# THY KINGDOM COME: SPEAKING TO AND HEARING FROM GOD

Daniel 6:1-13

Daniel remained devoted to prayer, even while...

A long way from home
60 years in exile
Surrounded by godlessness
Distinguished as a leader

# That constant communion with the Father no doubt contributed to what we see in vss. 3-5

Distinguished character
Given a place of honor
No corruption nor negligence
Worthy of trust

Prayerlessness has been described as Mankind's declaration of independence

Jesus, on the other hand, sought God's face in the morning (Mark 1:35), the evening (Mark 6:46-47), in solitude (Luke 5:15-16), throughout the night (Luke 6:12), with His disciples (Luke 9:18) and when facing monumental trials (Luke 22:41-42)

Should ours be less?

#### ACTS 6:1-4

Note: the Church was previously described as devoted to "the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

The leadership of the church is highlighted here as fully devoted to the word of God. Other ministries were important, but none so important as true devotion to the word and to prayer

### SO WHO ARE THE SPIRITUAL LEADERS?

The pastors? Without question
The deacons? Absolutely
Those in elected positions? No doubt
The Sunday school teachers? Yep
The Bible study leaders? No doubt
Parents? For sure

## GOD, SPEAK TO ME!

He has. It's the Bible. Anything you hear or receive MUST be consistent with Scripture or it is not of God.

"...you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." 2 Peter 1:20-21 The Holy Scriptures reveal to us the heart of God. His character and nature is revealed within its pages.

In addition, it "is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path." Ps. 119:105

Hidden in our heart, it keeps us from sin. (Ps. 119:11)

"This book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this Book." – DL Moody

2 Tim 3:16-17

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."