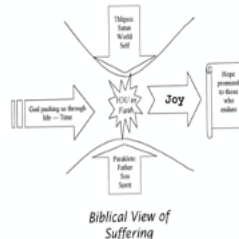


# Daniel 61 – Matured to Learn

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Daniel 10:18-21

## Prologue: Hagiazo Process – Birth Pangs of Maturation in Grace

- Daniel another example of God's maturation process at work (1 Jo 3:1-3)
- We do not understand what we shall become; God does (1 Jo 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



## Prologue: 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 – This 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 Third Touch: Given Power – Strength {En.}

- Once again, one who has the *appearance* of man touches him; this is Christ {Melchisedec High Priest} (He 5:1-10; 7:1-3, 11-28; Re 1:9-18)
  - These *touches* are the *birth pangs* of maturation in Christ who also underwent such *birth pangs* in the flesh to demonstrate His acceptableness to be the sacrificial Lamb of God paying the penalty for our sins, not His for He was sinless (Ro 3:25; 2Co 5:21; He 2:14-18; 1Pe 1:17-21; 1Jo 3:5; Re 5:1-10)
  - Christ's *power* or *strength* did not come Himself, though He was God; it came from the indwelling Holy Spirit as an example to us who receive the New Covenant salvation and seal of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Mt 1:18; 3:13-17; Ro 8:10-11; 15:1-4; 2Co 1:21; 5:17; Ph 2:1-11; 1Pe 3:18)
  - Given in 3's showing the completeness of Daniel's maturation through Christ based on His propitiation for sins by the Father; Christ also demonstrated this process when healing a blind man (Mk 8:22-26; Ro 3:21-24)
  - Maturation is not instantaneous for how could we comprehend the fullness of our change while still in fleshly bodies? As newborn babes we learn through growing; Paul alluded to this process in Corinthians (1Co 13:12; 1Pe 2:7-12)

## Preamble to Daniel's Vision: Maturation Changes Power Source

- Salvation, born from above, is a *new heart* regardless of time period (1Sa 10:9; Ez 11:17-21; Jn 3:1-15; Ro 2:1-11; 2Co 5:17; He 3:12)
  - The Lost's source of power is supposedly self; however, this deceitful promise resides solely in Satan (Ge 3:5; Jn 8:44)
  - The Lost are enslaved to Satan, World {Kosmos} and the Flesh; it is from these that they draw what power is allowed them to continue the deception of others (Jn 8:44; Ro 8:5-8; 12:1-2; 1Co 12:6-29; Ga 4:3-7; 2Th 2:3-12)
- When saved each person retains their sinful worldview, developed to justify self over all others, including God {Hero on one's own story} (Ro 1:17-28)
  - Hagiazo Process is the usually gradual, though occasionally abrupt growth, showing the falsity of one's worldview so one can see, and accept, God's true reality: Daniel an example of this maturation process changing his unintentional focus of power from Satan, World, **Flesh** {Sin} to Christ through the Spirit (Ro 8:18-27)

## Contrasting Hebrew Words – Strength: Power Source of Control

- | Power { דָּבָר; kōāh }  | Given Power { קָרָא; ḥāzaq }   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daniel drained of power {Flesh} when he saw Christ (Da 10:8)</li> <li>Daniel retained no power (Da 10:14)</li> <li>Daniel asked how angel could talk to him who was powerless (Da 10:17)</li> <li>Use of strength refers to his Flesh, source of human power, even Christians, hindering maturation (1Co 13:12)</li> <li>Daniel <i>experienced</i> his sinfulness contrasted with God's holiness (Is 6)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daniel touched and <i>given</i> power (Da 10:18)</li> <li>Daniel commanded to receive His power; repeated twice emphasis (Da 10:19)</li> <li>Daniel seized the power given him (Da 10:19)</li> <li>Daniel acknowledged the power came from Christ, not himself (Da 10:19)</li> <li>This power {strength} does <u>not</u> come from self: Father-Son-Spirit</li> </ul> |

## Source of Power: Determines Whose Control

### Satan-World-Flesh Power

- Hebrews warned reliance in self-power is sin: Self over God (De 8:17-20)
- God allows leaders {Pharaoh} to be deluded in self-power (Ex 14:4; Ro 9:17)
- God allows societies {Egypt-World} to be deluded in self-power (Ex 14:17; 2Th 2:3-12)
- Religion {Works} continues one's delusion of power {Job} (Job 1:4-5; 20:22; 23:6-35; 42:1-6)
- Sinful Man's heart loves his delusion of power, especially over God (Ps 64:5-6; Ez 22:14-16; Mat 3:13-15)

### Father-Son-Spirit Power

- Abel example of God blessing the Weak over the Powerful (Ge 4:1-8)
- Believer's power—God alone (Ps 27:11-14)
- Understanding comes not from man but only God's Son-Spirit (Job 32:8; He 1:1-2)
- God gives power to the weak who wait on Him, maturation (Is 40:29-31)
- God's Spirit gives clarity to see sin in self and world: Repent (Micah 3:8; Mat 3:16-18)
- God does not work via your power but via His Spirit (1Ki 19:9-13; 2e 4:6)

## Daniel Faithful to God: His Reward is Maturation {Wisdom}

- Daniel was not being punished or challenged; this is clear from the words of comfort spoken to him
  - The angel told him he was beloved with the first touch
  - The angel repeats this for emphasis with the third touch {Duality}
- Maturation is his reward
  - Hagiazo Process whereby one is made in Christ's image (Ga 2:20; Col 1:15-23)
  - Man and Woman created without sin in the Flesh; they were but a shadow of God's intended end for all who are saved (Ge 1:26-27; 2:7, 21-23; 1Co 1:29; 15:42-49)
  - Daniel being prepared to receiving his last vision after having been agitated by previous visions; he will realize that God can/will do what He has said (Hab 2:2-3)
  - This is the path: God's people live by faith out of God's Power {Spirit} (Hab 2:4; Ro 1:17)

## Christians Marked for Maturity: Many Prefer Immaturity

- Christians today wish only for *fire insurance*; content to learn a few verses to prove they are saved as they embrace power of world and Flesh
  - Writer of Hebrews lamented that his readers probably could not understand all he wanted to give them because of their chosen lack of maturity (He 5:11-14)
  - Jude was more dramatic advising mature Christians to help those who desire to remain in the World and embrace the Flesh: Saved but with the stench of Hell and whose *undergarments* are stained (fecal) from the Flesh (Jude 20-23)
  - There will be many who hear the Gospel, listen to the teachings but still succumb to the world's siren call; there is no other means of salvation except Christ crucified: What hope have they? (Mt 7:21-23; He 6:4-6)
  - Christ said it best: The foolish build on the World's sand {which is running out as in an hourglass} but the wise {weak in the eyes of the World} build on the Rock, Christ, who will never not exist: Have you entered His Rest? (Mt 7:24-27; 1Co 10:1-6; He 3:7-4:1)