

"Persistent Prayer"

Book of Daniel

Background:

- A. Daniel was about _____ when he was kidnapped in 605 B.C. from his noble family in Judah and deported to Babylon _____ miles away. He along with other promising young people were to be trained (_____) into the Babylonian culture in order to help _____ the thousands of other Jewish captives. There were two other waves of deportations. (_____ B.C. and _____ B.C.)
- B. Because of his strong faith and sterling character (in the midst of a _____ culture) Daniel was consistently _____ to places of governmental service. He served as a counselor and prophet to _____, in two _____.
- C. _____, Himself, confirmed Daniel as the _____ of the book.
- Mt. 24:15

1. The truth is that _____ people pray. When everything is going well we tend to get _____ in our relationship with GOD.
- A. Pressure, Need, and Pain _____ to GOD. Don't waste them.
- B. Are you desperate? Do you want to see your _____ walk with GOD? Do you want to see a _____?
- C. Do you need a _____? Then seek the Face of GOD persistently.
2. A determination to seek and obey GOD attracts _____.
- A. The Medes and the Persians conquered Babylon on _____. The new ruler, _____ elevated Daniel to prominence. Some of the governors of the Empire became _____, and plotted his downfall. **6:1-5** Daniel was in his _____.
1. They persuaded King Darius to sign the order that stated, "whoever makes _____ to any god or man for _____, except to you, O King, shall be cast into the den of lions." **6:6-7**
2. Knowing the edict had been signed, Daniel went _____, knelt in front of his _____ windows, and continued to pray _____ times a day, as was his _____. **6:10** He _____ more than he feared the lions. Once arrested, Daniel had no _____ that he would live through the night. **6:16-18**
- B. To illustrate what religious persecution looks like, Daniel was not:
1. Intruding on anyone else's right to worship _____ they chose.
2. Compelling pagans to believe in _____.

3. Even praying in a _____, but at home.
3. A little later the same year Daniel was _____ to read in the scrolls of Jeremiah's writings (Jer. 25:11-2) that the prophesied exile of _____ was close to ending. Daniel then interceded for GOD's _____ on behalf of Israel. **9:1-3**
- A. Daniel well knew that _____ before GOD, precedes getting _____ from GOD.
- B. Prayer is not just about saying the _____. True prayer is having the _____.
- C. Repentance is about _____ your Sin, and _____ from your Sin. Proverbs 28:13 **9:4-19**
4. Two years later, Daniel was moved to give _____ to seek GOD, to _____ for the ravaged land and people of Israel, to _____ from food, and to intercede for GOD's miraculous help. **Daniel 10**
- A. He persistently interceded ... and yet with _____.
- B. Evidently an evil spirit, perhaps _____ himself, was trying hard to redirect the national _____ of the Persian Empire against the People of GOD. Ephesians 6:12
- C. This also meant that this demonic prince was attempting _____ the revelation that Daniel was meant to receive. The Devil tries to _____ everything that GOD wants to do. John 10:10
- D. Prayer is what pushes _____ back, and brings release and Freedom. (BIG LESSON) Daniel persisted in prayer, and the _____ came. **10:11-13** Prayer carries the Day !!!
5. At Church of the Savior we are building a _____, that transforms our City, and reaches the Nations of the Earth.

Are you desperate? This is THE TIME of Opportunity!!