

Unshakable



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Part 4: When God Seems Slow

In the third year of the reign of King Cyrus of Persia, Daniel had vision. He understood that the vision concerned events certain to happen in the future – times of war and great hardship. I, Daniel, had been in mourning for three whole weeks. All that time I had eaten no rich food. No meat or wine had crossed my lips, and I used no fragrant lotions until those three weeks had passed. (Daniel 10:1-3)

He pursued the _____

I looked up and saw a man dressed in linen clothing, with a belt of pure gold around his waist. His body looked like a precious gem. His face flashed like lightning, and his eyes flamed like torches. His arms and feet shone like polished bronze, and his voice roared like a vast multitude of people. Only I, Daniel, saw this vision. The men with me saw nothing, but they were suddenly terrified and ran away to hide. So I was left there all alone to see this amazing vision ... (Daniel 10:5-8)

My strength left me, my face grew deathly pale, and I felt weak. Then I heard the man speak, and when I heard the sound of his voice, I fainted and lay there with my face to the ground. (Daniel 10:8-9)

Just then a hand touched me and lifted me, still trembling, to my hands and knees. And the man said to me, "Daniel, you are very precious to God." (Daniel 10:10-11)

Our God is a _____

"But You, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head." (Psalm 3:3)

Then the angel said, "Daniel, you are very precious to God." Insert your own name in there.

_____ are very precious to God.

The Heavenly Being said, "Don't be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray and humble yourself before God, your request has been heard in Heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer." (Daniel 10:12)

God heard Daniel's prayer.

And God heard _____ prayer.

“But for twenty-one days, the spiritual prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help ...” (Daniel 10:13)

Here’s the point: Daniel prayed and didn’t see anything happening. But just because he didn’t see anything, doesn’t mean nothing was happening.

While you’re _____ ,

God’s _____ .

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (Ephesians 6:12)

When you pray, there’s more going on than you can see with your natural eyes. And God may have already unleashed angelic beings who are doing warfare in your name against the forces of darkness.

Then the one who looked like a man touched me again, and I felt my strength returning. “Don’t be afraid,” he said, “for you are very precious to God. Peace! Be encouraged! Be strong!” (Daniel 10:18-19)