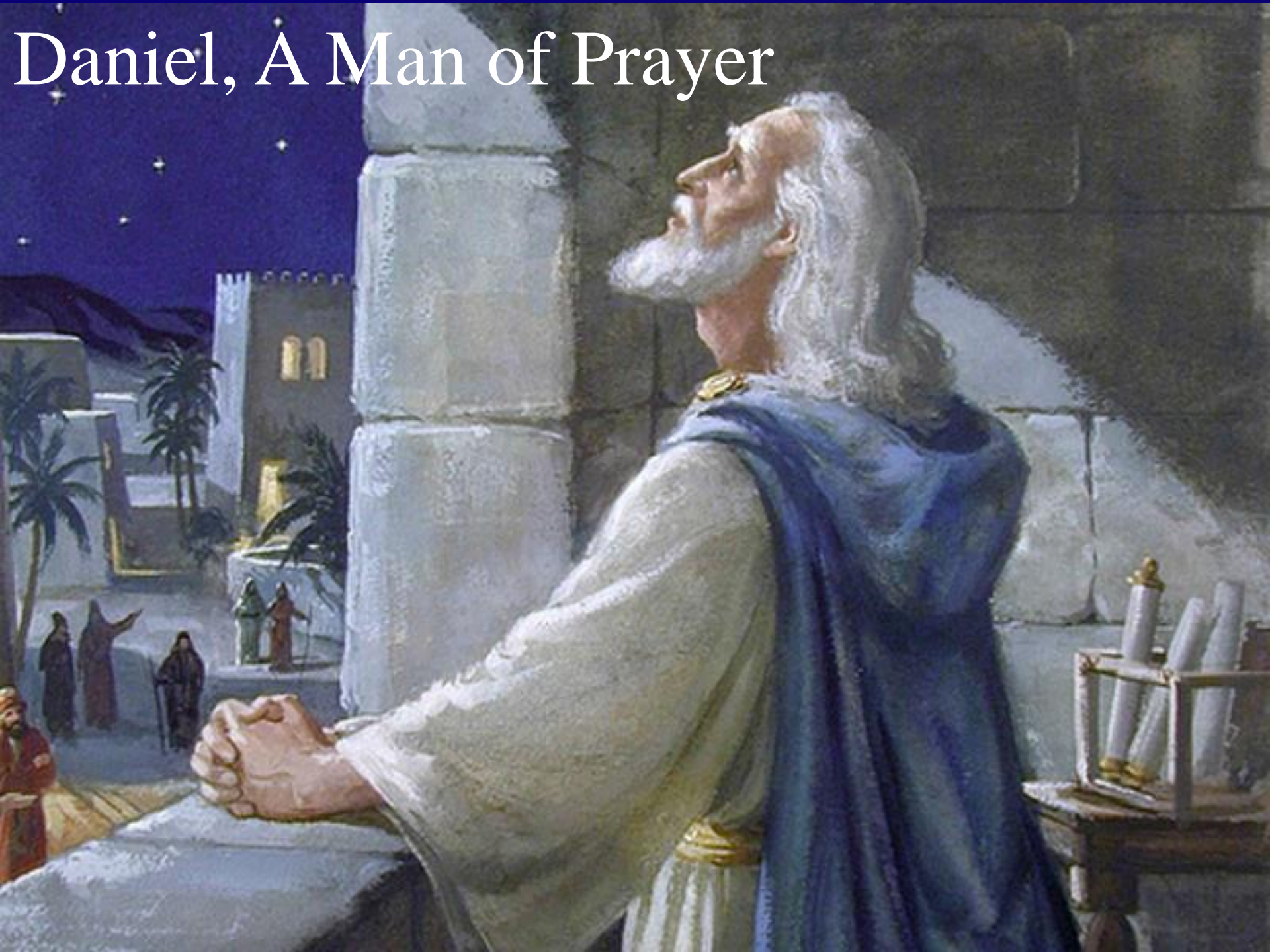


Daniel, A Man of Prayer



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Daniel 9

Daniel is a prophet and a businessman who talked to God

The result of him talking to God is one of the richest prophecies in the entire Bible

It has been called the backbone of biblical prophecy

Daniel chapter 9 gives both prophecy and prayer; it shows us how to talk to God

Three true statements about prayer

I. Prayer should be prominent

In the year of Darius the Mede; 538 BC

The king was Cyrus

Darius used Daniel to rule over part of the
kingdom

Daniel chapter 6 and 9 were the same timeframe

Daniel was one of three governors of the
Babylonian territory

Three true statements about prayer

Daniel was busy, important, and old; he still found time to pray—a lengthy prayer

“Too Busy to Pray” Bill Hybels

Chapter 6 is the parallel to this chapter

Daniel always prayed

It was a preoccupation

Daniel was a businessman

Three true statements about prayer

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your strength, and
with all your mind" (Luke 10:27)

Three true statements about prayer

You can be all in no matter what you do

When you pray, it's an exercise of dependence
and humility

Average computer user spends 49 minutes per
day managing emails

The average Christian spends 3-4 minutes a day
in prayer

Three true statements about prayer

II. Prayer should be prompted

Daniel's prayer is prompted by his reading of the
Word

God speaks to him and he prays to God, it's a
conversation

George Müller's book on prayer,
Answers to Prayer

Three true statements about prayer

He said that prayer was even more important than service to the Lord

Prayer is most effective after the inner man has been nourished by the Word of God

The will of God is never contrary to Scripture

His prayers were prompted by the Word of God to his heart

Three true statements about prayer

Daniel was reading the book of Jeremiah when he was prompted to pray this prayer

70 years were prophesied

It was now year 67 of the 70

Time's almost up!

Then he prays about it

Three true statements about prayer

Jeremiah 25 and 29 speak about the 70 years

His prayer was driven by what he read

Let what you say to God be prompted by what

God says in his word

Three true statements about prayer

Book Drawing Near by Kenneth Boa;

The prayer that God accepts is the prayer that
God directs

Every day, George Whitefield read his Bible on
his knees

Three true statements about prayer

III. Prayer should be passionate

Daniel was engaged physically and emotionally

Jesus said, "Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened"

Matthew 7:7-8

Three true statements about prayer

III. Prayer should be passionate

The Bible speaks of people raising their hands to
pray

Paul wrote to Timothy that he wanted men in
church to lift up holy hands

1 Timothy 2:8

Raising the hands conveys welcome

POINTS TO PONDER

1. Live intentionally; set spiritual goals
2. Read your Bible carefully
3. Pray relationally; you are talking to a person