

Your words are heard

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DANIEL 10:12 NKJV – (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.

Although God sent a messenger to Daniel, a powerful spiritual being (the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia) detained the messenger for three weeks. But Daniel faithfully continued praying and fasting and God’s messenger eventually arrived, assisted by Michael (the Archangel). Answers to our prayers may be hindered by unseen obstacles and not necessarily because of sin. Don’t expect God’s answers to come too easily or too quickly. Prayer maybe challenged by evil forces. Jesus taught us to pray fervently and earnestly (**Luke 18:1-8**). Look for God to answer at the right time.

Prayer is one of our greatest mysteries. We don't fully understand its power, nor do we know why God values our prayers so deeply. We're often unaware of the spiritual battles waged in the heavenly places because of our prayers, though we get a hint of the struggle in **Daniel 10**. But there's no question about this, God hears our prayers and encourages us to pray to him about everything.

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 5:15-16

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Every great movement of God can be traced to a kneeling figure.

"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"