

WCBC ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE - JULY 14, 2019

TOPIC: TWELVE OT PRAYERS THAT CONNECT

Sermon 11: *A Prayer For Deliverance!*

TEXT: Daniel 6:3-11

INTRO: Who Is Daniel?

CHARACTERISTICS OF DANIEL'S PRAYER:

I. IT REFLECTS GOD'S MANDATE ON ANSWERED PRAYER: v.10a

Note: Daniel must have heard of King Solomon's prayer of dedication of the temple he had built for God, and followed its command! - II Chron. 6:36-39

1. To pray facing Jerusalem - v.38
2. To ask for God's forgiveness first before one's prayer could be answered -vv.38-39 cf. Matt. 6:14-15

II. IT REFLECTS FREQUENCY IN PRAYER: v.10b

Note: Like King David in Psalm 55:17, Daniel prayed three times for God's deliverance!

1. It should be done habitually!

III. IT REFLECTS A THANKFUL HEART: v.10b

Note: Here, in spite of the imminent threat of death on Daniel's life, he still thanks and praises God!

1. Continual - v.10b ("*just as he had done before*")
2. Continual and "*in ALL circumstances*" - v.10b cf. I Thessalonians 5:17-18

IV. IT REFLECTS FULL DEPENDENCE ON GOD FOR HELP: v.11 cf. v.23

1. Against King Darius' decree -vv.8-9 cf. 1:5-16
 - Beer vs. Root Beer!
2. Against his false accusers - vv.1-15 cf. John 19:1-13
3. Against sure death! - vv.7-24 cf. Prov. 1:8
 - Persian Law On Criminals' Punishment!
 - The Boxer Rebellion!

CONCLUSION: Secret of Daniel's Great Prayer Life!

Forty Martyrs for Christ!

They are known as the forty martyrs of Sebaste. In the famed Twelfth Legion of Rome's Imperial Army, there were forty soldiers who professed their faith in Jesus Christ. One day, their captain informed them that Emperor Licinius had sent out an edict commanding all soldiers to offer a sacrifice to pagan gods. These Christian warriors said, "You can have our armor and even our bodies, but our hearts' allegiance belongs to Jesus Christ!"

Because of their stance, they were marched onto a frozen lake in the midwinter of A.D. 320, and stripped of their clothes. At any time, they could renounce Christ and be spared from death. Instead, they huddled close together, and sang their song of victory, "*Forty Martyrs for Christ.*" That freezing night saw thirty nine men fall to their icy graves. When there was but one left, he stumbled to the shore and renounced Christ. As the officer in charge of guarding these men listened to their singing, he had secretly come to believe in Christ. He immediately replaced the man who had renounced Jesus, and he walked out onto the ice. He threw off his clothes, and confessed his faith in Christ. At sunrise, the Roman soldiers found forty men who gave their all for the cause of Christ! - Alan Carr

Verse For Today

"These men...found Daniel praying and asking God for help!" - Daniel 6:11

Food For Thought

"Let us learn the lesson that the finest of God's servants must maintain regular and fixed prayer habits in order to continue to the Lord!" - Strauss

