

PREPARING FOR CONFLICT

DANIEL 10 | WEEK NINE

PREPARING FOR THE SESSION

Read Daniel 10

MEMORIZE

"Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words."

—Daniel 10:12

CONSIDER

"The revelation in the vision given to Daniel on this occasion shattered any hope the prophet might have had that Israel would enjoy her new freedom and peace for long. For God revealed that the nation would be involved in many conflicts (a great war). Understanding the significance of the vision, Daniel fasted..."

—Bible Knowledge Commentary

"Daniel shows us that the conflicts that we experience here on earth are the counterpart of a great spiritual conflict that is presently ongoing in the heavenly realm. An awareness of this great spiritual conflict will help us to be prepared for the challenges of life..."

—Iain M. Duguid

"Daniel"

DANIEL 10:1-9

1. Despite many challenges, Daniel responded by entering into a time of fasting and mourning. Do you think times of fasting and mourning are helpful to believers today? How might such times help you as you encounter difficulties in your studies?

2. Daniel experienced a powerful encounter with a messenger of God. Today, God speaks to us primarily through his Word. What can you do to make your Bible study times a more holy experience where you seek insights from God?

4. What encouragement does God's messenger offer Daniel in 10:19? How can these words encourage you, personally?

5. Daniel knows that a great conflict is coming and has also experienced incredible challenges. His response is to humbly seek understanding. When you face severe challenges or setbacks in your studies, how can Daniel's response be a model for you to follow?

DANIEL 10:10-21

3. In reading Daniel 10:12, what personal characteristics contributed to God sending a messenger to Daniel? What do you think makes these characteristics important? How might you incorporate them into your studies and your future profession?