



Faith Missionary Baptist Church

BIBLE STUDY

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LESSON 6

Know That Prayer Is Your Jumpstart For The Day

1 Chronicles 4:9-10, Daniel 6:10-22,

INTRODUCTION

How do you start your day? Do you start it by drinking a cup of coffee? Do you start your day by walking or engaging in physical exercise? Perhaps you start your day by calling or texting a friend or family member. Perhaps you start your day by checking the current news or weather reports. All these activities are good things to do. However, prayer is the most important of all. Add to it reading the Word of God. Where is prayer on your daily agenda? Are you guilty of allowing other things to crowd out prayer in your life? Have you ever gone a day without praying? If so, what kind of day did you have? I must confess that prayer has not always been at the top of my daily agenda. When I allowed that to happen some of my days were filled with chaos and confusion. Now, prayer is at the top of my agenda. If I awake early, I will have prayer on my mind.

Most of the time when we speak of jumpstarting something it is usually about getting one car started from the power of another using cables. A car needs a jumpstart when the battery is weak or dead. There is a spiritual application here. You and I have a spiritual battery that gets weak and needs to be recharged. The best thing to charge our life is prayer. As we continue to go through the Covid 19 crisis and other problems and pressures of life it is of utmost importance that we jumpstart our days with prayer. In today's lesson we are going to see how prayer was a jumpstart for two biblical characters-Jabez and Daniel.

OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTION: What hinders you from making prayer a priority in your life?

1st Reading-1 Chronicles 4:9-10.....The Prayer of Jabez

A. Jabez character: Was more honorable than his brothers (God fearing, integrity etc.

B. Meaning of his name: Pain

C. Points of Jabez prayer

- ❖ Prayed to the God of Israel (The right God)
- ❖ Specific not general
- ❖ Bless me indeed- over and above the minimum
- ❖ Enlarge my coast-scope of my influence, ministry etc.
- ❖ Thine hand be with me-(Protection, guidance, direction)
- ❖ Keep me from evil-See Psalm 17:8
- ❖ That it may not grieve me-Joy, confidence

D. The Results of his prayer: God granted his request

2nd Reading-Daniel 6:10-11.....The Prayer Life of Daniel

A. Daniel prays against the King's decree.

B. Daniel's pattern of prayer

- ❖ Place: In his house
- ❖ Position: With his windows open toward Jerusalem
- ❖ Posture: Kneeling on his knees
- ❖ Persistence: Three times a day

3rd Reading- Daniel 6:11-13.....Daniel Under Surveillance By Conspirators

A. Daniel seen praying breaking the king's decree

B. Daniel was steadfast

C. Conspirators report Daniel's disobedience to the King

4th Reading-Daniel 6:14-15.....The King's Response

- A. Shows regret at the decree
- B. Point of no return, could not relent
- C. King seeks a way to deliver Daniel
- D. Conspirators holds the king to the law-cannot be changed

5th Reading- Daniel 6:16-17.....Daniel In Good Trouble

- A. The king orders Daniel to be executed-Hoping against hope for his deliverance
- B. Notice the King's confession: "Thy God whom thy serve continually will deliver you. (Amazing)
- C. Daniel's plight:
 - ❖ Thrown in the lion's den.
 - ❖ Den sealed with a stone(Where else can the sealing of a stone be found in scripture?)

6th Reading-Daniel 6:18-19-.....The King Is Restless-No Eat and No Sleep

- A. No food for the king
- B. No sleep for the king
- C. No music for the king
- D. The king rose early and ran to the den

7th Reading- Daniel 6:20-22.....Daniel Is Delivered By God's Angel

- A. The king cries out to Daniel-desperate voice
- B. The king calls out Daniel's name
- C. Notice the title: Servant of the living God (What a great title to be called)
- D. Question: Is your God able to deliver you.
- E. Daniels's response:
 - ❖ O king live forever-Respect for the king
 - ❖ Daniel's confession/testimony:
 - ❖ My God sent his angel to deliver.
 - ❖ I'm fine O king.



Spiritual Applications of The Lesson

1. Prayer as a jumpstart is better than the caffeine of coffee or tea.
2. Since we are creatures of habit let prayer be another habit.
3. Never begin a day without prayer.
4. Use prayer as your steering wheel or your spare tire.
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

MEMORY VERSES: "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." -----Daniel 6:10

