

3ABN SABBATH SCHOOL PANEL

010 - Sunday – March 2, 2025

Lesson Title: **God's Love and Justice**

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

Memory Text: **1 John 3:8 (NKJV) “He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”**

AN ANGEL DELAYED

We live amid an invisible conflict. Forces beyond our understanding contend over us. The question is, **should not allow the things we don't understand to cause us to accuse God?**

Daniel 10:1-14 (NKJV) “In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. The message was true, but the appointed time was long; and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision. (2) In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks. (3) I ate no pleasant food, no meat or wine came into my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled. (4) Now on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, that is, the Tigris, (5) I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz! (6) His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude. (7) And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. (8) Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me, and I retained no strength. (9) Yet I heard the sound of his words; and while I heard the sound of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground. (10) Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands. (11) And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling. (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. (13) But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone

there with the kings of Persia. (14) Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision *refers to many days yet to come.*””

The delay of Daniel 10:12-13 symbolizes the **exercise of faith** and **the parameters of Divinity**. The Angel was sent from the day that Daniel began praying, but he did not prevail until the 21st day.

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What happens when your faith is tried during a divine delay?

1. **DIVINE TIMING:** The answer to prayer comes according to God time: **Isaiah 40:29-31 (NKJV)** “(29) He gives power to the weak, And to *those who have no might* He increases strength. (30) Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, (31) But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew *their* strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.”
2. **THE TEST OF FAITH:** The delay was a test of Daniel’s faith as it is a test of our faith: **James 1:2-4 (NKJV)** “(2) My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, (3) knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. (4) But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”
3. **GOD’S SUSTAINING GRACE:** **2 Corinthians 12:9 (NKJV)** “And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”
4. **THE DIVINE PROHIBITION:** God does not allow our strength to fail—even though it may become weak: **2 Corinthians 4:8-10 (NKJV)** “(8) *We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; (9) persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— (10) always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.*”
5. **EMBRACE THE VISION:** When we don’t understand God’s timing, trust the vision: **Habakkuk 2:2-4 (NKJV)** “(2) Then the LORD answered me and said: “Write the vision And make *it* plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it. (3) For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry. (4) “Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith.”

6. **DO NOT BE AFRAID:** While we wait on the Lord, do not allow fear to incarcerate us:
Isaiah 41:10 (NKJV) “Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”
7. **TRUST GOD’S LIMITS:** We don’t know the limits of God, but we can trust Him: **Job 11:7 (NKJV) “Can you search out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limits of the Almighty?”**

Rules of Engagement: Directives issued by an authority **specifying** the circumstances and limitations under which forces will engage in combat with the enemy.

Matthew 4.4 NKJV “But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’

Lesson 11 -
What More Could I Have Done?