

## **The Power And Miracle Of Prayer: Thanks & Response To An Answered Prayer (Daniel 2: 19-20)**

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In the name of God Master, of the Universe, Ruler of the earth

Editors Note: I thank God today as I did yesterday and pray and hope to be able to thank God tomorrow. I also feel my answered prayer in Jesus who came bled and died for my sins and the sins of humankind.

“There was once a man who had all things he thought of. There was also a man who had a desire for many things as God provided his needs but also his desires as he decided. The second man stayed in the Spirit as a thorn pieced his side and soul. This same man stayed in prayer in thanks for an answered prayer.

Meanwhile the rich man in things and all things material thanked his banker and financial manager for the great return he received from his investments. He knew not of any divine blessings as he already resided in his heaven. However the second man fretted not at any evil or for those that are lost as the quiet storm would someday come as it is written.”

Greetings Brethren,

Peace be unto you. To the Church (the Church of Christ Jesus the Prophets and Apostles) and believing Christians everywhere. To those that believe in the Bible (the Spirit of God) as the supreme authority that governs all of humankind. In this we give thanks to God the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit that leads and guides us the straightway.

My dearly beloved Brethren the Book of Daniel reveals much prophecy and lessons for life everlasting. Here at the 2nd Division of Daniel we find a powerful scripture lesson. The king Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that he could not recall. Therefore he commanded the wise men of his kingdom to reveal the dream and then interpret it. However none could do this. But Daniel was called upon to do the impossible. Meanwhile Daniel requested more time as the king had proclaimed that all of the wise men would be executed if the dream was not revealed and an interpretation given to him.

There are 49 verses noted here we suggest that you read and study the entire chapter. We also remind you to pay special attention to our primary scripture noted in verses 14-23. The most important verses for our discussion are verses 19-20. However we will begin with verse 18. We will also include verses 21-23 as we note how they join in with verse 20. We will also note several cross references for verses 19 and 20.

Daniel 2: 18-19: “That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.”

Here we see that Daniel finds comfort among his friends as they unite in prayer. However their personal safety was not their priority. Daniel as a God fearing man was prayerful and had faith that God would answer his prayer and reveal to him the dream that the king had. Meanwhile with the prayer answered and the dream revealed Daniel and his companions would escape the destruction proposed by the king.

2: 19: “Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.”

(Also see Numbers 12:6 and Daniel 7: 2, 7).

Brethren the scripture here is so beautiful. Stay with us as we relish the Word of God and see how we all can be blessed as we stay in the Spirit. After the prayer service of Daniel and his friends (where two or more come together in the name of the Lord in prayer etc. we can have church and worship the Lord) he laid upon his bed to sleep. The prayer was answered in a vision. Do you have visions about things that trouble you and things that you wrestle with as you make this sojourn? ( Also see Hebrews 1:1 ). Also of great importance is that Daniel blessed the Lord. Thus he gave God credit for revealing the dream to him and its eventual interpretation. Since God is who we pray to in the name of Jesus when a prayer is answered we must never be so busy are so filled with joy that we forget to thank God.

Now follow us to several powerful cross references that further illustrate the major points noted here. At II Kings 6: 8-12 we find a powerful message. Here we find Elisha revealing to the king of Israel important information for the safety of their army during a conflict with the King of Syria. Look at verse 12 with us as we digest this thought.

II Kings 6: 12: “And none of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.”

Elisha was believed to have superhuman knowledge. But this power came from God. Here we see that no secret could be hid from Elisha. Brethren will God allow these faithful saints to unlock many mysteries of our past and the future? Will the lost that seek to devour and bring harm to the saints confess in an unconscious manner their faults to the Brethren? Is there power in prayer as miracles unfold?

At Job 33 we find several scriptures that clearly reveal that God will speak to us in dreams and in visions. Job 33: 15-16: “In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumbering upon the bed:”

“Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction,”

Elihu who quotes Job complains that God’s voice is not always recognized. Surely we must distinguish between God and man or self. But those lost in the faith will awaken to the fact that God has spoken. Elihu also thought that Job did not always listen to the Lord. But this was not true. Will you listen to Lord? To listen to the Lord comes among the believers and not the lost. However many believe God is talking but it is self and man as the Spirit is wise and a counsel in all times of joy, happiness and trouble.

Return with us now to our primary scripture found at Daniel 2 and verse 20. We will pick up there and note several more powerful cross references at this place and in the Old and New as we further digest the powerful lesson found here on God answering a prayer and the saints thanking God for this blessing. Glory to God.

Daniel 2: 20: “Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God forever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: (Also see Jeremiah 32: 19 and Matthew 6: 13).

Here we find Daniel continuing to praise God in thanks for revealing to him what he asked of Him regarding the king’s dream. He attributes all wisdom and might to Almighty God. In this he is grateful and filled with thanksgiving. Beloved this is why we are to always thank God in prayer. We do this before a prayer is answered as often a prayer has already been answered? How do we know you might ask that a prayer has been answered?

We will first go to I Chronicles 29. David praises God in the bracket of scriptures 10-25. Our primary verses are 11-12.

I Chronicles 29: 11-12: “Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and

the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.”

29: 12: “Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.”

Job 12: 13: Job speaks about the wisdom and strength of the Lord. God knows all.  
“With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding.”

At the 103rd Division of Psalms we find a powerful message on blessing God. We have no power to bless like God however we acknowledge God. Look to these scriptures for added clarity on our thanks and blessings to God.

Psalms 103: 1-2: “Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.”

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forge not all his benefits:’

We see that often a discussion has come up regarding the ability to bless God. Can we bless God etc.? Therefore when bless is used towards God it means to praise and adore Him. For He is the source the Creator of all blessings. “Praise God from whom all blessing flow.”

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