and I said, now you tell God, you tell Him in your own words. And I waited and I waited and I didn't hear anything. So I opened my eyes and I looked at her and she was sitting there and she had her mouth opened and she was trying, she was jerking, she was trying to speak and nothing was happening. Nothing was coming out. And I looked at her and I put my arm around her and then she looked at me and she said I can't pray. And, and I said honey, that's all right, it's just the enemy, just a minute. And so I stood in the authority of Christ against the enemy and then she was able to pray. See it's not that you disrespect him, because you don't disrespect him. And you're not to bring a rallying judgment against him, according to Jude. But it's that you understand him and when you understand him and you understand that's the enemy and you understand then how you stand against the enemy, how you resist the enemy, as Ephesians 6 tells us, then you do what you know to do. But if you've got your head buried in your sand and your bottom up like that ostrich, you're just a target for the enemy and you think you're going to be all right, no you're not. No you're not. And you think he's not going to trouble you if you don't trouble him, listen, you and I are to be on the front lines. What did God tell through that angelic being? What did God tell Daniel? He told him to be strong. He told him to be courageous. And you and I are to be strong and you and I are to be courageous and where the battle's raging we're to be on the front lines, on the front lines on our knees, on the front lines standing in the full armor of God. Well now let's go on because before the break I stopped at verse 21. I want to show you how important it is to observe the text carefully because as we look at the enemy, I want you to catch the full picture here, okay. So this angelic being with this human appearance has spoken to Daniel. He has strengthened Daniel and he says to him in verse 20. Let's review because it's good. Do you know, understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the prince of Persia; so I am going forth and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come. He says however I will tell you what is

inscribed in the writing of truth. Yet there is no one else who stands firmly with me against these forces. Against what forces? Catch it. Against Persia and against Greece. There is no one who stands firmly with me except Michael, your prince. Oh, Michael, your prince. We've just seen that Michael's a chief prince. Now we see that Michael is Daniel's prince. What is Daniel? Daniel's a Jew. So Michael, and, and if you don't pick it up now, you'll pick it up in Daniel, chapter 12. But I want us to go there. In Daniel, chapter 12, verse 1, it says now, at that time, Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people. What is Michael's job, Michael, this chief prince is to stand guard over the Jews. So when he's standing guard over the Jews he knows here is Daniel, a Jew, seeking God, mourning, in this partial fast for three weeks and this messenger from God cannot get to him because you have these angelic beings, this angelic hosts that are over Persia, resisting, resisting that man from getting to Daniel and giving him the understanding of the vision until Michael, the chief prince comes along. And when Michael, the chief prince comes along, that's it, he gets through and then because there's a war in the heavenlies, he goes back to fight the king, ah, the prince of Persia and the prince of Greece. Now, look at Daniel 11 again. And look at verse 1. And in the first year of Darius the Mede, I arose to be an encouragement and a protection for him. Now remember, when we're studying the Bible inductively and that's what Precepts for Life is all about, to teach you, to assist you in discovering truth for yourself. That's what it means. That's what the word inductive means. It simply means that you're not going to rely on just the teachings that's of other people, but you're going to learn to study for yourself so that you can be called man of high esteem, woman of high esteem, teen of high esteem. So you look at chapter 11, verse 1. In the first year of Darius the Mede, I arose to be an encouragement and a protection for him. I who? I who? Well, if you're just reading along and you only study the Bible chapter by chapter and you don't follow the flow, then what happens is you think O, that's

Daniel. In the first year of Darius the Mede I arose to be an encouragement and protection for him. It's just your natural inclination if you don't study the text and study the context. But we know that Daniel's having his vision when? In the third year of Cyrus the king of Persia. What the angel is telling us, this angelic being, this one with the appearance of a man is telling Daniel, I've got to go fight the king, the prince of Greece. Now he's talking about the angelic prince. And he says no one stands firmly with me against these forces except Michael, your prince. And in the first year of Darius the Mede, I, this angelic being, arose to be an encouragement and a protection to him. Now what have you just found out? You have just found out that there are good angelic forces and bad angelic forces. You say it doesn't say bad. No, but they're bad because they're keeping this angelic being from doing the work of God, from doing the will of God or he's hindering him. He doesn't keep him. So you see a heavenly conflict between good and bad. And yet, what do you know from Daniel, chapter 4:34 & 35? God does according to His will among the inhabitants of earth and among the inhabitants of heaven. So there are inhabitants of heaven. It's not just clouds and blue sky, beloved. There's a throne up there. There's whole angelic hosts. There are good angels and there are bad angels. So God does according to His will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth, the army of heaven. I quoted it wrong in Daniel 4. It is army. So what does an army imply? An army implies that they are defenders. And what was this angel doing? He arose to be an encouragement and a protection for him, for whom? For Darius, the Mede, an earthly man. O, do you realize that Hebrews, and you can go to it after the program, and look at the last verse in Hebrews, chapter 1, verse 14, Hebrews 1, verse 14. They are ministering servants sent out to minister salvation to us, to watch over us. And in Hebrews, chapter 2, verse 16 he let's you know that you're better than the angels. We'll continue this in our next program.