

SEEKING THE KINGDOM

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*But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness
and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33*

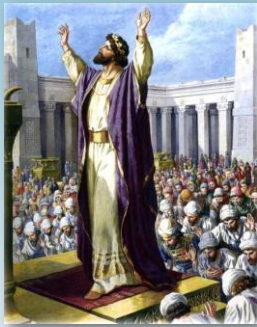
Concepts:

- Prayer is a means of communication and growth.
- Through Contact with God we are influenced and delivered.
- The Spirit of God stands ready to aid us.
- When we come boldly to the throne of Grace, knowing that God is good and willing to give to His children the best gifts, we place ourselves in a position conducive to receipt. With a greater understanding and a heart reflective of the will of God, we are then able to pray for those things that please God and which benefit all His children.

In this sense, the greatest prosperity available to mankind has prayer at its center.

1 Timothy 6:5b-7

...destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw yourself. 6. But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.



Wise King Solomon

- Son of David and Bathsheba
- Third King of Israel
- Writer of Proverbs & Insight
- Blessed with abundant wisdom
- Blessed with abundant wealth
- Built the Lord a magnificently detailed Temple from his heart

Solomon's Prosperity

We discover

God really wants to know what you think. He wants to hear your dreams, desires, needs and fears.

Solomon's Dream

In Worship & Living

- Acknowledge God
- Praise God

Through the process of praise and reflection we are empowered to see our need and His will clearer. Love for God produces positive reform and a desire for the well-being of others.

Our prayers gain strength when we understand the one with whom we are conversing.

In Prayer

- Mention examples of desired outcomes as performed by God
- Acknowledge your position
- Make your request made known unto God

The Prophet Daniel



- Carried away to captive Babylon with other young nobles
- Essential servant & advisor to powerful world leaders
- Prophet of God
- Escaped the death penalty more than once
- Water-drinker
- Pulse-eater

Daniel's Prosperity

We discover

God wants a relationship with you. He wants to empower you, share your experiences, deliver and comfort you.

Daniel's Captivity

In Worship & Living

- Have Faith in the Promises
- Have Faith in the Process
 - Be a doer of the word, ie. keep, cherish, delight in & respect the law/commands of God
 - Give Time to the fulfillment of spiritual obligation, ie. prayer, study, visiting, providing, teaching, exhorting

In Prayer

- Consistency – A Systematic Method
 - Consistent start time, same consecrated location, consistent program, ie. Daniel turned toward Jerusalem, prayed by his open window
 - Daniel's 3x daily prayer is based on the sacrificial system instituted by God. At these intervals in the day specific offerings were to be made. A continuation of this schedule has a multi-fold benefit.

What is faith without works?

Is there any truth to a confession of love when the behavior of the professed is more suggestive of shame? Or reluctant pity?
Daniel's lifestyle is a beacon for the power behind willing obedience. Every single miracle he witnessed, every promotion and favor was a direct result of his *resolute adherence to the revealed will of God.*

Implement Biblically sound systematic prayer. Introduce balance and method to your spiritual life and you will quickly enjoy the benefits:

- Redirection - True Reality
- Focus - God's cause, not my own

The Babylonian system is powerful & pervasive. It is also insidious. Keeping in touch with Creator keeps us sane and quick-witted.





Faithful Hannah

- Wife to Elkanah
- Mother of the long-haired Prophet Samuel
- Promise-keeper
- Once childless, as "the Lord had shut up her womb" v.5
- Loved, but persecuted

Hannah's Prosperity

We discover

God's compassion is complete. He loves to give gifts. He appreciates a good story.

Hannah's Need

In Worship & Living

- Hope
- Patience
- Meekness
- The fruits of the spirit, basically

In Prayer

- Faith
- Hope
- Focus
- Physical
- Reason & Promise



Elijah, The Believer

- A Tishbite, from Gilead
- Bold and clever speaker
- Obedient, sincere and disciplined
- International fugitive
- Faithful

Elijah's Prosperity

We discover

God wants to partner with His people. God wants to heal His land.

Elijah's Burden

In Worship & Living

- Faith
- Importunate
- Meekness
- "Jealous for God"
- Love for His people

In Prayer

- Faith
- Importunate [7]
- Focus
- Physical
- Reason & Promise

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