

Desperate Prayers in Dangerous Time

The Prayers of Daniel

Prayer 2: Darius' Dilemma Daniel 6:10-12

Introduction

In Daniel chapter six, over sixty years passed since Daniel experienced God's miraculous deliverance surrounding Nebuchadnezzar's vision. Throughout that time, Daniel's character remained godly despite the difficult situations he encountered.

Today as we look at the second prayer of Daniel, we once again see Daniel in need of deliverance from a life-and-death situation. This prayer speaks resoundingly of Daniel's character, God's faithfulness, and the need for prayer in our lives.

There are four points about constant communication to take away from this text.

Cultivates Character

Constant communication with the Father cultivates consistent character in our lives.

Daniel experienced a closeness with God in prayer that created godliness in His life. Everyone around him witnessed the fruit of Daniel's closeness to God.

The more time you spend with God, the more you will be like Him.

Remains Unwavering

A consistent character cultivated in prayer remains the same regardless of our situations and environment.

No matter how life was going, Daniel's character remained the same.

Welcomes Nearness

A consistent character cultivated in prayer welcomes the nearness of God's presence in our lives.

With so much focus on Daniel being spared from death by the mouths of hungry lions, one crucial detail is often overlooked: the presence of an angel.

God sent an angel to protect Daniel by shutting the lion's mouths. Keeping Daniel company was another purpose of the angel. Even in what could easily have been the scariest time in Daniel's life, he was not alone.

Impacts Others

A consistent character cultivated in prayer impacts others.

Specifically, our lives will be used by God to prevent destruction and to promote the God of heaven.

There is a lot that is riding on the consistency of our character. Remember: You have the capacity, through the Holy Spirit, to contain the character of God.

Conclusion

The concluding verse of this story shows Daniel continuing to prosper even after all he endured. Though the enemy tried to destroy him and damage his character, Daniel remained faithful.

May you allow a godly character to be built in your life through prayer. As you do, you will prosper in life and a vibrant relationship with God.