

For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and
not to harm you, plans to give you hope and
a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

Great Swamp Baptist Church
March 20, 2022

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Call To Worship

Hymn # 335 “Standing on the Promises of God”

Invocation

Mack Pope

Selections of Praise & Worship

“Faith Above Fear”

Olivia Stanley

“Blessed Be Your Name”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Worship by Giving

Special Music

Courtney Williams

“Your Great Name”

Message

Bro. Eddie Malphrus

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



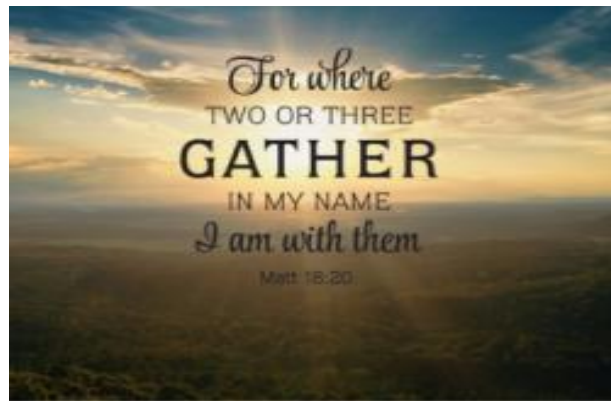
Sunday Mornings

Following

The Song Service

Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley/Gideon Mobley/Amelia Johnson



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today:

Mack Pope: 843-540-6636

Next Week:

Keith Gamo: 843-986-8525



*From
Pastor*



Daniel and His Bible

(Daniel 9:1-3)

Intro: This chapter is broken up into two sections. The first section is the longest of the chapter. It is a confessional prayer that Daniel offers up on behalf of the nation of Israel. The second section Daniel receives from the Lord is his third prophetic vision. Many prophetic scholars believe that this may be the most valuable prophecy in the entire Bible.

However, before Daniel offers up his confessional prayer on behalf of the nation and before he receives his third prophetic vision, he dives into God's Holy Word. He spends some time studying the Book of Jeremiah and he is greatly moved by what he finds.

This action of Daniel in this chapter is much like two other chapter nines in the Old Testament. Both Ezra and Nehemiah chapter nine have a long confessional prayer but in both chapters men of God first read God's Holy Word they prayed. So clearly the Bible seems to be laying out a pattern for praying and hearing a word from our Lord which is to first spend time in the Bible just like Ezra, Nehemiah and Daniel. So, before we dive into Daniel's confessional prayer and examine his third prophetic vision, I want us to first look at what I am simply calling Daniel and his Bible.

Now, suppose it said your name and your Bible would it say the same thing about you and your Bible as it does about Daniel and his Bible? Well, let us find out by examining Daniel and his Bible.

I. First, as we consider Daniel and his Bible let us notice that Daniel placed priority in the Word of the Lord.

Now, there are a couple of reasons why we can take note that Daniel puts priority in the reading and studying of the Bible over basically everything else he does, and the first reason is obvious which is before he did anything else in this chapter he is reading the Word of the Lord.

Now the second reason has to do with the previous two prophetic visions that Daniel receives and really it would also apply to the other visions Daniel receives following and that is that Daniel doesn't go looking for these prophetic visions but rather they come to him at times and ways that he wasn't necessarily expecting to receive them. Sometimes he was merely sleeping, or it would simply say he received a vision.

Rather, instead of sitting around and waiting for a vision or voice or message from God, he dived into God's Holy Word which in turn prepared him to be able to better receive a vision or message from God. In other words, he understood that by going to the Bible he was indeed going to get a word from the Lord.

So, because of his priority he placed in the Bible, he became much more sensitive to God being able to give him visions and more able to understand those visions.

Daniel understood what David said about the value of the Word of God and why it should be a priority in our lives. David said of God's Holy Word, "More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping them there is great reward." (Pr. 19:10-11) KJV. May, like Daniel and David, we desire them more than any other treasure there is.

II. Second, as we consider Daniel and his Bible let us notice that Daniel provides the procedure for the Word of the Lord.

As you read these first few verses, you become keenly aware of the fact that Daniel believes wholeheartedly in the Divine inspiration of God's Word. The reason why I say that is because in these verses he lays out for us the means and procedure by which the Bible came to be. So let us take a look at that.

Here is what Daniel said, "I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the Word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet..." (vs. 2). So, Daniel tells us that the Scriptures or the Bible is the Word of the Lord given to the prophets. So, what Daniel is saying is that the message of the prophets is the Word of the Lord. In other words, they got their messages from the Lord. Thus their words were Divinely inspired.

Now, this completely correlates with the teaching of the New Testament on the Divine inspiration of God's Word. Paula tells us directly that the Bible is Divinely inspired. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God..." (II Tim. 3:16)KJV. The word inspiration means "God breathed" as the NIV translates it. God breathed into their hearts and minds the very words He wanted them to use and the Apostle Peter gives it in even more detail. "And we have the Word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, by men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." (II Pet. 1:19-21). It is no wonder why Daniel made his Bible a priority because beyond all doubt it is God's Holy Word. So if you want to know what God is saying, well He has already said it and it is found in the pages of God's Word.

III. Third, as we consider Daniel and his Bible let us notice that Daniel positively prospered from the Word of the Lord.

So what I mean is that by reading and studying his Bible, Daniel was enlightened, enriched, and educated from the pages of God's Word. We know that because he tells us that from his study of Jeremiah the prophet, he received some understanding. He understood something that was vital to what God was about to do with the nation of Israel. Some translations use the word learn. So from the Word of God, Daniel was able to learn and understand things that God was teaching.

God's Holy Word is our source of all the truths, teachings and doctrines that God wants us to know. We don't need to turn anywhere else for our understanding, or any other so-called sacred book because the Bible is the only God-inspired book. We can look back to the writings of the Apostle Paul so that from the pages of God's Word, we will be richly blessed. "But as for you continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you have learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy

Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for Salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good works.” (II Tim. 3:14-17). So let us seek the pages of God’s Word that we might grow by it.

IV. Fourth, as we consider Daniel and his Bible let us notice that Daniel perceived the particulars in the Word of the Lord.

Now, we could have made this point a part of the previous point. However, I wanted to make it it’s own point for the point of emphasizing that the Bible is often very specific and particular about some topics. Daniel discovered something very specific, particular and detailed in Jeremiah’s writings when he discovered that God showed Jeremiah that the nation of Israel would only be in captivity for seventy years before God would allow them to return and for Daniel this detail was critically important because that seventy years was practically up.

So from this we learn that we need to study the Word of God to see the literal details of events that God had and will carry out. This will really play our when we come to the prophetic part of this chapter and discover some specific prophecies about timing of our past and future.

So don’t count God’s Word out as only giving general information. No you can bank on it for much of the literal and detailed things God has and will do. Amen.

V. Fifth, as we consider Daniel and his Bible let us notice that Daniel was prompted to pray because of the Word of the Lord.

Verse three tells us that because of what he read in Jeremiah, he had to stop and move into a very deep and serious time of praying. Since he discovered that God had determined seventy years would pass by before the nation could return to Israel and that seventy years was practically there, then he knew he needed to pray that his nation would be ready to return. That they would be forgiven of their sinfulness and rebellion and that nothing would delay their ability to return.

Now, as we study the Word of God, it will reveal many things that we will immediately realize those are things that we need to pray for ourselves and others. The great Baptist preacher Pastor Charles Spurgeon said, “Oh! That you studied your Bibles more! OH! That we all did! How we could plead the promises! How often we could prevail with God when we could hold on to His Word, and say fulfill this word unto thy servant, whereon thou hast caused me to hope. Oh! It is grand praying when our mouth is full of God’s Word, for there is no word that can prevail with Him like His own.”

Concl. So, can we answer that question I asked at the start that if it said you or me and our Bible would we be able to answer that we see and use our Bible in the same manner that Daniel did with his Bible?

*Jesus Loves You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Bro. Eddie Malphrus

Sunday, March 20th
AM Service



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Today thru Easter Sunday

Mark # 011 on Envelopes for Donations

Prayer Guides on Bulletin Board Wall



**Movie Night
Wednesday,
March 30th**

Concessions:
6:00 pm
Movie: 7:00 pm
Popcorn & Tea
provided
Please
Bring
finger foods
to share

**Due to
Movie Night
There will be
NO regular
Wednesday Night
Supper**



*“Uniquely You...
Created for His Glory!”*

WMU Spring Event

April 23rd, 2022

9:00am til 2:00pm

Coosawhatchie Baptist Church

3853 Morgandollar Road

Coosawhatchie, SC 29912

Please RSVP to attend as space is limited

Bethie59@protonmail.com

Call or Text 832-334-2563



Wednesday Night Supper

Menu

To Be Announced

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



<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>22nd</i>	<i>Jane Himes</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>23rd</i>	<i>Wayne Cooler</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>Judy Smith</i>
		<i>Sam Mock</i>
		<i>Myra Malphrus</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>26th</i>	<i>Judy Roberts</i>

GSBC Prayer Page

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

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

Church Needs
*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement
Family of

Unspoken

Hospitals

Surgery / Recovery

*Skylar Saygen
Michelle Rooks
Judy Rogers
Louise McAlhaney
Chance Tracey
Charlee Carter
Ralph Lee, Jr.
Barbara Solley*

Nursing Centers

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

Cancer / Treatments

*Becky Goretzka
Gail Sims
Skip Brooks
Regina Bouye
Kaiaya Alston
Wesley Ethridge
Ralph Lee, Jr.
Denita Linton
David Linton*

Other Health Needs

*Loony Jones
(Jeffrey Stanley's Grandfather)
Tracey Lake
Pinky Rushing
Sara Davis
Bob Cramer
Karen Phillipi
Bertha Kinard
Marie Malphrus
Kenny Hay
Mary Kay
David Raines
Ellen Nettles
Donna Roberts
Jennifer Pitts Key
Ernest Blount
Stephen Roberts*

Please Continue To Remember

Homebound

*Shirley Malphrus
Rose Boyles
Judy Smith
Vera Floyd
Barbara Mills
Alice & Gary Way
Kenny Smith
Carol Bradham
Diane Hannah*

*Tom Hinely
Scott Boyles
Ann Blocker
Kenneth & Doby Cleland
Gloria Tuten
Lucille & Ron Degler
Red & Helen Malphrus
Shelby Green*

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-Petaluma, California*

Church Staff

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Finance Director: Timmy Sauls.....*greatswampbc@gmail.com*

Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 3,387.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 1,495.47
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 100.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$ 20.00	*****	\$ 45.00
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$ 105.00	*****	\$ 299.93
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	\$ 214.00	*****	\$ 454.41
<i>Office</i>	\$ 100.00	*****	\$ 100.00
<i>Stage</i>	\$ 340.00	*****	\$ 340.00

March



This month we are collecting the items below
and monetary donations are welcome.
The number of boxes this year is 1,200.

Please donate.
Stuffed Animals
Barbies
Match Box Cars
Jump Ropes
Miscellaneous Small Toys



Great Swamp Baptist Church
9009 Tarboro Rd.
PO Box 446
Ridgeland, SC 29936

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

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