



Conqueror!

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Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

The first thing to notice about Principalities and Powers is that they are not early beings. This prince of the kingdom of Persia spoken of in Daniel cannot be a human prince. He has the power to withstand an angel for 21 days! He had to have to help of the Archangel Michael to overcome this being. Also, Satan is referred to as the prince of the power of the air, and he is most assuredly an angelic being, though a fallen one.

10 Then behold, a hand touched me and shook me on my hands and knees. 11 And he said to me, "Daniel, you who are treasured, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand at your place, for I have now been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. 12 Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words. 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was standing in my way for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia. 14 Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the latter days, because the vision pertains to the days still future." --Daniel 10

1 Peter 3:21-22

21 Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

It is comforting to know that these powerful beings are subject to our lord and savior, Jesus. We can call on Him at any time to help us against these beings.

37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. – Romans 8

We can conquer though Jesus! How amazing a promise is that?

Day 23 Prayer

Lord God, please help me to gird up my loins with the truth. We do not understand much about these principalities and powers arrayed against us. But you know everything about them. Please give us wisdom and guidance on how we should battle these beings.

Father, help me to put on the breastplate of righteousness. Help me to stay far from sin so that Satan does not get a foothold on me. Help me to repent quickly when I fall. Please forgive any way I've sinned against you.

Lord, please help me get my feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. As I go out and spread the Good News that we can be reconciled to God through the blood of Jesus, Lord please shield me from principalities and powers that might stand in the way of my mission.

Father, help me to take up the shield of faith. Help me to know and do your will and trust in you that it will all be accomplished. Help me to trust that through Jesus, we can conquer even these principalities and powers.

Lord, help me to put on the helmet of salvation. It is only your salvation that stands between me and these principalities and powers. Thank you for the sacrifice of Jesus that is the only way to salvation.

Father, help me take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. When Jesus stood against Satan, he overcame through the use of the Word. Help me to do likewise when tempted by fallen angelic beings.