

The Other Side of Prayer

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Daniel 10:1-21.

B. Daniel received an extraordinary vision of a man during prayer.

II. The supernatural figure was Jesus.

A. Jesus was always in their midst—their eyes were simply opened up to Him in prayer.

B. Daniel saw that the forces with Him were greater than those in the world.

III. The ministry of angels aided Daniel showing him the power behind prayer.

A. Answers to prayer are sure when we pray.

1. Prayer is a way that we get involved in what God is doing.

2. We are to ask, seek and knock with the guarantee of positive results.

B. Our enemies are not people but spiritual powers requiring the spiritual answer of prayer. (Ephesians 6)

C. One can agonize on behalf of another through prayer.

D. The whole man is ministered to through prayer. The Spirit of God opens the truths of the Scripture to the believer.

Application questions:

1. Why pray?

2. How does one reconcile unanswered prayers with the security that one can have in receiving an answer to prayer? Explain.

3. In what ways have you been ministered to in a time of need through prayer? How can you minister to others similarly?
