

We Are Glad *You* Are Here

Sunday, April 12, 2026



sermon: "The Priority of Prayer" Colossians 4:2; Daniel 6:1-28

Big Idea: When we make prayer a priority, then we can better experience the power of God and His purpose in our lives.

I. The Priority of Prayer (Col. 4:2; Dan. 6:10)

A. Daniel is a man who understands his priorities and while he did not directly challenge Darius' law, he did defy it. Daniel's commitment to God was bound up in his behavior, and prayer was something he was not going to give up.

For Daniel, prayer was a priority that came before:

1. Customs (cf. Acts 5:27-32) - God's Law took precedence over the decrees of the world around him.
2. Concerns – Daniel did not let the opinions or concerns of others stand in the way of his relationship with God.
3. Comfort – Daniel was willing to forsake his comfort for what he knew was right.

B. It also helps to consider Daniel's demeanor throughout this narrative. We see in Daniel a humility, honesty, and sincerity that reveals his character and faith (cf. 1 Pet. 3:15-17).

II. The Power of Prayer (Dan. 6:19-22)

A. Throughout Scripture, we see God's power to preserve His people, and Daniel is no exception. Here we see:

1. God's power protects and preserves Daniel (v. 22).
2. God responds to Daniel's life and integrity (v. 4).
3. That we need to pray for God's strength (cf. Col. 1:9-11).

III. The Purpose of Prayer (Dan. 6:25-28)

A. Prayer serves many purposes, but here we see prayer:

1. Strengthen and encourage – Prayer strengthens and encourages us; it sustains us in times of need.
2. Enlighten – Prayer gives us wisdom and insight into God's Word and the work He is doing around us.
3. Mature us– Prayer helps us grow in faith as we see God at work both in us and in our circumstances.
4. Glorifies God – God is glorified through the prayers of His people (cf. vv. 26-28; cf. Eph. 3:14-21).

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