

# Daniel 60 – Christ's Touch of Spiritual Strength

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Daniel 10:15-17

## Prologue: Passage Triad – Relevant Today

- This vision yields three major truths behind ALL Scripture
  - Apparent delay in answering believer's prayers
  - Restraining spiritual influences in the kosmos
  - Eschatological revelation of Man's Salvation–Christ's Kingdom
- Man: Subject-Object of Salvation
  - Man is ineffectual in this Process
  - Sinners cannot thwart God's election; resistance reveals sin



## Prologue: Daniel Enlightened – Daniel Raised to Man

- Daniel reports Christ's touch enlightened him, realized his sin; but who, of his own accord, could only raised himself to all fours, position of an animal
  - A voice, angelic speaker (not identified), tells Daniel how loved he is by God – Words of Love to drive out fear of judgment to those who believe (1Jo 4:17-19)
  - Daniel has to be told to stand, reminiscent of Job, as Christ intercedes for people and not with demons (Job 38:1-3); Ps 73:21-24)
  - Sin degrades, spiritually – physically, by first degrading God as not-God: Reduced to a non-sentient element of Creation (Satan is a sentient being of Creation) (Ro 1:18-28; He 1)
- Daniel experientially realizes his total depravity, but remains totally helpless to achieve the position God reserved for Man (God's Image) (Ep 1:3-14)
  - Salvation not only restores Man, but fulfills Satan's promise by making ALL believers {adopted} sons of God, knowing Good – Evil and Spiritually alive forevermore (Ge 3:5; Ro 8:28-30; Gal 4:1-7; He 1:3-14)

## Daniel Overwhelmed by The Vision of Christ

- Whereas Isaiah discovered the purpose of his ministry early in his calling, Daniel only now understands the purpose of his ministry (Is 6)
  - Daniel’s purpose: Warn God’s people of events of the latter days (Da 10:9)
  - Overwhelmed, Daniel bowed his head under the weight of his responsibility
- Daniel is again *touched*, this time on his lips {Isaiah}, so he may speak with *clean speech*: True Clarity that comes only from God’s Wisdom {Hagiazo}
  - Paul spoke of the difficulty of perceiving via his new nature through his fleshly body; he could not relate whether was a vision or a physical occurrence demonstrating the *enigma* of the soul as it awaits its new body (Ro 7:7-24; 1Co 13:12; 2Co 12:1-10)
  - The reality of his flesh haunted Paul as a *weakness*; we all groan as we await our full redemption: Daniel shows the even more dramatic difference of those who did not yet possess the new nature, new covenant salvation (1Co 15:38-50; 2Co 5:17)

## Progression of Touches: Path of Maturity in Christ

- Daniel receives three touches each with a specific effect; three is the number of completeness; i.e., Trinity
  - First Touch – Realization of Flesh’s Total Depravity {Daniel was saved (OT) sense}
  - Second Touch – Enlightenment brings clarity, asking the *right* questions (Mt 7:7-11)
  - Third Touch – Next Lesson
- These are the steps of godly maturation of each believer
  - Understanding truth of one’s position: Absolute weakness=absolute dependence
  - With enlightenment comes true search for understanding, wisdom, by asking God for godly wisdom {Mind of God} (Ro 11:33-36; Ja 1:5-8)
  - Knowledge without God is not wisdom; it is Satan’s death trap (Ge 3:5; Ro 1:17-28)

## Daniel's Confession: Daniel's Birth Pangs

- Daniel confesses he has no strength {חַסָּדָא; כֹּחַ} from his encounter with Christ, Melchizedek High Priest, and his Vision saying he has *pains* {צִירָא; עֲרֵלָא} – birth pains (Is 21:2-10)
  - God brings each believer forth (new birth) via Logos of Truth: Christ and Bible (Jn 1:1-18)
  - Christ used the analogy, *born from above*, describing New Covenant birth saying Fleshly body/natural mind cannot understand the process (Jn 3:3-8)
  - Peter describes maturation as struggle, via the Hagiazo Process; a process Daniel now experiences (1Pe 1:6-12)
- God {Father, Son, Spirit} struggle to birth us as {adopted} sons of God
  - All Creation struggles toward the birth of the new heavens and earth; and us (Ro 8:18-25)

## Daniel’s Question: Daniel’s Religion

- Daniel’s question reveals a religious attitude born of works and fear
  - He asks how the speaker, angel, address as one in authority, could condescend to talk to him, a sinful person {עֲבָדִים; 'eḇed}
  - Fleshly saved mind has difficulty grasping grace of God; tendency is works or self-based salvation (Ro 4:1-8)
  - Jews fell into works; i.e., False Jews
  - Christianity fell into works; i.e., Christendom
  - Every false religion is Works-based
- Works is *Fear-based* that only understands domination and judgment (1Jo 4:18)
  - Grace is based on Love {Grace and Hope} from Trinity alone; we add nothing; Daniel’s fundamental mindset was of works; not unlike religious Job (Job 1:4-5; 1Co 13:13)

## Daniel’s Confession: No Strength; No Breath

- Daniel confesses he has no strength, even though he has been touched twice and given ability to stand and speak
  - Strength is the opposite of weakness, moral weakness; hence, Daniel confesses his sin which prompts his question, “How can God talk to sinful man?”
  - Daniel says he has no breath even though he talks {Requires breath}; hence, Daniel confesses his spirit is sinful, he does not have God’s Spirit {New Covenant}
- In both confessions Daniel is correct as Christ has not died and he does not yet possess new covenant salvation
  - Christ’s sacrificial death reaches back and forward in time (Ro 3:21-26)
  - Christ is the Bridge, Intercessor, between God and sinful Man (He 7:23-25)
  - God saves because God desires to save (Ro 9:8-24; Ep 1:3-14)

## Hagiazo Process: Birth Pangs of Maturation in Grace

- Daniel another example of God’s maturation process at work (1Jo 3:1-3)
- We do not understand what we shall become; God does (1Jo 3:1-3)
- Maturation is process of removing sinful worldview, bit by bit, revealing clarity, understanding God’s *true* reality {Hagiazo}
- Christ is bridge to our maturation
- Bible is our road map: Study it!
- This is how we become Christ-like

