

Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
John 4:24



Daniel's Pattern Of Prayer

By Mike Riley

If we're Christians, we've probably heard the story about the 85-year-old man who was arrested for praying. Who was he you ask?

He's the Jewish resident by the name of Daniel. He was sentenced to death for faithfully talking to God (cf. Daniel 6:1-28). Although the prayer that sent Daniel into the lions den is his most famous talk with God (Daniel 6:11), it isn't the only time we see him praying.

In Daniel 9:3-19, we read an example of how Daniel prayed. He had been reading in his scroll of Jeremiah that the captivity of his people would last 70 years, and the people were 67 years into the exile (cf. Daniel 9:2; Jeremiah 25:8-11).

God had called His people to live righteously, but they weren't doing that. Daniel decided to live righteously despite their lack of faith. He began to pray that God would not delay the end of the captivity (Daniel 9:16-19).

As he prayed, Daniel focused on worship and confession. His pattern of prayer gives us an important insight into talking to God. We are to recognize that God is "great and awesome" (Daniel 9:4) and that "we have sinned" (Daniel 9:15). In prayer, we offer our praise and confess our sins (Daniel 9:4-7).

Let's follow Daniel's pattern of prayer. To him, prayer was just as vital as life itself.

SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E
Edify, Exhort,
Evangelize
8:30 AM

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thru the Bible in
52 Weeks - Daniel
9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service
10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Luke 19:1 - 10
John 8:2 - 11
Jesus meets Zacchaeus
Jesus and the woman
accused of adultery
7:00 PM

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“Study to shew thyself
approved unto God, a
workman that needeth
not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word
of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

Renew for the New Year

By Mike Riley

Of course you already have decided on resolutions for the New Year. But then you know that by February they will more than likely all be broken. Not to worry. We are simply trying our best. We feel better about ourselves when we at least make an effort to improve ourselves.

Good for us!

My granddaughter is enrolled in a wonderful Christian University. She is taking a Bible class from a real Christian scholar. He not only knows New Testament but also is steeped in the Jewish culture of the First Century. He knows the times and life styles of the people to whom our Lord spoke. Why is that important to us?

Because the many parables spoken by Jesus could be best understood in the time period in which He lived. That's not to say the words He spoke are not meaningful to us. But, He knew how to touch the hearts and minds of his listeners and to make the Torah take on a greater meaning. He was the completion of the "law." In other words, He clarified the true meaning of the Mosaic instructions to Israel.

Read some of the parables recorded in Luke. See what new and interesting aspects of those parables come forth as you read. Do your homework. Perhaps take one of the Lord's stories and do your research. Renew your mindset on what the Lord is teaching (Romans 12:2).

What do you really know about the Prodigal Son? (Luke 15:11-32)

Did you know that when the son asked his father to divide his inheritance he was actually saying"I wish you were dead!" No father in the first century would divide his inheritance with his children until after his death. It was shameful to even suggest such a thing. The community where the family lived would know that this son was bringing disgrace to his family.

Of course, he sold the property and taking the money, he left quickly. He didn't want to stay where he would be shunned by the people. He spent the money in "loose living" and was penniless when he returned. But his loving father (who represents God), was always waiting for his son's return.

He (God) loved this worthless fellow. He even gave him a banquet, a royal robe and a ring. Despite the wrongs committed and bringing on the shame of the community, the father welcomed with loving arms the wayward son. Of course there is more to the story. Find out for yourself. How does this apply to us?

Renew yourself in God's word. More than merely a verse a day, steep yourself in real Bible study (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV; cf. Psalm 1:1-2. Make it a resolution you will keep and be blessed!

Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments (Maxine Powell)
- All those affected by COVID-19
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Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2021 is in foyer
- January - Potts
- February - Carlberg
- March - Rowell, T

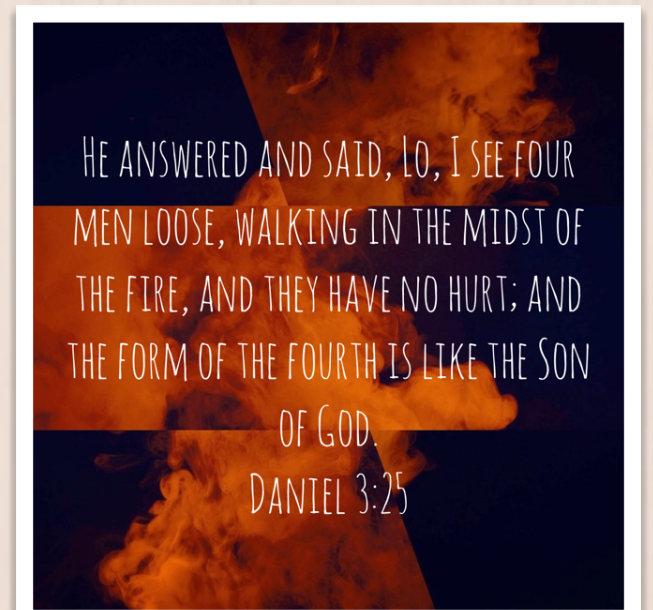
Announcements

- New book study for Triple E class - Reasons to Believe, Everyone please pick up a book
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January Birthdays & Anniversary's

- Morgan Dudley - 3rd
- Ethan Wooldridge - 11th
- Ora Barrett - 9th
- Auburn Rowell - 18

Every Sunday Morning
@ 6:00 AM
on WTOK-TV



Sermon Notes

Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Shay Cooper
Scripture Reading - Daniel 3:1 - 7
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
Head of Lord's Table - Rick Carlberg
Assist on Lord's Table - Mark Potts
Scripture Reading - Matthew 26:26 - 29
Closing Prayer - Scott Williams

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