

The Spiritual Side of Prayer

Daniel 10: 1-21 NIV

"If prayer stands as the place where God and human beings meet, then I must learn about prayer. Most of my struggles in the Christian life circle around the same two themes: why God doesn't act the way we want God to, and why I don't act the way God wants me to. Prayer is the precise point where these themes converge." ~Philip Yancy

There are four facts about the spiritual side of prayer we must understand to deepen our prayer life.

1st Fact: Jesus hears and responds to our prayers immediately

📖 Daniel 10:4-6; Daniel 12:7; Revelation 1:12-18; 1 John 5: 14-15

"Prayer is the rope that pulls God and man together: But, it doesn't pull God down to us: It pulls us up to Him." ~Billy Graham

2nd Fact: Angels actively participate in delivering answers to our prayers

📖 Daniel 10:10-12; Hebrews 1:14; Hebrews 13:2; 2 Kings 6: 15-17

*The angels act as messengers to bring about God's Will in the natural world.

*The interactions on the other end of your prayers are supernatural!

"The great comfort in knowing that angels minister to believers in Christ is that God Himself sends them to us." ~Billy Graham

3rd Fact: Demons fight to resist God's answers from reaching your life

📖 Daniel 10:12-14; Ephesians 6:12

*Prayer is spiritual warfare!

*Demons are territorial. They will challenge angels sent from God to fulfill His plan and delay His answers from reaching you.

"Spiritual warfare is very real. There is a furious, fierce, and ferocious battle raging in the realm of the spirit between the forces of God and the forces of evil. Warfare happens every day, all the time. Whether you believe it or not, you are in a battlefield. You are in warfare." ~Petro Okoro

4th Fact: God gives you strength to receive His answer by faith to fulfill His Will.

📖 Daniel 10:17-19; Deuteronomy 31:6; Isaiah 41:10

"The strength of your faith is not measured by the absence of doubt, but by the faithfulness of your life in the face of doubt." ~Nicky Gumbel