

Sermon Notes

Unanswered Prayer – Angels and Demons

9 Variables of Unanswered Prayer

1. God's will
2. The faith of the person being prayed for
3. The faith of the person or group praying
4. Number of people praying
5. Persistence of prayer
6. Presence of sin
7. Human free will
8. Demonic world
9. Number and strengths of angels and demons

Variable 8 & 9

- Daniel 10:8-14 Ephesians 6:18 Exodus 17:8, 10-13

Recognizing our Western Glasses

- Natural Realm
- Supernatural Realm
- Acts 28:1-6 Acts 12:11-16
- According to most western evangelicals, "Reality" (with a capital "R") means the reality we can see, touch, and smell. All of our questions and doubts tend to be resolved in favor of a naturalistic interpretation over a supernatural interpretation of life's events. Indeed, it takes a very conscious effort for western evangelicals to remove the naturalistic lenses and "to see" what people in other cultures or in the culture of the Bible saw.
-Rich Nathan & Ken Wilson Empowered Evangelicals

The supernatural realm affects the natural realm

- Luke 13:11-13 Mark 9:20-27 Job 1:18-19 Mark 4:38-39 2Kings 6:15-17

We are in a warzone

- Ephesians 6:12 John 10:10 1Peter 5:8-9 Ephesians 6:10-11 Ephesians 6:13 James 4:7
Revelation 2:10 2Corinthians 2:10 2Timothy 2:26 Luke 22:3-4 Acts 5:3

Prayer Warfare

- Matthew 6:13 John 17:15

We have no reason to fear or be intimidated by the demonic realm

- 1John 4:4 Luke 10:19-20