



## July 4, 2021 | Part 3: Prayer Is a U-Turn

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**Daniel 6:5-9** Finally these men said, “We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.” <sup>6</sup> So these administrators and satraps went as a group to the king and said: “May King Darius live forever! <sup>7</sup> The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions’ den. <sup>8</sup> Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.” <sup>9</sup> So King Darius put the decree in writing.

**Daniel 6:10** Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

**Exodus 20:3-5**

**2 Chronicles 6:24-27**

**2 Chronicles 6:36-39**

**2 Chronicles 7:11-14** When Solomon had finished the temple of the Lord and the royal palace, and had succeeded in carrying out all he had in mind to do in the temple of the Lord and in his own palace, <sup>12</sup> the Lord appeared to him at night and said: “I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices. <sup>13</sup> “When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, <sup>14</sup> if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

### The One Thing:

Prayer is \_\_\_\_\_ Toward \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Turn From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

*“If my people, who are called by my name . . .”*

2. Turn From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"... will humble themselves and pray..."*
  
3. Turn From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"... and seek my face..."*
  
4. Turn From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*"... and turn from their wicked ways..."*

### Three Reminders for Christians in Exile:

1. Stop Expecting Earthly \_\_\_\_\_ to Save Us Who \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will.

**Daniel 6:14** When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him.

2. Trust that What Humankind \_\_\_\_\_ Change, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

**Daniel 6:16-17** So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!" <sup>17</sup> A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed.

3. Believe that I Will Always Know More About Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_  
 When My Earthly Security Blanket is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Daniel 6:18-22** Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep. <sup>19</sup> At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. <sup>20</sup> When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?" <sup>21</sup> Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! <sup>22</sup> My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."