

## **Strong Tower Bible Study**

### **Agenda**

#### **Lesson #6**

**Time 6:00pm -7:30pm**

**Topic: Daniels prayer for the people**

Welcome

Opening Prayer

**Scripture text:** Daniel 9:1-11

### **Daniel's Prayer**

**9** In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom— <sup>2</sup> in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. <sup>3</sup> So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

<sup>4</sup> I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed:

“Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>5</sup> we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. <sup>6</sup> We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land.

<sup>7</sup> “Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame—the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near

and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you. <sup>8</sup> We and our kings, our princes and our ancestors are covered with shame, Lord, because we have sinned against you. <sup>9</sup> The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him; <sup>10</sup> we have not obeyed the Lord our God or kept the laws he gave us through his servants the prophets. <sup>11</sup> All Israel has transgressed your law and turned away, refusing to obey you.

### **Things to know:**

Believers are called to pray, regularly, consistently, and at all times

Talking to God is how we prepare to do the work He has called us to do in this life

We cannot do anything for God without prayer

The Holy Spirit instructs every believer through prayer

The church is not grown through programs, but through humble submission and supplication of the saints who gather together in dependence on Him in Jesus name.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What was Daniels (Heart) position? Vs 4
2. How does Daniel describe some of God's attributes? Vs 4
3. What does Daniel confess and how are we invited into his confession? Vs 5-6
4. What does Daniel call God in Vs. 7, What was the cause of the "scatter"? Vs 7-8
5. How is Daniel attempting to "recover the people"? Vs 9-10
6. How does Daniel feel about his people? Vs 11

### **Faith in Action:**

- Slow down and take your time. (Follow the rhythm of the day)
- Take 10-minute quiet breaks every hour.
- Set your alarm to pray at 12 noon
- Thank the Lord for each meal before eating it.
- Reach out to a loved one and invite them to worship with you (Sunday morning, or Bible Study)

### **Challenge of the Week:**

Prepare for the fasting season by reading your materials, and cleaning out your kitchen from: sweets, excess snacks, coffee, soda etc.

For alternative fasting: Remove one game or e-commerce app from your phone (Amazon, Candy Crush, FanDuel, DraftKings, Fanatics etc.

### **Scripture Application:**

Matthew 6:5-8-How can we demonstrate this?

Matthew 6:9-13-Share Jesus' prayer format with someone.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18-How can this be done?

Romans 8:26-How do you see prayer now?

### **Closing Prayer**

