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The Art of Prayer

# 26. Chapter 23: Prevailing in Prayer

Hagin teaches that effective, persistent prayer must rest on God's Word, since faith starts only where God's will is known. Using Daniel as the model, he explains why answers can be delayed and introduces the idea that an unseen spiritual kingdom stands behind the visible one. He then shows how believers can use their authority in Jesus' name to plead the case of another in prayer.

## Key takeaways

- Prayer must be grounded in Scripture, because God's Word is His will and faith begins where His will is known.
- Daniel's prayer was heard the first day, but the answer was delayed 21 days because the 'prince of Persia,' a spirit being, withstood the angel until Michael helped (Dan. 10:12-13).
- There is a double kingdom: visible earthly rulers with an unseen satanic power behind them. Adam handed the world's authority to Satan, which is why the devil could offer the kingdoms to Jesus.
- God sends answers the moment we pray; demonic forces try to intercept them, so we sometimes must stand and persevere rather than give up.

- Believers have been delivered out of darkness and carry authority in the name of Jesus to break the devil's power.
- The whole armor of God in Ephesians 6 exists so we can enter the prayer life (v.18); putting on the armor without praying is nearly useless.
- We can 'plead the case' of others before God (Isa. 43:26). Hagin's accounts of his Sunday school superintendent and his father-in-law show prayer holding back death — and also knowing, by the Spirit, when to let someone go.
- Use wisdom with this authority; not every need is met by one short prayer, and sometimes the wisest answer is release, not rescue.

## Passages worth keeping

> *"The object of taking on the whole armor of God is so that we can enter into the prayer life!"*

Reframes Ephesians 6 — the armor is preparation for prayer, which is the real battlefield.

> *"Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified."*

The verse Hagin builds his 'pleading the case' method of prayer on.

## How it connects

The chapter ties Daniel's delayed-but-answered prayer to the New Testament picture of spiritual warfare (Eph. 6), arguing that perseverance in prayer, standing on God's Word, can change nations and loved ones alike.

## Scripture referenced

- **Daniel 9:2; 10:12-13** -- Prayer based on Scripture; answer heard day one but delayed by the prince of Persia.
- **Luke 4:5-6** -- Devil's authority over the world's kingdoms was real, having been delivered to him.
- **2 Corinthians 4:4 / Psalm 8:6** -- Adam given dominion, then Satan became god of this world when Adam sinned.
- **Ephesians 6:10-18** -- Armor of God culminating in verse 18 — prayer as the goal of the armor.
- **Colossians 1:13** -- Believers delivered out of the dominion of darkness.
- **Isaiah 43:25-26** -- God invites us to 'plead together' and set forth our case in prayer.