



Daniel: A Man of Prayer

The Bible is full of stories of real people who lived through difficult times with a testimony. God wants us to learn from these heroes, about their character and faith.

Daniel was a man of prayer. We can learn from his model about how to live a life of prayer.

Can you grow in relationship with someone that you don't ever communicate with? How will you grow in your relationship with the Lord if you don't communicate with Him? When will you carve out space in your life to spend time with Him?

The following are wonderful verses to memorize.

Daniel 11: 32-33

32 By smooth words he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display strength and take action. 33 Those who have insight among the people will give understanding to the many; yet they will fall by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder for many days.

From these verses: The more you know God, the more you will display strength and take action in your life. Christ took action to save us and defeat Satan and the darkness. How well do you know God? God will make you stronger (display strength).

Where did Daniel's strength come from?

Sally gives an overview of Daniel's upbringing in the courts of Josiah. Spend some time reading about Josiah finding God's word in 2 Kings 22 and 23 and imagine Daniel growing up during these times.

Even in times of wickedness in our lives and culture, which are somewhat like those Daniel experienced in Babylon, we can trust that the Lord will allow us to see His goodness and faithfulness. What wickedness is weighing heavily on your heart? How can you trust in the Lord through these things?

Read I Thess. 5:17, Daniel 6:10, Hebrews 7:25 and Daniel 9.

Note what these verses say about prayer. How did Daniel behave? What did his prayer reveal about what He knew about the Lord?

God is compassionate to you. He **wants** to answer your prayer.

Read Daniel 10.

Daniel regularly prayed for himself and he also prayed for his people know that they had been unfaithful. People will always give us permission to compromise and step outside God's good laws. God has not changed in the boundaries that He has given us to live fruitfully. He has set them for our protection. Are we guilty of being proud or pharisaical? Are you willing to bear the burdens of another and pray for him/her?

If you are a light in your generation, you will have difficulties, just as Daniel did. Sometimes we won't see the answers to our prayers for a long time. There are battles in the heavenlies that we can't see or even understand. It may not look like God is answering your prayers, but He is working for righteousness. We get to be his representative. We work and wait and trust in God because He WILL be faithful to answer our prayers. What do you need to entrust to God knowing that you might not receive an answer for a long time?

Continue to read about Daniel's life and experience- he has much to teach us!
We pray that the Lord would help you display strength and take action.