

“THE WRESTLING PRAYER OF DANIEL”

1. What's the longest prayer you have ever timed? Who first said prayers with you at night and taught you how to pray? When did prayer first become your own conversation with God?

2. What moves Daniel to pray as he does? What clues do Jeremiah 25:1-14 and 29:10-14 provide? If the “70-year” period begins with the onset of Jehoiakim’s reign (608 B.C.) or Nebuchadnezzar’s reign (605 B.C.), what then happens almost 70 years later (in 538 B.C.)?

3. How does Daniel prepare himself for this divine encounter? Who is Daniel speaking for as he prays? What elements of common prayer do you see here?

4. How does each aspect of God prompt a round of Daniel’s confession: (a) God is great and awesome? (b) Faithful to his covenant? (c) Righteous in bringing judgment? (d) Merciful and forgiving? (e) Jealous for His Name?

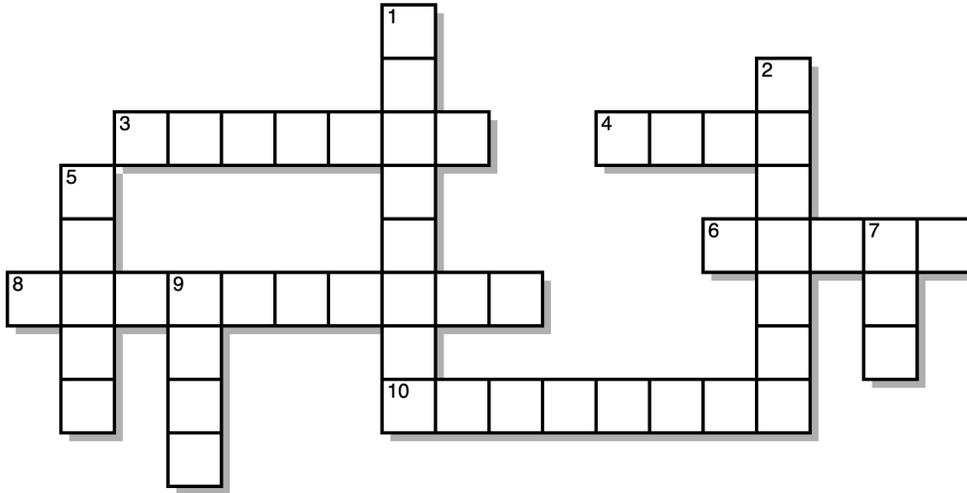
5. Why will God answer Daniel’s prayer (vv.16-19)?

6. What does this prayer say about God’s covenant: Based on grace or works, His character or ours? Conveys love or justice? Forever binding or always renegotiable?

7. Daniel’s study of the scriptures drove him to pray a prayer filled with scripture. How could you use scripture in your prayers?

8. Judging from the content of your recent prayers, what concerns you most these days?

9. Daniel humbled himself before meeting his God in prayer (v.3). How do you prepare to meet your God? How do you keep from viewing God as a “celestial butler”?



Down

1 What prophet was Daniel reading during his prayer time?

2 God promised to deliver Israel from Babylon after this many years.

5 In the statement "O, Lord" or "O My God." the word "O" is actually an untranslatable word that represents a _____.

7 What does a cow chew?

9 How many stomachs does a cow have?

Across

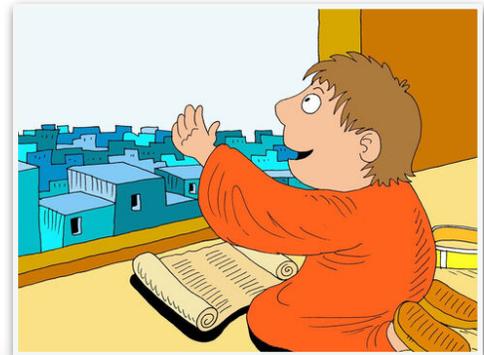
3 Our physical _____ matters when we pray.

4 What did Daniel turn to the Lord God (v.3)?

6 What did Daniel ask for while in sackcloth and ashes? (v.3)

8 What did Daniel make in verse 4?

10 " _____ is not thinking little of yourself; it's not thinking of yourself at all."



WORD SEARCH:

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| Daniel | Fasting |
| Luther | Sackcloth |
| Wesley | Ashes |
| Baxter | Mourning |
| Brainerd | Humble |
| Livingstone | Wrestling |
| Finney | Confession |
| Babylon | God |
| Persia | Great |
| Meditating | Awesome |
| Chewing | Steadfast |
| Prayer | Loving |
| Cow | Restoration |

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