



**Title:** Seek God Like Daniel: The Courage and Consistency to Seek

**Sermon Summary:** This sermon emphasizes the importance of being consistent seekers and worshipers of God, using Daniel as the primary example. The pastor challenges the congregation to move beyond convenience-based worship to develop genuine conviction that sustains them through trials. The message confronts Western culture's tendency toward compromise and conditional worship, calling believers to maintain their devotion to God regardless of circumstances. Through Daniel's example of praying three times daily even when threatened with death, the sermon illustrates that true seekers find God, and that consistent prayer and worship position believers for victory, protection, and elevation. The core message is that seekers are finders, and those who seek God with all their heart will discover Him faithful in every season.

**Key Points:**

- Seekers are finders - when you seek God, you will find Him (Jeremiah 29:13)
- Daniel purposed in his heart not to defile himself despite foreign culture and pressure to conform
- True worship is God-centered, not worshiper-centered or benefit-centered
- Conviction means choosing God even when it costs you; it means standing for righteousness when no one sees
- Western culture has access to abundance but often lacks genuine worship, unlike persecuted believers in other nations
- Daniel's diet of prayer, praise, and worship made him stronger than those who ate the king's meat
- Consistency in seeking God matters more than feelings or circumstances
- Daniel prayed three times daily "as he did aforetime" - before, during, and after trials
- Your public victory will always be the result of private consistency
- If you pray regularly, you won't panic easily
- The weapon may be formed, but it won't prosper when you're close to God
- Church hurt and disappointment from people should not stop our worship of God
- God is looking for ambassadors who can represent Him in foreign ground
- Conviction combined with consistency creates confidence that sustains through any trial

### **Scripture Reference:**

- Jeremiah 29:13 - "And ye shall seek me and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart"

- Daniel 1:8 - "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself"
- Daniel 1:9-17 - The account of Daniel refusing the king's meat and thriving on pulse and water
- Daniel 6:10 - Daniel praying three times daily with windows open despite the decree
- Daniel 6:23 - "No manner of hurt was found upon him because he believed in his God"
- Philippians 1:6 - "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ"
- Isaiah 54:17 - "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper"
- Psalm 23:4-5 - "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death... Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies"
- Psalm 34:1-3 - "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth"

### **Stories:**

- Daniel and the three Hebrew boys (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) refusing to eat the king's meat and thriving on vegetables and water instead
- Daniel being thrown into the lion's den for continuing to pray despite King Darius's decree, and God shutting the lions' mouths
- King Darius praying to Daniel's God and asking if God saved him from the lions
- The pastor's personal story about wearing wide-leg jeans with Fat Albert prints and shell-toe shoes in high school, thinking it was fashionable, only to look back and realize how ridiculous it looked - illustrating how fads come and go but God remains constant
- Reference to believers in other countries who hide Bibles in basements and risk imprisonment to worship God, contrasting with Western believers who have abundance but often lack genuine worship

- The conspiracy against Daniel by jealous officials who plotted to trap him through his prayer life