



*Great Swamp Baptist Church
May 8, 2022*

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Call To Worship

Hymn # 514 "When We All Get to Heaven"

Invocation

Freddie Malphrus

Mother's Day Recognitions

Selections of Praise & Worship

Hymn # 138 "Thank You, Momma"
"At Calvary"

Mel Toland

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

Bjo Mills & Sophia Sineath
"Come Ye Sinners"

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/Mason Losgar/Emily Johnson



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today:

Freddie Malphrus: 843-726-3905

Next Week:

Bjo Mills: 843-726-4344



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



Daniel's Prayer Is Answered *(Daniel 9:15-27)*

Intro: Because of my recent procedure and because of the Easter season, we've been away from our study in the Book of Daniel. Today, however, with this message we will pick up where we left off, and where we left off was Daniel carrying out a long confessional prayer on the behalf of the nation of Israel.

Now, the reason for this prayer as we examined before was because Daniel had been reminded from the Book of Jeremiah that God was going to allow the nation to return back to Jerusalem after being in captivity for 70 years. Well, that 70 years was practically over. So, Daniel's prayer seems to be about making sure that nothing would prevent the nation from being able to return. Also, however, his prayer seems to as well be about discovering from God the details of their return.

Well, praise be unto our awesome God that Daniel's prayer was answered almost immediately while he was praying. God gives him some amazing details about their upcoming return as well as what will happen in the distant future at the end times.

Now, today I don't want us to examine those details that came as a result of his prayer. Rather, I want us to examine the fact that his prayers are answered and dwell upon the fact that God indeed answers prayers.

I. First notice that Daniel's prayer was answered while he was praying. (vs. 20-21).

Now, I don't have to linger on this point very long at all. For these verses flat out tell us that while he was praying the angel Gabriel showed up with an answer from God to the prayer that Daniel was

praying. So, obviously if Gabriel showed up with an answer, it is because a request was made and indeed we are well aware that Daniel said that he was making a request along with the confession he was making. So, we can expect to receive answers from God if we are asking. Answer to prayer can only take place when prayers are being lifted up. If you aren't praying, don't expect an answer.

There are many Bible verses that express this very point being made. "You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. you do not have because you do not ask God." (James 4:2).

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." (Matt. 7:7).

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you." (John 15:7).

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God." (Phil. 4:6).

So, let us start praying if we want answers.

II. Second, notice that Daniel's prayer was answered during the time of evening sacrifice. (vs.21).

From previous chapters in this Book, we've already noted that Daniel prayed three times a day. He was following a custom that he was raised with as a young lad back in Jerusalem. When he prayed he always faced Jerusalem, because in Jerusalem is where the Temple of the Lord had been and where sacrifices were offered up on behalf of the nation for the forgiveness of their sins so that they could have the opportunity to pray to our Holy God and be heard by Him.

So, it is significant that we are told in these verses that Daniel was praying during the time that evening sacrifices would be offered up and that the angel Gabriel showed up with the answer at the same time. So, the question is why is this significant then and now?

Well, the answer to that question is that for Daniel looking forward in time and us looking backward in time, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior was hanging on the cross during the evening sacrifice time and died during that time on the cross and because He did He permanently opened the way to Heaven to the very throne room of Heaven where our Heavenly Father receives and hears our prayers.

So, let us be motivated by the fact that our Blessed Savior and Lord sacrificed His life on our behalf to open the door of Heaven for us and therefore, be driven to our knees to seek our Blessed Father in Heaven.

Prayers are answered because Jesus has made it possible for us to even have the privilege to call upon our God in Heaven. Oh, what a Savior we have.

III. Third, notice that Daniel's prayer was answered as was needed. (vs. 21).

Now, the point that I want to make here is that God answered Daniel's prayer the way that He knew Daniel needed answered at that time.

First, because of the time frame God needed to bring Daniel basically an answer that we would consider pretty much an immediate answer. As we already have seen God's promise of returning the nation back to Jerusalem after 70 years of captivity was right upon them. Therefore, insight and understanding was needed right away.

Second, God saw a need of answering Daniel's prayer in a very bold and open manner by sending the Angel Gabriel to give the answer. I believe that this was needed to give validity to the powerful and detailed prophecy that he was about to receive from Gabriel.

Now, obviously God doesn't always answer all of our prayers in the same manner. Sometimes they are bold and sometimes they are not so obvious. They come in much more quieter means as we see with Elijah when God spoke to him in a small still voice. God knows what we need and will answer in the manner that He deems best for our good and His glory.

IV. Fourth, notice that Daniel's prayer was answered to give understanding. (vs. 22-23).

Now, Daniel's prayer and answer was not about receiving some kind of healing; or physical or financial resources; or some kind of material blessing; or some kind of promotion. Rather, he was seeking for wisdom and understanding for what God was going to do with the nation and that the kind of answer that God gave him.

Certainly we are taught to ask God about the needs that we have including physical things, material things, healing and so on. However, we need to remember that God wants us to grow in the grace and knowledge of His will and that will take wisdom and understanding.

There are so many things in life that we don't understand. Also, there are so many tough decisions that need to be made. To therefore, understand the things we don't and to make the right decisions we need to make the way God wants us to, we need His wisdom, and His wisdom is there for the asking.

"If any of you lack wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him." (James 1:5).

V. Fifth, notice that Daniel's prayer was answered because he was highly esteemed. (vs. 23).

Now, why was he highly esteemed by God? Well, because of his great faith in God. Also, because of him living out his faith for all to see. Also, because he was a man of prayer. Daniel's name was known all over Heaven because he prayed so much.

Now, everyone who in Christ Jesus our Lord, is highly esteemed in Heaven because of their relationship with Him. As I have said before that my son-in-laws are special to me because of their relationship to my daughters. So, we are held in high esteem because of the fact that Christ has saved us and we belong to Him. Therefore, God holds us high in His love because we belong to His Son. Thus, we have the privilege to come before His throne with our petitions.

However, I think that he was highly esteemed also as already stated that he prayed and sought God continuously. Would that be said of us? Do they know our names all over glory because we spend so much time with our Heavenly Father in prayer?

Concl. So, if we want our prayers to be answered, then let us study Daniel's prayer life and pray that the Lord will help us to pray in the manner that He did.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



*The flowers placed in the church today are by the
Gleaners Sunday School Class*



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



<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>Amy O'Connor</i>



Grandmother's Group

Monday, May 9th

11:00 am

MPB



There will be
NO WNS
on
May 18th,
May 25th



Business Conference
Wednesday, May 11th



Deacon's Meeting

Monday, May 9th
7 pm

LOST & FOUND

*If anyone finds a pair of Polaroid sunglasses
from last Sunday morning's worship service,
please contact Juliette Daring.
She left them in the windowsill in the front foyer.*

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
Erline Kyzer*

Unspoken

Hospitals

Kenneth Cleland-

Surgery / Recovery

*Skylar Saygen
Michelle Rooks
Judy Rogers
Louise McAlhaney
Chance Tracey
Ralph Lee, Jr.
Barbara Solley
Patricia Malphrus
Vera Floyd*

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
Bertha Kinard
Marie Malphrus
Mary Kay
Ellen Nettles
Donna Roberts
Jennifer Pitts Key
Wallace Malphrus
Tim Roberts
Myra Malphrus*

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*

Church Staff

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Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 5,241.00	\$ 4,982.47	+ \$ 258.53
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 0.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Senior Trip (2022)</i>	\$ 250.00	*****	\$ 4,166.77
<i>Children's Ministry</i>	\$ 10.00	*****	\$ 1,461.86
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$ 123.00	*****	\$ 517.51



*Graduation Recognition Service
Sunday, May 15th @ 10:30 am*

Forms are in the Vestibule



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

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