Prayer That Changes Nations; Prayer that changes History; Prayer that brings in Moves of God

God has great power to change nations and brings moves of God but the way this thing operates it that this power must be exercised or flow through the church or the body of Christ so that it can reach the world.

In Luke 19:10 Jesus said:

*I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.*

*PRAY…*

Praying with results, praying with results, praying with results,

This is a much needed topic today yes we are talking about prayer that changes history, nations and brings in moves of God. The truth about the matter is that I can barley scratch the surface of this topic. I am more or less giving a Holy Spirit directed outline to the people of God who want to do business in this area.

A prophet that did a lot of spiritual warfare and changed History, nations and kingdoms is the prophet Daniel so I would like you to turn to Daniel 2 if you can.

Daniel Verses: (1-23), I enjoy reading the bible. It’s the best book there is amen.

The background of the story in Daniel is-

Daniel was taken as a captive of war to Babylon but, even though he was considered a foreign captive, God, supernaturally gave him the opportunity to serve as an officer and spiritual advisor of the king Nebuchadnezzar. You see, you may be in a simple and humble situation but God is not limited by your circumstance and He will turn it around if you will continue to trust Him.

DANIEL 2: (1-23)

2 Now in the second year of (king) Nebuchadnezzar’s reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was *so* troubled that his sleep left him.

2Then the king gave the command to call the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.

3And the king said to them, “I have had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel+2&version=NKJV;NIV#fen-NKJV-21762a)]know the dream.”

4Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in A-ra-ma-ic, “O[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel+2&version=NKJV;NIV#fen-NKJV-21763b)] king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will give the interpretation.”

5The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, “My [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel+2&version=NKJV;NIV#fen-NKJV-21764c)]decision is firm: if you do not make known the dream to me, and its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made an ash heap.

6However, if you tell the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts, rewards, and great honor. Therefore tell me the dream and its interpretation.”

7They answered again and said, “Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will give its interpretation.”

8The king answered and said, “I know for certain that you would gain time, because you see that my decision is firm:

9if you do not make known the dream to me, *there is only* one decree for you! For you have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel+2&version=NKJV;NIV#fen-NKJV-21768d)]time has changed. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel+2&version=NKJV;NIV#fen-NKJV-21768e)]give me its interpretation.”

10The Chaldeans answered the king, and said, “There is not a man on earth who can tell the king’s matter; therefore no king, lord, or ruler has *ever* asked such things of any magician, astrologer, or Chaldean.

11*It is* a [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel+2&version=NKJV;NIV#fen-NKJV-21770f)]difficult thing that the king requests, and there is no other who can tell it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.”

12For this reason the king was angry and very furious, and gave the command to destroy all the wise *men* of Babylon.

13So the decree went out, and they began killing the wise *men;* and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill *them.*

14Then with counsel and wisdom Daniel answered Arioch, the captain of the king’s guard, who had gone out to kill the wise *men* of Babylon;

15he answered and said to Arioch the king’s captain, “Why is the decree from the king so [[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel+2&version=NKJV;NIV#fen-NKJV-21774g)]urgent?” Then Arioch made the decision known to Daniel.

**16So Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time, that he might tell the king the interpretation.**

**17Then Daniel went to his house, and made the decision known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions,**

**18that they might seek mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret, so that Daniel and his companions might not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon.**

19Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

20Daniel answered and said:

“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,  
For wisdom and might are His.  
21And He changes the times and the seasons;  
He removes kings and raises up kings;  
He gives wisdom to the wise  
And knowledge to those who have understanding.  
22He reveals deep and secret things;  
He knows what *is* in the darkness,  
And light dwells with Him.

23“I thank You and praise You,  
O God of my fathers;  
You have given me wisdom and might,  
And have now made known to me what we asked of You,  
For You have made known to us the king’s [[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel+2&version=NKJV;NIV#fen-NKJV-21782h)]demand.”

Whoo- what a prayer of thanks giving Amen.

You need to read the rest of the chapter as soon as possible.

We just read an overview of this difficult situation but we need to see clearly key or solution that was used in this crisis to bring deliverance.

**The key to this crisis was effective prayer and intercession done corporately by God’s people:**

It is found in verses 16-18

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Daniel had the promises of God’s protection on his side but he needed to download divine revelation to meet the king’s demand. He was smart enough to know that he had to implement an intercessory strategy to make that possible. Intercession has strategy yes it does. …

You see as children of God today have the same or a better option. If God will do it for Daniel under the covenant of the Law, He certainly will do it for us under this covenant of grace.

**Here are some things that Daniel employed that we can used..**

1/ He knew he needed time

2/ He knew he needed prayer support

3/ He knew the results had to be God-inspired

So often we want to see God move but we have no time for prayer or we allow people to fill our lives with natural demand. We need to change that, make time for God and put Him first. God does not play second fiddle.

Do you know how many victories have been lost because people did not take time to seek God? Do you know how many failures have occurred because people squandered all the time they had and then tried to get victory at the last minute. It takes time to flow in a higher anointing; The power of God increase by stages and before great moves of God; For Revivals and Awakenings there is the need for seasons of prayer. All of these things demand time; not form God’s view point but from ours.

You see, my friend, we are creatures living in a world with boundaries and one of those boundaries, in the natural, is we must have time to do our thing. Our God can suspend the time boundary for us, at times, but when we have negligently wasted the precious time we had or when we were not responsive to what God is saying to us it’s a different matter.

**Moves of God, Demonstration of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit; Leadership, Kingdoms and Government transformations, must be prayed in to operation and this is not a hundred meters dash, it is more like a 3000 meters or a marathon run.** They can take much time. Some breakthroughs can only be accomplished through seasons of prayer.

That is the reasons why in Acts 6:3-5 the Apostles said:

*It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables.****3****Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;****4****but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”*

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**Prayer done rightly is a full time Job for someone call by God to be an intercessor**

- Daniel requested of the king to give him time so that he get an answer from God,

We see the Prophetess Hannah, in Luke chapter 2, devoted 60 years of her, life praying for the coming of Christ the Messiah

Lets read it - Luke 2: 36- 38

***36****And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin,*

***37****and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=luke%202&version=ESV" \l "fen-ESV-25002f" \o "See footnote f)] She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.*

***38****And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him (that is Jesus) to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.*

The church of Jesus Christ has great power but it is generated through prayer. The reason why people disrespect the church is because it is not doing its job. People who mess with a praying church can get hurt.

God has assigned angels to watch over and protect His body and when people push against those angels, those angels can hurt them.

I work with a pastor in Suriname in a church that know how to pray. And we saw God brought great deliverance in many situations. One guy tried to stop the church and it cost him. We were having church in a tent in a neighborhood where the people did not like the church.

The way the Church got there was funny.

One guy, the neighbor next door, did not like the church, did everything he could to stop the church. He went to the authorities and when that did not work he decided to bring a big PA system to over-power our system while we were praising God. He did that one week and the next week while we were having service they were taking him to the burial ground. I tell you what, no body bother the church after that.

The church function is to save men’s life and change people from the road of hell to heaven, but if you resist the angel that protect the church you can hurt yourself. These things only happen in a church that is doing God’s will and knows how to pray.

In Daniel 16:2 we read-

***16So Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time, that he might tell the king the interpretation.***

***Another way saying it is:***

***16So Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time, (to seek the Lord in prayer) that he might tell the king the interpretation.***

Praying is so important and has so many facets to it that Christian Colleges can have a full fledge doctorate program on prayers. I sometime calls it the Science of Prayer or the Study of Prayer

In Ephesians 6:18 the Apostle Paul by the Holy Ghost says,

***18****Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*

There is so much to unpack in this verse but Just mention thoughts

**1/ Praying always -there so much in there to feed on.**

**2/ All kinds of prayer- Talks about using a tool skillfully**

**3/ All perseverance – this is truly not for lazy birds**

These things take time but when they are done right they will change hearts, people and nations for the Glory of God.

The book of Daniel reveals him as a man of very much prayer. The revelation that he received about God dealings with mankind are operational in the world today. He changed kingdoms and governments by the Word of God’s wisdom that flowed through him.

The Church of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God is in a better position to do more today. We have the power of the Holy Ghost and, through the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the ability to pray in tongues and release divinely inspired utterances in prayer. These utterances come from the heart of God the father through the power of the Holy Spirit and will bring deliverance to the dead spirits and sick souls of men

**It will happen as we …**

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***16So Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time, (to seek the Lord in prayer) that he might tell the king the interpretation. \***

Let’s pray for this nation of the united States of America.

**Lord we thank for this great nation of these United States of America and New York State in particular. We thank you because you have raised up this nation to be a beacon to the world. You have established it on the foundation of your Word which cannot be moved. In Jesus name we bind the powers of devils and demons working through people to hinder this state and the nation at large and we release the angels to God to support the workers of righteous in this state and the nation at large in Jesus name Amem.**

As I said at the beginning this is not sprint it is more like a long distance. Keep on interceding and taking your authority everyday In Jesus Name.

Let me pray that God’s anointing to pray to be strong on you in Jesus name.

**“In the name of Jesus I release on you an anointing to pray and take your place of authority as a member of the body of our Lord Jesus. I rebuke every spirit hindering you and declare freedom to worship and praise the mighty name of Jesus. May the Joy of the Holy Spirit flow through your spirit like a river in Jesus name.”**

PLESE BE ENCOURAGE TO BE PARTNER IN PRAYER AND SUPPORT SO THAT THIS WORD OF God can come your way.

**YOU SEEE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST IS FREE BUT IT COSTS TO GET IT THROUGH THE PIPES TO YOU. ASK THE LORD, He will tell you what to give as your contribution for this Christ Centered outreach. Do so in Jesus name.**

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