

Praying Like Daniel: A Study in Courage, Wisdom, and Revelation

Session Outline and Prayer Guidance

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Prayer Lessons:

Lesson 1: Introduction: Setting the Stage for Courageous Prayer

General overview, with emphasis on Daniel 1:3

- Prayer: Lord, open my heart and mind as I embark on this study.
- Scripture: "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law." (Psalm 119:18)

Lesson 2: Exile and Community: The Wisdom of Collective Prayer

Background, 2 Kings 24-25, Jeremiah 52

- Prayer: Father, help me foster unity and mutual encouragement within my community.
- Scripture: "Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:3)

Lesson 3: First Steps in Babylon: Courage to Stand Apart

Daniel 1:1-7

- Prayer: Give me the courage, Lord, to stand apart for Your glory.
- Scripture: "But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank." (Daniel 1:8)

Lesson 4: The Test of Diet: Wisdom in Small Choices

Daniel 1:8-21

- Prayer: Father, grant me wisdom in making choices that honor You.
- Scripture: "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." (James 1:5)

Lesson 5: The Dream of the Statue: Revelation Through Prayer

Daniel 2:1-49

- Prayer: Lord, give me revelation and understanding in interpreting Your messages.
- Scripture: "Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night." (Daniel 2:19)

Lesson 6: The Sovereignty of God: Wisdom in Praise

Daniel 2:19-23, Daniel 2:37-38

- Prayer: Thank You for Your sovereignty, Lord. I praise Your name.
- Scripture: "He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding." (Daniel 2:21)

Lesson 7: Fiery Furnace: The Courage of Silent Prayer

Daniel 3:1-30

- Prayer: Lord, grant me the courage to face trials without losing faith in You.
- Scripture: "If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king." (Daniel 3:17)

Lesson 8: Nebuchadnezzar's Pride: A Revelation of God's Justice

Daniel 4:1-37

- Prayer: Keep me humble, Lord, and remind me of Your justice.
- Scripture: "When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom." (Proverbs 11:2)

Lesson 9: Madness and Humility: The Absence of Prayer

Daniel 4:28-37

- Prayer: Father, please keep me grounded and humble in my walk with You.
- Scripture: "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you." (1 Peter 5:6)

Lesson 10: The Writing on the Wall: Courage to Speak Truth

Daniel 5:1-31

- Prayer: Lord, give me the courage to speak Your truth, even when it's unpopular.
- Scripture: "Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ." (Ephesians 4:15)

Lesson 11: Accountability Before God: Wisdom in Discernment

Daniel 5:18-30

- Prayer: Lord, help me discern how to hold myself and others accountable to Your word.
- Scripture: "And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account." (Hebrews 4:13)

Lesson 12: Lion's Den: Courage in Daily Prayer

Daniel 6:1-28

- Prayer: Sustain me, Lord, in my daily prayers and give me courage.
- Scripture: "When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously." (Daniel 6:10)

Lesson 13: Routine and Integrity: The Wisdom of Discipline

Daniel 6:10-23

- Prayer: Father, help me maintain spiritual discipline in my walk with You.
- Scripture: "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

Lesson 14: Vision of the Four Beasts: Revelation in the Esoteric

Daniel 7:1-28

- Prayer: Lord, give me the revelation to understand Your mysterious ways.
- Scripture: "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you." (Ephesians 1:17-18)

Lesson 15: The Ram and Goat: Wisdom in Seeking Understanding

Daniel 8:1-27

- Prayer: Father, give me wisdom as I seek spiritual understanding.
- Scripture: "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." (James 1:5)

Lesson 16: Seventy Weeks: Courage to Intercede

Daniel 9:1-27

- Prayer: Lord, give me the courage to intercede for others in prayer.
- Scripture: "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people," (1 Timothy 2:1)

Lesson 17: Angelic Visitations: Revelation Through Persistence

Daniel 9:4-23, Daniel 10:1-21

- Prayer: Help me to be persistent in prayer, Lord, and to seek revelation.
- Scripture: "And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart." (Luke 18:1)

Lesson 18: Kings of the North and South: Wisdom for Today

Daniel 11:1-45

- Prayer: Father, grant me wisdom to apply biblical prophecy to today's world.
- Scripture: "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness," (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Lesson 19: The End Times: Revelation for the Future

Daniel 12:1-13

- Prayer: Prepare my heart, Lord, for the End Times, and give me revelation.
- Scripture: "Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." (Matthew 24:42)

Lesson 20: Legacy and Role: How Daniel's Courage, Wisdom, and Revelation Shape Us

Overview and thematic references throughout the book

- Prayer: Lord, help me to leave a legacy of courage, wisdom, and revelation like Daniel.
- Scripture: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us," (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Lesson 21: Application: Being Like Daniel in Prayer Today

Summary and key takeaways, drawing from various passages

- Prayer: Father, empower me to apply the teachings of this series to my daily life.
- Scripture: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."
(James 1:22)