

Daniel 6: 10-11

*“... Three times a day
he got down on his
knees and prayed ...!”*

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- Greetings in Mafa, my mother tongue:

Translation:

- Thank you, Lord. You are so good to us, you gave us food, life, joy and many blessings. We are so grateful.”

Daniel 6:10-11

10 Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. **11** Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.

CONTEXT

DANIEL

Biographical Section Daniel Interprets Others' Dreams

MAIN EMPHASIS:
DANIEL THE PROPHET

Introduction and setting (1)
Nebuchadnezzar's apocalyptic dream (2)
Historical narratives (political and personal) (3–6)

CHAPTERS
1–6

Prophetical Section Angel Interprets Daniel's Dreams

MAIN EMPHASIS:
THE PROPHECIES OF DANIEL

Daniel's foundational vision (7)
Prophetic visions (near and far) (8–12)

CHAPTERS
7–12

POLITICAL POWERS

Babylonian Rule

Nebuchadnezzar
Belshazzar

... IN DANIEL'S DAY

Medo-Persian Rule

Darius
Cyrus

Grecian Rule

Alexander the Great
Four generals

... AND AFTERWARD

Roman Rule

Last of the
Gentile powers

Theme

God's sovereignty over kingdoms and His unfolding plan for the future

Key Verses

2:20–22, 44; 4:34–37

Christ in Daniel

The stone that will crush earth's kingdoms (2:34–35, 44); Son of Man (7:13–14);
the coming Messiah who will be crucified (9:25–26)

“... Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed ...!”

Dan. 6:10a

Who is praying to God?

- **Daniel: GOD is my judge**
- **Jew**
- **Royal descent**
- **Brutal and painful exile**
- **Very smart**
- **Man of integrity**
- **High rank administrator all his active life (extremely busy professional life)**

דָּנִיֵּאל

Daniel

My Hebrew Name

“... Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed ...!”

Dan. 6:10a

Why is he praying to the Lord?

- **Daily routine**
- *Forgiveness of his fellow Jews
and return to Israel*
- **Help**

● *1 Kings 8:46-51*

● ⁴⁶ *“When they sin against you—for there is no one who does not sin—and you become angry with them and give them over to their enemies, who take them captive to their own lands, far away or near; ⁴⁷ and if they have a change of heart in the land where they are held captive, and repent and plead with you in the land of their captors and say, ‘We have sinned, we have done wrong, we have acted wickedly’; ⁴⁸ and if they turn back to you with all their heart and soul in the land of their enemies who took them captive, and pray to you toward the land you gave their ancestors, toward the city you have chosen and the temple I have built for your Name; ⁴⁹ then from heaven, your dwelling place, hear their prayer and their plea, and uphold their cause. ⁵⁰ And forgive your people, who have sinned against you; forgive all the offenses they have committed against you and cause their captors to show them mercy; ⁵¹ for they are your people and your inheritance, whom you brought out of Egypt, out of that iron-smelting furnace.*

IF my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways ...

THEN I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

“... Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed ...!”

Dan. 6:10a

How did he pray to the Lord?

Faithfully

Openly

Regularly

Timely

Jewish Worship and Prayer

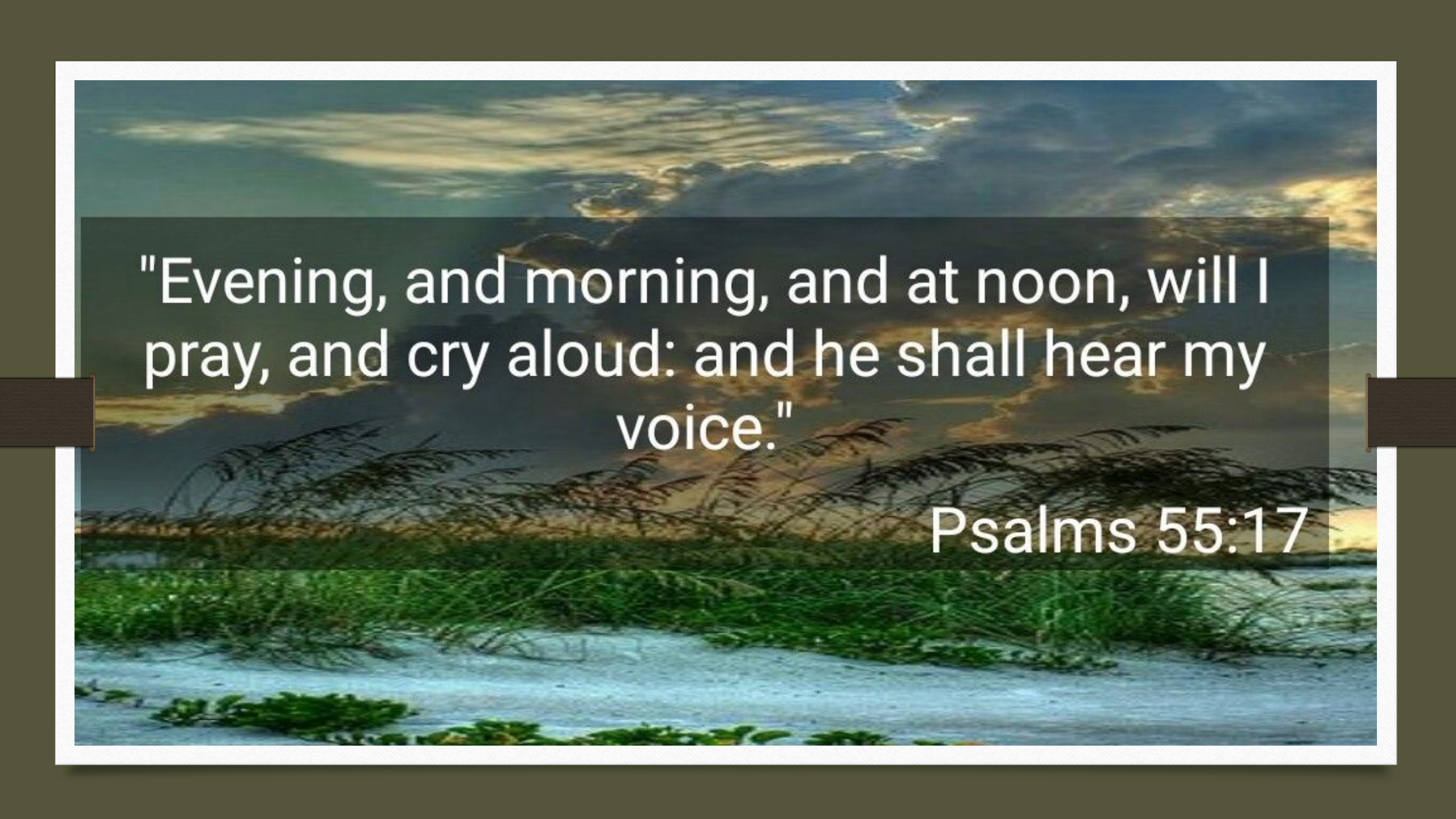
- *Ask yourself WHY after each question.*

Orthodox Jews are expected to pray three times a day.
Morning, afternoon and evening.

- Prayers are said facing Jerusalem.

- Women do not have set times to pray but they are expected to pray twice a day.





"Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I
pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my
voice."

Psalms 55:17

A scenic landscape painting of a rural valley. In the foreground, a stone wall runs across a grassy field. A small, yellow, gabled house with a chimney is visible in the middle ground. The background features rolling green hills under a soft, hazy sky. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and idyllic.

"Seven times a day do I praise thee because
of thy righteous judgments."

Psalms 119:164 KJV



Rejoice
ALWAYS,
pray continually,

GIVE *thanks*
in all circumstances;
for this is

God's
will
for you

IN
CHRIST JESUS.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 NIV

“... Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed ...!”

Dan. 6:10a

How did the Lord answer his prayer?

Patiently

Powerfully

Publicly

**“... I prayed to the
God of heaven, and
I answered the
king ...!”**

How about you and me?

Is anyone, or anything threatening to kill you?

Are you afraid, sad, discouraged or even depressed?

Do you pray regularly? Intensely? Without Ceasing?

Are you willing to join the rank of the 120 prayer warriors who support our university daily?

BE A DANIEL. PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

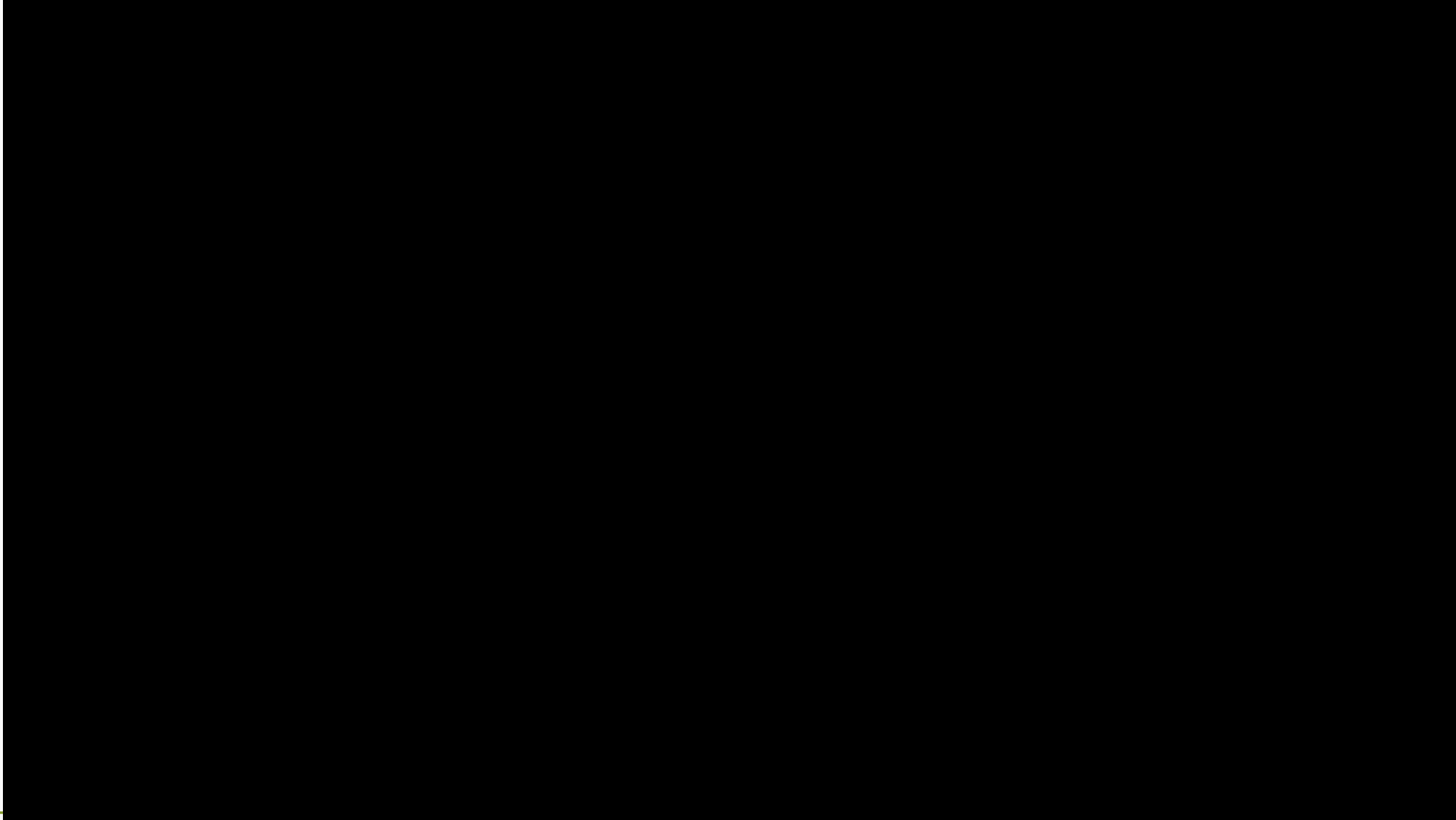
What does Daniel's prayer teach us about God?

**Praying
regularly
and
intensely
is the best
prepara-
tion for
spiritual
battle**

**God
honors
those
who
honor
Him**

**God
protects
those who
faithfully
trust in
Him**

Master, the tempest is raging...



Story of a girl when the plane was going through an area of particularly violent turbulence.



“C’est mon papa qui pilote cet
avion, j’ai confiance en lui,
tout ira bien!”



Conclusion

- It is our Heavenly Father who pilots our lives. Despite the turbulences of life, everything will be fine.

Rejoice *a*/ways

Pray continually

give thanks in all
circumstances

for this is God's will for
you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Doxology



MAY GOD BLESS YOU TODAY AND FOR EVER!



Isaiah 45:2-3

I will go before you and level the exalted places, **I will** break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, **I will** give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, **that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, Who call you by your name.**

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