

LEVEL UP — UNLOCKED (Handout)

Prayer Is Access

Daniel 6:3-10

KEY THOUGHT

Prayer is not about information.

Prayer is about connection.

Prayer is God's invitation into relationship.

MAIN TEXT

Daniel 6:10 "When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house... He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously."

The level up isn't:

• Better prayer techniques • Longer prayer meetings • More prayer requests checked off

The Level Up Is: Moving from using prayer to get things from God... to using prayer to KNOW God.

POINT #1 Access Begins When Prayer Becomes Pursuit

Daniel's Example

- Prayer wasn't his tool—it was his treasure.
- Prayer wasn't his schedule—it was his identity.
- Prayer wasn't his duty—it was his relationship.

Prayer Must Mature

Transactional Prayer

- Give me - Help me - Bless me - Fix this - Change them

Relational Prayer

- Teach me - Lead me - Shape me - Reveal Yourself - Let me know You

The greatest level of prayer is when you stop pursuing what is in God's hand and start pursuing what is in God's heart.

Notes

POINT #2 Access Deepens When You Desire His Presence More Than His Provision

Exodus 33:15 "If Your presence does not go with us..."

Most people seek God for what He can provide.

Mature believers seek God for who He is.

Prayer Is:

- Learning to enjoy God - Learning to love Him
- Learning to know Him - Learning to desire Him
- Learning His character - Learning His heart

Spiritual maturity is when God's presence becomes more valuable than God's presents.

POINT #3 Access Transforms You Into What You Pursue

2 Corinthians 3:18 "We all... beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed..."

You become like what you consistently behold.

Prayer is not merely communication— **Prayer is Transformation.**

Philippians 3:10 *"That I may know Him..."*

Psalms 27:4 *"One thing have I asked of the Lord..."*

James 4:8 *"Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you."*

Prayer Is Where:

- His desires become our desires • His priorities become our priorities
- His burdens become our burdens • His heart becomes our heart

Prayer is not where I get God to think like me.

Prayer is where God teaches me to think like Him.

CLOSING CHALLENGE

If you want to level up in: • Ministry • Leadership • Marriage • Your Walk With Christ

- You need greater access.
- Not access to information.
- Not access to resources.
- Not access to opportunities.

ACCESS TO HIM.

The reward of prayer is not answered prayers.

The reward of prayer is GOD Himself.

This Week's Challenge

What is one specific way I will pursue God's heart this week?