

Oxford Baptist Church – Pastor Robin W. Pifer – June 17, 2018,
Father's Day Message – "Learnings from Daniel."
Scripture: Daniel 1:8; 12

What do we learn from Daniel?

"The Lord has a bigger plan for your life than you do!"

1) The Lord has a Sovereign Plan. Daniel 12

- Not "Fatalism or survival of the fittest" but faith.
- Your future with the Lord is secure. v. 2,9,13

2) The Lord Blesses a Daily Prayer Life.

- Nine, Noon and Three (3rd, 6th, 9th hours)
- 1Thess 5:17; Daniel 2:14-23

A.W. Tozer – "Whatever God can do, faith can do, and whatever faith can do prayer can do when it is offered in faith."

D.L. Moody, "Jesus Christ never taught His disciples how to preach, but only how to pray."

3) The Lord Blesses a Word Centred Life. Daniel 9:2

- Prayer and the Word Go Together. (Acts 6:4)
- Turn the Word into Prayer. Rom 10:17; John 15:7

"Daniel didn't study the Word to impress people; he studied it to ascertain the will of God and obey it." Warren W. Wiersbe

4) The Lord Prepares us for Spiritual Warfare. Daniel 10

- Col 4:12; 2Cor 10:1-6; Eph 6:10-14
- The Lord gives us the ability to stand and to take ground in the spiritual battles we face. Daniel 3 and 6

5) The Lord Builds a Legacy through someone who Glorifies Him!

Daniel 2:28;

- Daniel had work to do. A true leader is a humble servant. Daniel 6:1-5; Matt 25:21
- Daniel treated people with respect.
- Daniel was given insight daily and for the future.
- Daniel lived up to his name. (The Lord is my Judge)

Dare to be a Daniel, Dare to stand alone! Dare to have a purpose firm! Dare to make it known.

Be Resolute – *Determining to Go God's Direction* – Warren W. Wiersbe

Life Group Questions

1. What was the biggest lesson you learned from the Daniel Series? Take time to discuss this.
2. Why is knowing "God is sovereign" so different from "fatalism or the survival of the fittest." philosophies?
3. How has Daniel's prayer life impacted your prayer life?
4. What lessons did you learn from Daniel's determination to obey the Lord and live a holy life?
5. How do we approach our life journey when we are aware of the spiritual warfare going on around us?
6. Why did Daniel remain humble even though he was a national leader?
7. Daniel and his friends practised the art of confronting authority while remaining respectful. What attitudes or actions hinder us today from responding in this godly way?
8. In what ways does Daniel encourage us with a sense of our mission with the Lord?
9. Pray for each other to "Dare to Be a Daniel" for the Lord.