

Daniel's People, Prayer, and Praise

Daniel 2:14-28

Daniel's People

From the GBC Ministry Priority of Building Edifying Relationships:

“Because we have a real and living connection with one another in Christ, we should demonstrate brotherly love with a common mind, spirit, and purpose... We ... come together to share encouragement with one another. We humbly serve one another in many ways, including providing for practical needs. We share our compassion, sympathy, and support as we ‘rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.’ We confess our faults to others and give our time in watchful prayer for them. Most importantly, we share God’s Word with one another.... All believers need to be involved with both discipling and being disciplined, so that the church develops a ‘culture of discipleship’ in which everyone participates. It is in the context of this personal discipling ministry that Hebrews 10:25 warns against ‘forsaking’ our regular ‘assembling together.’ ... These edifying relationships should take place within a church family that regularly gathers, fully committed to doing together what God calls each local church to do.”

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Daniel's Prayer

Matthew 18:19-20 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

From the GBC Ministry Priority of Corporate Prayer:

"Praying together was the primary activity of the disciples as they waited for the Spirit to come after Jesus' resurrection (Acts 1:14, 2:1). This continued after the Spirit came as the new believers immediately devoted themselves to corporate prayer (Acts 2:42). They prayed for boldness in witnessing, for deliverance from trials, for gospel progress, and for their church leadership (Acts 4:23-31; 12:5, 12; 13:3; 6:6). Paul urged the church to pray together for all men, for authorities, and especially for the unsaved (1 Timothy 2:1-8). In addition to praying together, we also gather to share our prayer burdens so that we can then pray privately for one another (Matthew 6:6). We are commanded to 'keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints' (Ephesians 6:18)."

Daniel's Praise

Luke 17:11-19 On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."