

Your Prayer Time Or Your Life!

Daniel 6.

The Medo-Persian officials pointed all their guns at Daniel and threatened “Your prayer time or your life!” Daniel replied, “You can take my life, but not my prayer! Prayer time is the garden in which my life is growing. Pluck out my life and it will grow back. But take away the garden and my life is finished.”

What perspective and value system to have! This is Daniel, the one in whom is an excellent spirit. He was the only person to thrive in two different empires; held top position under 4 kings; and 10 times better than all the intellectual elites of Babylon. Out of jealousy, his colleagues ordered a thoroughly investigation to accuse him, only to find that he was corruption free; not negligent in even the smallest matter; and had an excellent spirit in all conduct and attitude.

Then they noticed that his only fault is his daily prayers. The only way to bring him down is to make him break the law of his God. They tried to create a situation where loyalty and obedience to his God becomes an offence to society. So they outlawed all forms of prayer for 30 days, except prayers only to king Darius.

God’s law (v5) against and men’s selfish-unjust laws (vv.8, 12, 15). It is interesting that in this context Daniel declares his innocence. He is saying, “I have not broken God’s Law, and therefore I have not broken anything. And you Darius know that I have not wronged you or your kingdom in anyway. I am innocent”.

In chapter 1 Daniel refuses to eat. In chap 6 the lions refuse to eat (*John Lennox*). In chapter 3 Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refuse to break God’s law by bowing to an image, and then later in the chapter, the fires refuse to burn. Which law do the lion and the fire obey? Which one are we to fear?

Some may be uncomfortable with the language of “law”, claiming that we are in the period of grace. That is true. Salvation is pure grace and undeserved gift. But have we figured out why majority of the New Testament talks about “practicing” righteousness? Daniel is learning important lessons: (1) If you keep God’s law, God will keep you. (2) Men’s selfish laws bind and destroy. But God’s law liberates and brings inner freedom. (3) It is possible to serve God and thrive (at great personal cost) in a hostile culture.

Daniel’s secret lies in his prayer/devotion life. Here are four things about his Prayer Life:

(1) It was consistent. (v.10 “...as he had always done”). In his 85 years of existence, Daniel was faithful and consistent in prayer and devotion. Therefore he was always ready when the crucial history-changing-moments-came.

(2) It was hopeful. He prayed facing Jerusalem. Jerusalem was only ruins and rubble that time, but he held on to the promise that God would restore and rebuild the city.

(3) It was faithful to the Word. Jeremiah had written a letter to the Jews in Babylon (Jeremiah 29) instructing them to pray and seek the prosperity of Babylon. Daniel was doing exactly that. Our prayer must be informed and guided by the Word.

(4) It was powerful. His prayers moved God. His prayers made corrupted people very uneasy. His prayers shook two empires and converted kings. - **Pastor Kedo Peseyie**



CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD
AND THE WISDOM OF GOD

City Church

VISION statement of the City Church:

City Church seeks to honor and worship Jesus Christ as Lord and the only God; and to build the Body of Christ (The Church) with all who love Him as disciples, proclaiming Him as the Savior to all nations.

AIMS of the City Church:

Worship: *To Worship God and exalt His name together as a Church.*

Fellowship: *To build the body of Christ with all who love Him through mutual sharing, help and growth.*

Evangelism: *To witness for Christ both by proclamation and by lifestyle so as to cause others to experience God’s great salvation.*

Discipleship: *To establish members as disciples of Jesus Christ through systematic Bible Studies and teaching and equip them for effective service.*

Mission: *To send out people in obedience to God’s call and command to reach the un-reached for Christ.*

18th Foundation Day cum Thanksgiving

Sunday Service

- Leader : Mhonchumi Ngullie
Speaker : Dr. Vinito Chishi
Ushers : Richard Jamir & Maa Imsong
Keyboard : Vizalenuo Solo
Flower : Women Department

Call to Worship

Praise & Worship

Reading: Psalm 92

Mass Prayer

Announcement

Special Song : People Need the Lord

Offertory

Prayer



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PSALM 92

It is good to praise the Lord
and make music to your name, O Most High,
proclaiming your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night,
to the music of the ten-stringed lyre
and the melody of the harp.

For you make me glad by your deeds, Lord;
I sing for joy at what your hands have done.
How great are your works, Lord,
how profound your thoughts!
Senseless people do not know,
fools do not understand,
that though the wicked spring up like grass
and all evildoers flourish,
they will be destroyed forever.

But you, Lord, are forever exalted.

For surely your enemies, Lord,
surely your enemies will perish;
all evildoers will be scattered.

Children's Bible Camp



100 students attended the Camp out of which 36 students had sleepover. Around 40 teachers, assisting teachers. Worship leader and volunteer were present at the Camp.

We thank God for a blessed and fruitful time. Continue to pray for God's protection and God's touch upon the children.



INFORMATION

- There will be Sales of Thanksgiving Offering after the church service at Nagamese Fellowship Hall.
- Thursday Women Fellowship at 5pm: **Leader** – Mrs. Merenla Odyuo, **Scripture Reading** – Mrs. Yanglirola Medikhru & **Sharing** – Mrs. Hekali Shikhu.
- Enroute today at 3pm. Come and be blessed!

PRAYER:

- Praise God for His protection and care for enabling city church to celebrate its 18th foundation Day. Pray for one-another as fellow worshippers of this church so as to grow together.
- Pray for those who are sick among us. Pray for God's abundant grace, healing and strength to flow into their lives and families.

Sunday, June 24th, 2018

Tithes: ₹ 42,700 Offering: ₹ 8,895 Thanksgiving: ₹ 9,000