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Daniel 8:27

“And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick for days’ afterward I arose and went about the king’s business. I was astonished by the vision, but no one understood it.” Daniel 8:27

As with most Scriptures the Holy Spirit, Who is the Author – can parse a verse in a variety of ways! The Lord may speak to an individual or to a nation all through the same verse. He may direct a verse to the contemporary of the human writer, yet speak a relevant and “now” word to our contemporaries – even to us – here two or three thousand years later! Yes, the Word of God is living! (Hebrews 4:12).

Our physical strength often may be directly related to our spiritual well being. “Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers.” (3 John 2). When sickness comes begin by first asking the question the Twelve asked of Jesus at the Last Supper. “Lord, is it me?” “Have I sinned; is there something I have done that is affecting my soul and spirit thus bringing an infirmity to my body?”

The prophet has witnessed what few mortals have ever seen – the perspective from Heaven of man’s reign upon the earth, his evil and the devilish power that drives man’s quest to dominate others; even to the attempted usurping of God’s rightful throne!

No wonder then he is faint, sick and troubled.¹ Spiritual conflict and struggle can produce sickness and disease. Hide in Christ! Draw near to God. Allow the Spirit and the Word to course over your heart and soul, your body and strength! As you abide in the Christ and in His Word, He will arise and throw that sickness and infirmity off. (John 15:7).

¹ Intercession often bears a physical toll upon the human body. The one engaged in such intercessions must learn to “cast their burden upon the Lord” (1 Peter 5:7) lest the weight become too much for the individual to handle. We must always stay near the Lord and allow Him to carry the weight of any spiritual endeavor. “My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” (Matthew 11:30)

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