



O Holy Night

Thou Shalt Call His Name

Jesus

Matthew 1:21

Great Swamp Baptist Church

December 12, 2021

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call To Worship

Hymn # 89 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Invocation

Keith Gamo

Selections of Praise & Worship

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Worship by Giving

Special Music

Mel Toland

"Remember Jesus"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



Sunday Mornings

Following

The Song Service

Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley/Gideon Mobley/Emily Johnson



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today:

Keith Gamo: 843-986-8525

Next Week:

Freddie Malphrus: 843-726-3905



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



Daniel's Faults

(Daniel 6:1-28)

Intro: Our Scripture text today is one of the most familiar stories in the Bible. Not only is it familiar to Believers but non-believers as well. It is the story of Daniel in the lion's den, and the portion of the story that most are familiar with is the part where Daniel is thrown to the lions.

However, today I don't want to focus upon that part of the story. Rather, I want to focus upon what led to Daniel's conviction and sentence in which he was cast into the lion's den.

Now, it was the enemies of Daniel that caused him to be cast to the lions. These enemies were his fellow government workers with whom he worked and served together with. They, however, despised him apparently out of jealousy because he had moved through the ranks much quicker than they and now ruled over them.

Another reason why they may have and most likely did despise him was because he didn't worship or pay credence to the false gods and idols which they served, and I am sure that they probably had many.

So, in their book they had to find some kind of fault in Daniel which they could take to the king and have him ousted out one way or another, preferably by death.

After they could find no fault, which they could charge him in his government position, they decided to try and find some fault in his walk with God. So they managed to get the king to pass a law so that they could find fault in Daniel's faith.

With this message I want us to examine what the enemies of Daniel considered to be his faults. Now, understand that what his enemies considered faults, we should consider blessings and benefits. Our prayer should be that these faults are also our faults. So my message is simply titled, "Daniel's Faults."

I. The first fault of Daniel according to his enemies was his performance. (vs. 1-5).

The performance I am referring to is his work ethics. Daniel, according to these verses had, "exceptional qualities," (vs.3). Referring to his qualities at work. He was trustworthy, not corrupt, nor negligent. (vs. 4).

Now, actually these weren't faults that they could bring charges against him with. As a matter of fact, these good qualities were the reason why he was promoted while they weren't.

However, what we consider here to be good qualities, they really didn't consider to be good in their estimation because it didn't benefit them. Therefore, to them, they were more like faults.

So, our prayer should be that as we do business out in the world, whether it is at work or purchasing things, or just being out in the public in general, that we be accused of having good qualities about us that are pleasing to God. By the way, it takes a personal relationship with the Lord to be able to display in life these kind of exceptional qualities.

II. The second fault of Daniel according to his enemies was his Potentate, (vs. 6-10).

Now, Daniel's enemies persuaded the king to pass a law that for thirty days no one in the kingdom could bow down to or pray to or honor other than the king himself. The reason why they wanted this law was because they knew Daniel was loyal to no one but God. The Lord alone was his Potentate and they knew that he would bow down only to the Lord and that is exactly what he did. He did it immediately after he received the news that the law had been passed, and he did it regardless of the price to be paid.

Daniel was will aware of God's expectations for him to bow down to no other god, nor to worship, pray or seek them. The commandments tell us that God is a jealous God, and will not tolerate His honor going anywhere else. Daniel knew that these was a greater price to pay if he chose to honor the king or any other false god over the one true and living God. Besides, why choose to go against Him who had already miraculously blessed his life in so many ways.

So, the question needs to be asked of us, does the world accuse of us being absolutely dedicated and loyal to no one but the Lord Himself or do we send a message that we are dedicated to our Lord as long as that dedication doesn't create any hardships on our lives?

May we all be accused of being sold out to Jesus.

II. The third fault of Daniel according to his enemies was his praying. (vs. 10-13).

The law which Daniel's enemies had gotten the king to pass not only placed the king above God but also stated that you couldn't pray or seek God.

Now, the point I want to make here is that Daniel not only believed in God, but Daniel also had a personal relationship with God. He expressed that personal relationship with God through his daily prayer time with God. Besides, why would Daniel want to pray to anyone else other than God? For it hadn't been the king that had protected Daniel all the many years he had lived since he was a young man when his home of Jerusalem was conquered. It also wasn't the king who had given him the wisdom and strength to go before this king and many times before him and interpret their dreams which no one else could and do it even when the interpretation went against the king. Finally, it also wasn't the king that he would eventually answer to.

Therefore, in light of all of those things, Daniel went immediately home, fell on his knees and prayed to God knowing that his prayers weren't falling on deaf ears, but were being heard by Almighty God who alone could truly answer his prayers.

Now, when Daniel prayed, we are told he did two things in his prayer. First, he gave thanks to God for who He is and for all He had done and would do. Next, he sought help from God for all that he needed to do and for all he would have to face in the future.

So, what our enemies accuse us of are being prayer warriors? Would they know that our help was in no other place than the Lord? May we be accused like Daniel that we are not a praying group of people.

IV. The fourth fault of Daniel according to his enemies was his persistence. (vs. 10, 13).

We are told in one of the verses that when Daniel went back to his house to pray that what he was doing was just as he always had. Also, his enemies when they went back to the king to report to him that Daniel was praying to God and not him, that he was still praying. They were indicating that he was doing what he had always done.

Daniel was a man of prayer through thick or thin, or even with the threat of persecution and death. For Daniel knew that when he prayed, it was not in vain because he was being heard by God Almighty.

However, if he did as his enemies desired and prayed to the king he would have only been praying to a man and that would have been of no eternal value. So, he persistently continued seeking God who was worthy of praise and capable of giving him eternal value and help.

Now the question is would our enemies or anyone, as far as that goes, be able to accuse us of being persistent in our prayers; our faith; and our walk with God? So, let us pray that we like Daniel will be persistent Believers regardless of the price we may have to pay.

Concl. So, since it is the Christmas season, how does this message fit in with the season? To answer that question we will begin with Pilate's assessment of Jesus after he questioned Him. His assessment was that there was no fault in Jesus. So, right before He is crucified, He is found to be faultless.

We need to ask the question, was He faultless before Pilate's assessment? The answer is a great big absolutely, Yes. Before Jesus came to earth, the Son of God dwelt in eternal perfection free of sin.

Next, Jesus comes to earth and takes upon Himself human flesh. Now, we know that according to the Word of God that we all are born sinners and are therefore all filled with faults. Reference (Rom. 5:12-19). So, what about Jesus? Since he took human flesh was He born a sinner?

Well unlike everyone else, Jesus was born faultless because He was born without sin. The reason He was born without sin was because He was born of a virgin. Mary is the only virgin to give birth to a child without an earthly father.

Therefore, since it is through man, beginning with Adam that sin is passed down, and no earthly father was involved with His conception or birth, then sin did not enter into His human nature.

Finally, He not only was faultless tight before His crucifixion and at conception and birth, but He was faultless in His life. The writer of Hebrews tells us that He was tempted in every way, just like all of us, yet He was without sin. (Heb. 4:15)

Jesus never had any fault whatsoever in His life. Well not until His crucifixion. Up to that point, Jesus was totally and completely without sin and thus without fault.

However, at the cross Jesus took our sins and thus took upon Himself all of our faults. He also took the consequences of our sins and faults. So, that He could cause us to stand before the Father sinless and faultless. When we stand before our Heavenly Father, like Pilate, who declared Jesus faultless, our Heavenly Father will declare us faultless because of the actions of Jesus our Lord and Savior who paid the debt of sin for us with His own blood.

“Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to His own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.” (Is. 53:4-6). Paul, said it this way, “god made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” (2Cor. 5:21)

Daniel was faultless of the things he was accused of but because he was born a sinner, he had faults. But may we seek to be accused of the things he was accused of.

However, let us get down on our knees and give praise to Jesus our Lord that He who was sinless and faultless became sin for us.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.

Operation Christmas Child

Corrected number of shoeboxes scanned:

107

Total Amount \$ 963.00



NO Breakfast
Sunday, December 26th

NO Wednesday Supper
Wednesday, December 22nd
Wednesday, December 29th



Wednesday Night Supper

Menu

To Be Announced

*\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of
4 or more.*



Sunday School Classes

@

9:15am

CAMO CLASS *Room 406* **Leader– Bobby Smith**
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GLEANERS CLASS *Room 401* **Leader-Darlene Bollack**
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VISIONARIES CLASS *Building 3, Old Social Hall*
Leader-
.....

SOJOURNERS CLASS *Room 417* **Leader-Mack Pope**
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YOUTH *Youth Annex* **Leader-Faye Lowther**

Wednesday Night Services

@ 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICE *Multi-Purpose Building*
Leader-Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

YOUTH GROUP *Youth Annex*
Leader-Michelle Waitt

R.A.'S (Royal Ambassadors) *Room 417*
Leader-Pat Mason

G.A.'S (GIRLS IN ACTION) *Room 415*
Leader-Carol Davis/Diane Thames



Annual Chinese Christmas Party

Monday, December 13th

11:00 am

Bring Gift for exchange

(\$5-\$10 range)

Bring Lottie Moon Offering

Bring your favorite Christmas Lunch Food

All women of the church are invited.



Christmas Card Mailbox

Is now open in the Foyer

The G.A.'s & Youth Sunday School Class will be delivering your in-house

Christmas Cards for 25-cents each.

The proceeds will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.



WREATHS
— *across* —
AMERICA



**Wreaths Across America 2021
Program**

*Sunday, December 19th
Following Morning Worship Services*



Deacon's Meeting
Monday, December 13th
7 pm



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>12th</i>	<i>Nadine Smoak</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>Corinna Malphrus</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>15th</i>	<i>Greg Mauriocourt</i>
		<i>Henry Bradley</i>



*A gift of \$20.00 has been given to Step of Faith Christian Academy
In Memory of
Thomas Tyler, Sr.
By The Bradley Family*

**LOTTIE
MOON**
CHRISTMAS OFFERING
*Providing financial support to missionaries
as they share the gospel overseas.*
GSBC 2021 Goal:

\$3,000.00

Quiver Full Foster Closet

TOY DRIVE

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

RIDGELAND:

Simply Carolina Kids
Step of Faith Christian Academy
Great Swamp Baptist
Dunamis Karate

BLUFFTON:

Howell-Chase Heating & Air
Conditioning

HAMPTON:

Dunamis Karate

Drop off Dates:
Nov 5th - Dec 17th



Quiver Full Foster Closet is hosting a Christmas gift drive for local foster, adoptive, kinship and reunified families this holiday season. We are accepting new unwrapped toys (ages 6 months and up) as well as gift cards for our teens. Many of these children will enter care during and after the holiday season and after the cutoff dates for other gift registries. It is our mission to help provide these children with a sense of love and excitement this holiday season.

For More Info: (843) 812-3509 or (843) 812-0223
Quiver Full Foster Closet on Facebook

GSBC Prayer Page

*Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Richard Waitt- Music Director
Deacons*

Leadership
*President / Vice President of the
United States of America*

Hospitals

Surgery / Recovery

*Skylar Saygen
Michelle Rooks
Judy Rogers
Louise McAlhaney
Chance Tracey
Ralph Lee, Jr.
Sherri Scott
Emma Scott*

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC
Wilma Jean McGill-RNC
Bobby Mohn-Indigo Pines HHI
Byron Vaigneur-Assist.
Dot Nettles-RNC*

Please Continue To Remember

Homebound

<i>Shirley Malphrus</i>	<i>Dot Nettles</i>
<i>Rose Boyles</i>	<i>Tom Hinely</i>
<i>Judy Smith</i>	<i>Scott Boyles</i>
<i>Vera Floyd</i>	<i>Ann Blocker</i>
<i>Barbara Mills</i>	<i>Kenneth & Doby Cleland</i>
<i>Alice & Gary Way</i>	<i>Redden & Gloria Tuten</i>
<i>Kenny Smith</i>	<i>Lucille & Ron Degler</i>
<i>Carol Bradham</i>	<i>Red & Helen Malphrus</i>
<i>Diane Hannah</i>	

Church Needs

*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries*

Unspoken

*Jessica Cleland
Steve Crosby
Heather Betz
Randy Bethune
Jason Holt*

Cancer / Treatments

*Douglas Denegel
Becky Goretzka
Gail Sims
Skip Brooks
Regina Bouye
Kaiaya Alston
Wesley Ethridge
Raj's Mother*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement

*Family of
Jay Dalton
Thomas Tyler, Sr.
Grace Boyles*

Other Health Needs

*Lloyd Way
Loony Jones
(Jeffrey Stanley's Grandfather)
Tracey Lake
Keith Gamo
Pinky Rushing
Phyllis Sutler
Sara Davis
Bob Cramer
Shelby Green
Karen Phillipi
Bertha Kinard
Ron & Marie Malphrus
Kenny Hay
Lee Martin
Alexus Busby
Natalyn Mann
Mary Kay
David Raines
Ellen Nettles
Jess & Tabby Arzillo
Charlee Carter
Donna Roberts
Jennifer Pitts Key
Ernest Blount
Stephen Roberts
Donna Carter*

Pray For Our Military

*Sgt. Jared Blanton-Deployed
Matthew Mills-US Marines
Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force
Washington, D.C.
Michael Sottile - Ret.
Tristan Blanton-San Diego/ SWCC
Andrea C. Daring-Coast Guard Basic Training*

Church Staff

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Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 4,818.00	\$ 4,982.47	-\$ 164.47
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Wreaths Across America</i>	\$ 110.00	*****	\$ 341.03
<i>Senior Trip (2022)</i>	\$ 100.00	*****	\$ 1,298.72
<i>Gleaners Sunday School Class</i>	\$ 69.00	*****	\$ 652.66
<i>Lottie Moon Offering</i>	\$ 520.00	*****	\$ 562.50
<i>SFCA Memorial</i>	\$ 20.00	*****	\$ 20.00
<i>Church Repairs</i>	\$ 85.00	*****	\$ 2,665.65
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	\$ 33.68	*****	\$ 219.00

Additional Help Needed

For

Wednesday Night's

GA's & RA's

We would like to expand to include Mission Friends.

Youth or Adults are encouraged to inquire.

See Kim Malphrus or Diane Thames.



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Sunday School.....9:15AM
Morning Worship.....10:30AM
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM

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