

## Teach Me How To Pray

What environment are we living in? Revelation 17:5 Babylon

Who lived and survived Babylon's influence? Daniel 2:49 Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

How did Daniel pray? Daniel 6:8-11 He prayed aloud for simply opening a window means nothing, even kneeling with arms outstretched means nothing.

A confession of Christ means something more than bearing testimony in social meeting. Daniel is an example to believers as to what it means to confess Christ. He held the responsible position of prime minister in the kingdom of Babylon, and there were those who were envious of Daniel among the great men of the court, and they wanted to find something against him that they might bring an accusation against him to the king. But he was a faithful statesman, and they could find no flaw in his character or life. "Then said these men, we shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God." So they agreed together to ask the king to make a decree that no one should ask any petition of any God or man for thirty days save of the king, and if any disobeyed this decree, he was to be cast into the den of lions. But did Daniel cease to pray because this decree was to go into force!-No, that was just the time when he needed to pray. "When Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and, his window being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." Daniel did not seek to hide his loyalty to God. He did not pray in his heart, but with his voice, aloud, with his window open toward Jerusalem, he offered up his petition to heaven. Then his enemies made their complaint to the king, and Daniel was thrown into the den of lions. But the Son of God was there. The angel of the Lord encamped round about the servant of the Lord, and when the king came in the morning, and called, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live forever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me." No harm had come to him, and he magnified the Lord God of heaven. {RH, May 3, 1892 par. 11}

Is that just Daniel praying aloud three times a day? Psalms 55:17 David encouraged all to do such

Are we sure it is out loud with David? Psalms 5:2-3, 64:1, 66:19 Voice is used

What body part did David use to pray? Psalms 54:2 Mouth

What other body part is used? Psalms 17:1 Lips

And what did David plea that God would give? Psalms 143:1 ear and not mind for prayer because without a voice it is mind to mind and not mouth to ear

Who else prayed and even cried unto God? Jeremiah 11:14 Jeremiah

Who prayed aloud for healing? Isaiah 38:5 Hezekiah ... God said, "I have heard thy prayer" and not "I received his thoughts"

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What body parts did Job use? Job 33:1-2 Mouth and tongue

Who else prayed and sang aloud? Acts 16:25 Paul and Silas

How did Jesus pray? Luke 11:1 The disciples heard Jesus

Christ's disciples were much impressed by His prayers and by His habit of communion with God. One day after a short absence from their Lord, they found Him absorbed in supplication. Seeming unconscious of their presence, He continued praying aloud. The hearts of the disciples were deeply moved. As He ceased praying, they exclaimed, "Lord, teach us to pray." {COL 140.1}

What did Jesus say? Matthew 6:6-7 "much speaking" not "much thought"

How emotional can prayer spoken instead of thought be? Psalms 61:1, 102:1 Crying. Thought does not carry the same emotional weight.

Is all silent prayer wrong? 1 Samuel 1:12-13 No. Not everything in our heart should be revealed to potential people eavesdropping.