

# WELCOME TO WORD OF FAITH LIFE GROUPS **WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER**

## LIFE GROUP LESSON PLAN

Praying Scripturally Against The Kingdom Of Darkness, Part 5

Thursday, June 16, 2022 – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

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### OPENING PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

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### WELCOME TO OUR GROUP (5 MINUTES)

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If this is your first time joining us, please introduce yourself! We are glad you took the time to join us today. Our group has four purposes:

1. **L... Learning together from God's Word**
2. **I... Interceding through prayer**
3. **F... true Fellowship in the Spirit of Christ**
4. **E...Evangelizing the lost**

### PRAISE & WORSHIP (5 MINUTES)

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### FACILITATION OF LESSON

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**Sermon Title:** *“Praying Scripturally Against The Kingdom Of Darkness,” Part 5*

#### POINT 1

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Last week in our Life Group meeting we studied Abraham. This week we will be studying at Daniel. We're looking at two men in the Old Testament who changed their nation through prayer. If you want to see how people of the bible changed nations, study their prayer lives and see what they prayed. You'll find they prayed in line with the word.

Let's look at Daniels prayer life. Did Daniel make war on the devil? Let's see! In Daniel's prayer life, we find another biblical example of a covenant man changing the course of events in a nation through prayer. We will find in every recorded instance that Daniel prayed to God. Not one time does the bible say that Daniel warred against the devil or that he ever dealt directly with principalities and powers.

**READ: Daniel 10:2-3:**

*In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. 3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.*

It didn't say Daniel starved himself for three weeks. It says in ate no pleasant bread. He didn't eat things that were very pleasing to him. He turned vegan for three weeks!

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#### QUESTIONS:

1. Describe Daniel's fast according to the Word of God. What is your perception of fasting?

#### READ: Verse 5-6, 12-14:

*5 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: 6 His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.*

*12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for **FROM THE FIRST DAY** that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, **THY WORDS WERE HEARD**, and **I AM COME FOR THY WORDS**. 13 But the **PRINCE OF THE KINGDOM OF PERSIA** withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. 14 Now I am come to **MAKE THEE UNDERSTAND** what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.*

Both Ezekiel and Jeremiah have prophesied that God would deliver Israel out of Babylon. Daniel was one of the many Hebrew exiles held captive in Babylon at the time. One day Daniel read those prophecies about Israel's release from captivity, and he began seeking God about what God had promised. It was the Word of God that stirred Daniel up to pray and seek God on behalf of his people. And as Daniel sought the Lord, God not only showed him what would happen in the immediate future, but he also showed Daniel certain kingdoms that would decline and other kingdoms that would arise in the future.

#### QUESTION

1. Why did Daniel seek God? What is God willing to reveal to those who seek Him?

When you look at what the Word of God says in verse 12, it says:

*12 Then said he unto me, **Fear not**, Daniel: for **FROM THE FIRST DAY** that thou didst set thine heart to understand,*

It says from the first day meaning it didn't take weeks, months or even years to get an answer from God. It says from the first day he asked. Some want to hear from God concerning certain situations. There are times God won't even answer you. You won't hear anything. But just because you don't hear anything doesn't give you a green light. There are times God won't answer you because it's something you should already know, and you are just ignoring it. Or you haven't taken the time to search his word for the answer. You want him to do your work for you! Anything God tells you will always line up with the Word of God.

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If you can't line it up with scripture, put it in the garbage or place on the shelf until you get clear cut scriptural answers.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. How long does it take God to answer you? Why does it take longer at times?
2. Have you ever asked God something and you never received an answer? What should you do in that situation?

#### POINT 2

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There are two things here I want you to recognize: He Says: **from the first day** that thou didst **SET THINE HEART TO UNDERSTAND**, and **TO CHASTEN THYSELF** before thy God, first Daniel set his heart to understand. It's a heart thing!

You have to have in your heart that you want to understand more than what you now understand. Set it in your heart that you want to understand more about how God does things vs the world. He set his heart to understand. So, you have to set your heart to understand. Have a hunger and thirst for it and don't just sit back and expect it to come to you. You have to do some digging in the Word for yourself just like Daniel.

That takes you chastening yourself before God. The word **Chasten** means to humble yourself. Humbling yourself means you are saying God I don't know it all so I'm totally leaning on your wisdom and guidance in this area.

#### READ: Proverbs 3:5-6

*5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

This takes a humbling. Because you always want to do things and then expect God to bless it and then get mad when he doesn't because it failed.

You acknowledge him in it, ask him about everything and then you wait for him to direct you. If you don't get an answer, what do you do? Put it on the shelf until you do! That's humbling yourself and giving him complete control. Now he's ready to hear what you have to say!

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#### QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to set your heart to understand?
2. What does it mean to chasten yourself?

#### **POINT 3**

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When you look at what the Word of God says, you see that Daniel did not personally deal with the prince that was ruling in the heavenlies in prayer. Daniel prayed to God! On the other hand, there is a sense in which Daniel dealt with evil spirits indirectly in prayer because when Daniel prayed, God heard and answered him, and God's kingdom was advanced, and Satan's kingdom suffered a defeat. And as a result of Daniel's prayer to God there was fighting in the heavenlies. But Daniel wasn't doing the fighting! You see, when the Body of Christ prays, there is much more going on in the heavenlies – the first and second heaven where demons operate – that we realize. And it seems that whether or not the angels prevail in the heavenlies is up to us here on earth and the Word and prayers we speak about the situation.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. How did Daniel deal with evil spirits indirectly?
2. What should know about the heavenlies when we pray?

The angel said to Daniel in verse 12, “.....*thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.*” When Daniel prayed, he was not trying to defeat the devil. Daniel was practicing **Isaiah 43:26**

#### **READ: Isaiah 43:26 Message Bible**

*"So, make your case against me. Let's have this out. Make your arguments. Prove you're in the right...."*

He searched the Word and found what he was looking for and gave it back to God like God had said it. He proved he was right! He was making his case to God! However, indirectly Daniels prayers affected the principalities and powers and caused a battle that took place once again in the heavenlies as the forces of darkness tried to keep Daniel's answer from reaching him.

#### QUESTION:

1. How was Daniel Practicing **Isaiah 43:26**? What were the results?

#### **POINT 4**

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Daniel must have realized his answer was not getting through, so he continued to fast and seek God. The fasting didn't change the situation. The fasting just made him more sensitive to hear the answer. He wanted

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to make sure he wasn't the reason for the blockage. So, he endeavored to get his flesh out of the way! That's what fasting does!

What if Daniel had given up in prayer? The angel may not have prevailed in the heavenlies. But Daniel didn't give up in prayer, and as a result of answered prayer, situations were changed in that nation to the glory of God. Sometimes when don't pray enough or we give up too quickly if the answer doesn't come right away.

#### QUESTION:

1. What would have happened if Daniel would have given up and stop praying?

The devil will hold up the answer to your prayer just enough to get you into doubt or unbelief that God's going to come through for you this time.

Because he knows the bible says in: **James 1:6-7 ASV:**

*But let him ask in faith, nothing doubting: for he that doubteth is like the surge of the sea driven by the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord;*

If he holds up your prayer just long enough to get you into doubt. It says here, you can't expect anything from God. Because of Daniel's prayer to God, and his steadfastness, even though there was great wickedness and many strongholds of Satan prevailing in that nation, Israel was released from captivity in Babylon. But it was God's word spoken by Daniel in prayer to God that moved and changed those circumstances.

It wasn't Daniel's direct combat in prayer with spiritual wickedness in high places that changed things in that nation, because we don't see anywhere that Daniel prayed against evil spirits in high places.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Why does the devil try to interfere with our prayer life?
2. What changed Israel's circumstances? Explain!

This passage in Daniel chapter 10 gives us insight about the power that our words and prayer have in affecting the spiritual realm as God moves to answer our prayer in the natural realm.

We can see this in what the angel said to Daniel: in verse 12: "...from the first day ...**THY WORDS WERE HEARD, and I AM COME FOR THY WORDS.**"

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That's a very interesting statement, *"I Am Come For Thy Words."*

It was not words that were spoken in Heaven that sent the angel to Daniel or put the angel of God to work. It was words spoken on earth by someone praying in line with God's Word that put the angel to work against the powers of darkness.

#### **READ: Psalms 103:20**

*"Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that EXCEL IN STRENGTH, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word."*

That voice is coming from you speaking what God said. That's what they are hearkening unto! That's what strengthens them to do what they got to do. That tells us that whether or not the victory is experienced on earth has to do with God's children taking their rightful place of authority in Christ and praying in line with God's Word.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

Explain the power our words and prayers have in the spiritual realm.

#### **CALL - TIME OF DECISION (EVERYONE BOW YOUR HEADS)**

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#### **PRAISE REPORTS - \*2-MINUTES PER PERSON**

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#### **PRAYER FOCUS / INDIVIDUAL PRAYER REQUEST (10 MINUTES)**

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##### **Prayer focus:**

- 1) Your Circle (friends and family)
- 2) Life Group members
- 3) Word of Faith Leadership:
  - a. Pastor Ronald D. Walker, Jr., Evangelist Sharon L. Walker, Minister Promise Walker, Brittany and Christian and the ministerial staff.
  - b. Bishop Keith A. Butler and Pastor Deborah Butler

**Have you reached out to your circle today?**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 MINUTES)**

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1. Join us for our Father's Day Celebration – **Sunday, June 19th at 10:00 am.** Invite your husband, brothers, uncles, nephews. It's going to be a day filled with surprises for the men.

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2. Join Covenant Partner's, **Friday, June 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** for Karaoke Night!! Bring your song and let's "Duet" Together. Invite another couple and see you there! For more information contact Minister Lavern Oysterman by email at wofcovenantpartners@gmail.com.
3. Join them for the next SWAT Outings, **Saturday, June 25th at 11am.** SWAT Outings are schedule every 2nd and 4th Saturdays. For more information see Minister Francis.
4. Mark your calendars! **Sunday, June 26th at 10:00 am** - Get ready to have an encounter with God with ministry of the Word by Bishop Keith A. Butler from Word of Faith Southfield, Michigan. Prayer begins promptly at 9:45 am. This is an event you don't want to miss.

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- <https://wordoffaithstthomas.com/give-online/>
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#### CLOSING PRAYER & DISMISSAL

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