Trusting the Most High God in perilous times

Daniel 2:17-23 The Prayer of Daniel



The Code of Hammurabi is a well-preserved Babylonian code of law of ancient Mesopotamia, dated back to about 1754 BC. Code of Hammurabi was widely used in Babylon

196. If a man put out the eye of another man, his eye shall be put out. [An eye for an eve 197. If he breaks another man's bone, his bone shall be broken. 200. If a man knock out the teeth of his equal, his teeth shall be knocked out. [A tooth for a tooth]

215. If a physician make a large incision with an operating knife and cure it, or if he open a tumor (over the eye) with an operating knife, and saves the eye, he shall receive ten shekels in money. 218. If a physician make a large incision with the operating knife, and kill him, or open a tumor with the operating knife, and cut out the eye, his hands shall be cut off.



"His spirit was troubled and sleep left him..."

Research shows that someone who hasn't slept in 24 hours has the same cognitive functions of someone who is legally drunk with BAL of 0.1. (well beyond the 0.08% BAC that identifies someone as legally drunk.) Severe sleep deprivation has shown to cause symptoms of hallucination, anxiety, depression, paranoia, and in extreme cases mild psychotic symptoms and delirium.



<u>1</u> Timing of Prayer

$\underline{2}$ Method of Prayer

$\underline{3}$ Attitude of Prayer

Then Daniel went to his house and informed his friends, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, about the matter, so that they might request compassion from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his friends would not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

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Daniel 2:17-18



Our size of prayer is not limited by the power of God but rather limited by the size of our faith

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you. 1. Denial

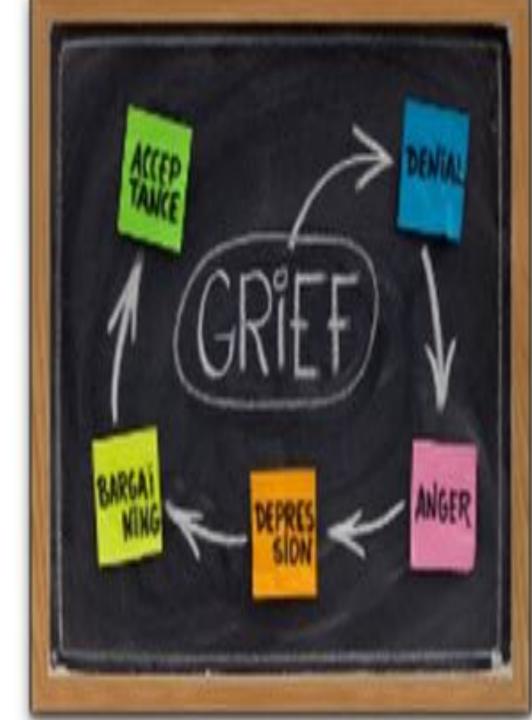
2. Anger

3. Bargaining

4. Depression

5. Acceptance

6. Prayer



There is no reactive prayer life without a proactive prayer life



$\underline{2}$ Method of Prayer

Matthew 18:19-20 says "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

"By praying with friends, you will be able to hear and see facets of Jesus that you have not yet perceived"

-Tim Keller





<u>3</u> Attitude of Prayer

So that they might request **compassion** from the God of Heaven concerning this mystery...

Daniel 2:18a

The content of our prayer reflects our theology, what we believe to be true about who God is.



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Daniel 2:21



"Humility is the currency of the Kingdom of God. If you want to do business with God, humble yourself."



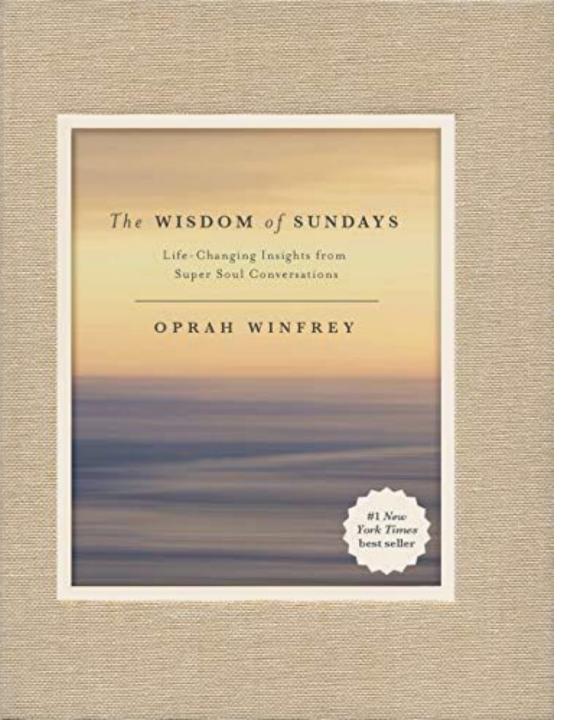
James 4:10

Daniel said, "Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, For wisdom and power belong to Him. "It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men and knowledge to men of understanding. "It is He who reveals the profound and Daniel 2:21-23

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hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, And the light dwells with Him. "To You, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, For You have given me wisdom and power; Even now You have made known to me what we requested of You, For You have made known to us the king's matter."

Daniel 2:21-23



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"For You have given me Wisdom and Power."

Daniel 2:23

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"Prayer moves the hand that moves the world." -E.M. Bounds