

The Vision of Glory

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Daniel 10-12.
- B. People did not go back after they were given freedom to return to Israel. (Ezra 1)
- C. Daniel prays in response to the indifference, and God responds.
- D. The prophesy is about warfare.

II. Mourning toward heaven.

- A. Daniel mourns.
- B. He fasted.
- C. This was the manifestation of a heart preoccupied with God. God blessed him.

III. Manifestation of heaven.

- A. Christ appears pre-incarnate. (Revelation 1:12)
- B. Christ is parallel with the Angel of the Lord in the Old Testament.

IV. Mastery by heaven. Daniel was mastered by the reality of heaven.

V. Messenger of heaven. The angel set Daniel on his knees trembling.

VI. Mischief in heaven.

- A. Satan's network of demons have continually been behind the scenes.
- B. The human systems of this world are demonic. We do not wrestle with flesh and blood.

VII. Might in heaven.

- A. The angels had power to put strength back into Daniel.
- B. This is a picture of what it is like to stand before the living God.
- C. We meddle with little things when God is trying to show us a glimpse of eternal things.

Application Questions:

1. How does Daniel model the proper response to an indifferent church?

2. Why is it important to recognize the true source of evil behind worldly powers?

3. What are some things the church spends too much time focusing on when God's grand plan is in view? Explain.
