

LEVEL UP – UNLOCKED PART 2 Handout
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Key Scripture: Daniel 6:10 – "...his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem... he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed... as he did aforetime."

PART 1 RECAP — Last week we learned:

- Prayer is not primarily about getting something from God—it is about gaining access to God.
- Jesus died not only to forgive our sins, but to restore access to the Father.
- The veil was torn. The door was opened. Access was granted.
- Prayer matures when it moves from transactional to relational.

Transactional Prayer: Help me, Bless me, Fix this, Change them.

Relational Prayer: Teach me, Lead me, Shape me, Reveal Yourself to me.

Daniel 6 Recap

1. Daniel Was Elevated

- "An excellent spirit was in him."

2. Daniel Was Opposed

- His enemies found no fault in him.

3. Daniel Was Tested

- Prayer became illegal.

4. Daniel Was Unmoved

- "As he had done previously."

Key Truth: Daniel wasn't protecting a prayer habit—he was protecting a relationship.

TODAY'S QUESTION— Now that the door is open, what do we do with that access?

1. ACCESS BEGINS WHEN PRAYER BECOMES PURSUIT

Daniel didn't pray because he was in trouble—**He prayed because God was his priority.**

Key Statement: 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

2. ACCESS DEEPENS WHEN YOU DESIRE HIS PRESENCE MORE THAN HIS PROVISION

When prayer becomes a routine request instead of a relational pursuit, intimacy begins to fade.

ATM Illustration

Some people don't want access to God—they **want access to benefits.**

They don't want the relationship—they **just want the withdrawal.**

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

Notes

3. ACCESS TRANSFORMS YOU INTO WHAT YOU PURSUE

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

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

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

Key Truth: You become like what you consistently behold.

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

Daniel's Example

- The decree was signed.
- The consequences were clear.
- The lions were waiting.
- Daniel still prayed.

Key Statement: Daniel didn't become courageous in the lions' den. He became courageous in the prayer closet.

Prayer Changes Us

Prayer is where:

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

Key Statement: Prayer is not where I get God to think like me. Prayer is where God teaches me to think like Him.

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4. ACCESS RELEASES CONFIDENCE IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE

Hebrews 4:16 "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace..."

The Open Window Principle

Daniel didn't open the window when the crisis came—**The window was already open.**

He wasn't seeking access—**He was living in access.**

Key Distinction: Saved people have access — People of prayer live in access.

Daniel's Pattern

Before the storm — Daniel prayed.

In the threat of the storm — Daniel prayed.

Through the storm — Daniel prayed.

After the storm — Daniel prayed.

Key Statement: Prayer wasn't a reaction. It was a relationship.

Fire Escape vs Front Door

Most Christians treat prayer like a fire escape.

Daniel treated prayer like a front door.

Fire Escape = Emergency Only vs. Front Door = Daily Access

1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Pray without ceasing."

John 15:4-5 "Abide in Me..."

Psalms 16:8 "I have set the Lord always before me..."

The Bigger Principle: Daniel's confidence wasn't created in the lions' den. It was revealed there.

Key Statement: The lions didn't create Daniel's confidence—they revealed it.

APPLICATION

Confidence is revealed when: ☐ The diagnosis comes back bad. ☐ Finances become tight.

☐ Relationships break. ☐ The answer is delayed. ☐ You still trust God.

Key Statement: The goal of prayer is not a life with fewer lions. The goal of prayer is greater access to the God who still shuts lions' mouths.

CLOSING CHALLENGE

Prayer wasn't where Daniel went when life got hard—**Prayer was where Daniel lived.**

I don't just want sermons about God—I want to know Him.

I don't just want ministry success—I want His presence.

I don't just want answers—I want access.

TAKEAWAYS

☐ Pursue God's Heart More Than His Hand ☐ Keep The Window Open

☐ Move From Routine To Relationship ☐ Live In Access Daily

☐ Seek His Presence Above His Provision

FINAL THOUGHT

The reward of prayer is not answered prayers—the reward of prayer is God Himself.

If you get His heart, you will have His hand.