

“UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES” Series

Message #4 of 6

“Standing Strong”

Standing strong in the spiritual war that surrounds us requires knowing the truth about ourselves that God has promised.

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1. THE WAR (AROUND US) – (Daniel 10:1-6)

“It’s message concerned a great war.” – v.1

- “I mourned for three weeks.” – v.2
- “There was a man dressed in linen.” – v.5

“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

“(There is) the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.” – Ephesians 2:2

2. THE FEAR (WE EXPERIENCE) – (Daniel 10:7-9)

“Such terror overwhelmed them that they fled and hid themselves ... (and) I had no strength left, my face turned deathly pale and I was helpless.” – v.7b-8

- “Overwhelmed” – v.7
- “Helpless” – v.8
- “Face to the ground” – v.9

“To be loved but not known is superficial. To be known and not loved is our great fear. But to be known and loved, that transforms you.” – Timothy Keller

“I no longer call you servants. Instead, I have called you friends.”
– John 15:15

3. THE TRUTH (ABOUT US) – (Daniel 10:10-12)

“Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up.” – v.11

- “Highly esteemed” – v.11
- “Stand up” – v.11
- “Don’t be afraid” – v.12

“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.” – Ephesians 2:6

“If we know God’s approval we won’t need to fear any disapproval from others.” – Timothy Keller

4. THE CHALLENGES (WE FACE) – (Daniel 10:13-17)

“How can I, your servant, talk with you, my lord? My strength is gone and I can hardly breathe.” – v.17

- “Resistance” – v.13
- “Explanation” – v.14
- “Anguish” – v.16

“Tell everyone who is discouraged, be strong and don’t be afraid! God is coming to your rescue!” – Isaiah 35:4

5. THE PROMISES (OF GOD) – (Daniel 10:18-21)

“Do not be afraid, O man highly esteemed. Peace! Be strong now; be strong.” – v.19

- “You are highly esteemed” – v.19a
- “When he spoke to me, I was strengthened.” – v.19b
- “I (am) fighting for you.” – v.20

“The Lord will fight for you; you need only be still.” – Exodus 14:14

“The Lord your God, who goes before you, will fight for you, just as you saw Him do for you in Egypt.” – Exodus 14:25

“Our God will fight for us!” – Nehemiah 4:20

Two Key to Standing Strong (Daniel 10:12)

#1 – SET YOUR MIND ... to gain understanding

#2 – HUMBLE YOURSELF ... before your God.