



Series: Daniel, Living for God in a Pagan World

Passage: Daniel

Title: The Power of Prayer

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Discussion Starter – Is daily intimacy through prayer and bible study a significant practice in your life? In what different ways do you see the power of prayer demonstrated in Daniel’s life in this story?

Read Daniel 5:30-6:5

- 1) Who is Darius? In what way are these verses a partial fulfillment of Daniel Chapter 2?
- 2) How old is Daniel at this point in the text? How long has he been a captive in Babylon? What standards and practices had Daniel been continuing for these years? (Daniel 1:8 and Daniel 6:10)
- 3) How does Darius set up his new government? What is Daniel’s role? How is his performance?
- 4) How is he viewed by his fellow governors and satraps? What was the likely cause of their resentment of Daniel?
- 5) In what way could Daniel be described as the most free man in the entire kingdom? (even though he was still identified as a captive Jewish slave)

Read Daniel 6:6-10

- 6) What vulnerability does Darius have to the proposal of the satraps?
 - a) What vulnerabilities do you have that expose you to temptation to sin? How can you guard your heart from succumbing to temptation in these areas?
- 7) What is the invariable result of Darius taking the bait and participating in his self-promotion?
- 8) What were three essential elements of Daniel’s daily prayers are demonstrated as he continues his lifelong practice?
 - b) How have you recognized a foundation of prayer and bible study being built in your life over the time you have followed Jesus? What fruit has grown from that foundation?
- 9) What three benefits does Daniel gain from his daily practice of intimate time with God?

Read Daniel 10-18

- 10) When did Daniel gain the victory over the fear of the lion’s den?
 - c) What investment can you make today for victory over future trials?
- 11) How is Daniel’s humility revealed in his response to Darius in verse 21?
- 12) Daily and small life choices have long-term and big consequences. What are the different choices and consequences of Darius, the governors and satraps, and Daniel? Read Romans 8:35, 38-39
 - d) What steps can you make to pursue a more intimate relationship with God every day??