



Great Swamp Baptist Church

May 22, 2022



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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Call To Worship

Hymn # 4 "To God Be The Glory"

Invocation

Fred Stanley

Selections of Praise & Worship

"Alive Forever, Amen"

"Mighty to Save"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

"Graves Into Gardens"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction Prayer



*We would like to extend a special thank to everyone who helped
with all the work during all of our Graduation Events.*

May God Bless each of you.

CDMC

Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



Sunday Mornings

Following

The Song Service

Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley/Mason Losgar/Amelia Johnson



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today:

Fred Stanley: 843-226-1963

Next Week:

Mack Pope: 843-540-6636



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



The Answer to Daniel's Prayer *(Dan. 9:20-27)*

Intro: In a previous message, we looked at the fact that Daniel was reminded from the Book of Jeremiah that Israel would get to return home after 70 years of captivity. When he got the reminder 70 years of captivity was almost up, this then drove him to his knees to pray for the nation that nothing they have done would prevent this return from taking place. So, he confessed the sins of the nation in his prayer hoping that God would forgive them and keep His promise for the nation to return.

Well, indeed God heard Daniel's prayer and sent His angel, Gabriel, to give Daniel the answer to his prayer. And boy did God give him an answer. It was far more of an answer than what Daniel was anticipating. It covered his concerns about the near future of the nation but then went far beyond to a future that is still yet to take place.

*With this message, I want us to start the journey of examining the amazing and accurate answer that God gave to the prophet Daniel. So, my message is simply called, *The Answer to Daniel's Prayer*.*

I. First, let us notice that the answer to Daniel's prayer was providential. (vs. 21-23).

The angel, Gabriel, brought Daniel the answer to Daniel's prayer but the answer did not originate with him. Gabriel was the messenger boy, so to speak. He simply delivered the message that had been given to him, and of course, we all know who it was that gave him the message. It was God Almighty Himself. It was to God that Daniel prayed and it was God who gave the answer.

However, in most cases, God doesn't answer prayers in such an obvious way as He did with Daniel. Instead of an answer as God did with Elijah on one occasion with a still small voice, He sent an angel into Daniel's very presence to relay the answer to him.

The way in which God answered this prayer was, I believe, to draw attention to the extreme importance of the answer. So, as we examine the answer given, let us give full attention to it as a message straight out of the throne room of Heaven which it was and is. To just sort of glance over it

would be a disregard for the importance of this message. As we examine the answer, we will ask our Lord to help us hear His voice in this answer.

II. Second, let us notice that the answer to Daniel's prayer was prophetic. (vs. 23).

In this verse, Gabriel declared that the answer which God had given to him to give to Daniel was a vision. Now, a vision was not something new to Daniel. In many of the previous chapters of this Book, Daniel has either received visions or interpreted them for others, and each one of them turned out to be prophetic about things that God is eventually giving to do as it is in this present vision. It is a vision about what God is going to do in the near future and distant future. Thus it is a prophecy.

Our God has filled His Word with one prophecy after another, and all a person needs to do to prove that God's Word is full of fallacy is to show that the prophecies of the Bible have been unfulfilled. Especially when many of them are as detailed as the one found in this answer to Daniel's prayer brought to him from the angel Gabriel.

However, it is because God filled His Word with prophecies that we can trust it and know that it is not filled with inaccuracies but rather that it is totally and completely trustworthy.

Praise be to our Lord that He has been gracious enough to us to allow us, through His prophecies, to see into the future and know how it will all turn out. And because He has already fulfilled many in the past, we can be sure the future ones will take place. Amen and praise be to our God.

III. Third, let us notice that the answer to Daniel's prayer was and is to be perceived. (vs. 22-23).

Gabriel, not only came to give Daniel the vision, but as he said also the insight and understanding of the vision. God did not intend on this prophecy to remain a mystery unto Daniel or the rest of His people. For when God gives a prophecy, it is something that He literally intends on accomplishing. Thus, God wants us to know that these will be actual events that will happen. So, we need to understand what they are that we might either make preparations for those events or help prepare people in the future who may face them, if it is not us and we can not do that if we don't have an understanding of them.

Jesus was greatly disappointed that the Jewish people of His time, especially the so-called religious leaders and teachers, didn't grasp the realization of who He was and what He came to do. For He fulfilled on Old Testament prophecy after another in their very presence, and as students of the Word of God, they shouldn't have been surprised by the first coming of the Lord and all that He did because it was all prophesied in the Old Testament. As a matter of fact, if they had sought to perceive and understand those prophecies, they would have embraced Jesus as their Messiah.

So, it is that the Lord wants us to perceive and understand both His prophecies from the past and the one for the future. John, the Apostle, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, wrote the Book of Revelation. As He opens the

Book in the beginning section, he said, "Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it because the time is near." (Rev. 1:3).

A great assignment would be to go through the Gospels and look at the many times it tells us that such and such event in Jesus' life on earth was the fulfillment of prophecy. It is an exercise that will indeed build up our faith as we see that our faith is based upon events that were prophesied, sometimes thousands of years before they actually happened exactly the way they were prophesied to happen.

IV. Fourth, let us notice that the answer to Daniel's prayer was and is concerning a people.

Of course, the question is what people are we talking about? Well, the chapter leaves us no doubt as to who they are. First, the chapter opens up with Daniel reading from the Book of Jeremiah where it talks about the people of Israel being held captive for 70 years. This the moves Daniel to pray specifically for himself and his people the nation of Israel. He also prays for their home land and especially Jerusalem. So everything in the chapter up to the coming of Gabriel to deliver the answer to Daniel's prayer was about the Jewish people.

Next, however, when you read the actual answer as well you are keenly aware that this prophecy is all about God's dealing with the nation of Israel in the near future and distant future. God is not through with the people of Israel.

Nations, rulers and people have tried their best to stamp them out for good. However, every time they have tried they have utterly failed because God keeps bringing them back again and again. As a matter of fact, God has restored them three times in human history, and that has never happened with any other nation once they have been destroyed and scattered, not even one time.

The first time they left the Promise Land and moved to Egypt so they could have found food to eat, but the Egyptians enslaved them. However, 400 years later God brought them back to the promise land. Later, they were defeated and their cities destroyed and they were taken into captivity by the Assyrians and then the Babylonians. Seventy years later, they returned and began again. Once more God allowed them because of their rejection of Jews to be destroyed and taken into captivity by the Romans in 70 AD. Nearly 2,000 years later, God brought them home again and began the nation for the third time in 1948. therefore, I would say God is not finished with them yet.

There are a couple of things that makes this important to us as the church, even though the prophecy is concerning Israel. First, the prophecy will show that because of Israel's failure to accept Jesus at His first coming, allows Jesus to then reach out to the Gentiles.

Second, it reminds us that just as God is loyal to the nation of Israel and will fulfill and complete with them what He prophesied and promised to do, He will also do the same for us. He always finishes what He starts with all of His people, Jews and Gentiles.

*The Apostle Paul gives a couple of great verses to back this point up.
“Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on
to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 1:6).*

*“He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless
on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (I Cor. 1:8).*

*Concl. Let us rejoice with great joy that God has given us prophecies
and has and is fulfilling them.*

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



May

This month we are asking for
donations of the items below.

You can also give a monetary donation
if you didn't want to shop. Thank you.

Wash Cloths

Soap

Combs: Boys/Girls

Stuffed Animals

Match Box Cars



Sunday, May 29th

AM Service



Movie Night
Sunday, May 22nd
Concessions:
6:00 pm
Movie: 6:30 pm
Popcorn & Tea provided
Please Bring finger foods to share



There will be
NO WNS
on
May 25th



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>22nd</i>	<i>Madison Malphrus</i>
		<i>Max Cole</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>Kim Malphrus</i>

SFCA Schedule

Thursday(26th)-6th Grade Moving Up Ceremony-8:15am-Sanctuary

Friday(27th)-Award Day/Last Day-8am-MPB

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

Lloyd Freeman

Surgery / Recovery

*Skylar Saygen
Michelle Rooks
Judy Rogers
Louise McAlhaney
Chance Tracey
Barbara Solley*

Nursing Centers

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

Cancer / Treatments

*Gail Sims
Skip Brooks
Regina Bouye
Kaiaya Alston
Wesley Ethridge
Denita Linton
David Linton*

Other Health Needs

*Loony Jones
(Jeffrey Stanley's Grandfather)
Tracey Lake
Pinky Rushing
Sara Davis
Bob Cramer
Karen Phillipi
Marie Malphrus
Mary Kay
Ellen Nettles
Donna Roberts
Jennifer Pitts Key
Wallace Malphrus
Tim Roberts
Myra Malphrus
Chris Blanchard
Mel Toland
Kenneth Cleland
Iola Daring
Ron Davis*

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
Ann Blocker
Kenneth & Doby Cleland
Lucille & Ron Degler
Red & Helen Malphrus
Dot Smart*

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-Charleston, SC*

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Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 4,982.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 0.47
Online Offerings	\$ 0.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Senior Trip (2022)</i>	\$ 100.00	*****	\$ 4,316.77
<i>Office</i>	\$ 149.00	*****	\$ 40.35
<i>Children's Ministries</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 1,511.86
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$ 116.00	*****	\$ 729.96
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	\$ 134.00	*****	\$ 556.90
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	\$ 6.00	*****	\$ 1,923.01



<i>Monday</i>	<i>23rd</i>	<i>Randy & Sybil Reynolds</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>27th</i>	<i>Ron & Marie Malphrus</i>



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

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