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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A1568 ~ Daniel Reveals the Dream.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

Today's Bible Adventure is about answered prayer. What do we mean by prayer? Prayer is a believing person's direct conversation with God. We simply talk with God, listen to Him, and honestly tell Him our thoughts and feelings. We praise Him, thank Him, confess our sin, and ask for His help and guidance. Prayer is humbly entering into the very presence of Almighty God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

When approaching God, we must come to Him in the ways He has said. He has promised very definitely not to hear the prayers of those who do not come through His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus said in John's Gospel, Chapter 14: "No one comes to the Father except through Me." Anyone who attempts to enter God's presence by any other way, even though Satan may give him false assurances for a while, cannot expect to hear from God or know His truth.

It's absolutely necessary to believe that Jesus is God and in His salvation to cover the sin within our lives. A Christian cannot draw close to God if there is unconfessed sin in their life. In Psalm 66, it says: "If I had ignored my sins, the Lord would not have listened to me."

Following a plane crash with a heavy loss of life in a swampy region, a team of searchers was given the task of finding the plane's black box. This contained details of the data that could help the investigators identify the cause of the crash. For 14 days, the searchers worked their way through the swamp. The physical conditions were nearly unbearable but everyone thought that they must press on with the search. One of the searchers was a Christian. As he worked, he prayed for the families who had now lost loved ones and for safety for the searchers.

On the fifteenth day, he realized that he had failed to pray for one important thing – that God would help them find the black box. So he asked God for directions for finding it and resumed his work. Almost immediately he found it. The Christian wondered then why he had waited so long to ask God.

Over the generations, a few people have gained a reputation for answered prayers because they spent great time talking to God about everything. Daniel was one of these men. He had a deep-rooted habit to pray. As a young prince from the kingdom of Judah and then a slave through exile in Babylon, Daniel prayed to God in spite of the difficult conditions he lived in.

If we don't pray very often, we find it much more difficult to approach God and speak to Him. But if we're constant in prayer about every small problem that comes our way, our words to God are always ready to call to Him for help. This close relationship gives us confidence to pray to God because He hears us and delights to answer prayers asked in faith.

Daniel prayed to God and asked what King Nebuchadnezzar's dream was and why it had disturbed him so much.

Daniel was very careful when he spoke to the king. He didn't blurt out the answer God had given him during the night. Instead, he first asked the king the details of his dream. Daniel was primarily concerned that his God, the God of heaven, be given all the praise and glory. Daniel didn't want to claim this praise for himself. Daniel had an opportunity to convince these Babylonians that there is one true God and people of all nations can worship Him at the same time.

A traveller once spent the night in a shabby hotel building. The traveller was fearful that the whole place might go up in flames. So he prayed to God: "Lord, please save me from any danger of fire." He continued his prayer listing all the possible reasons for fire and other risks that there were about him. By the time he finished praying he was a nervous wreck and he had very little sleep that night. In the morning, he realized his evening prayers had focused on his negative feelings rather than on God's assurances and promises. He learnt this important truth: "unless we plead in faith, our prayers can do more harm than good".

Many years ago, a godly woman prayed earnestly that her son might be called to the ministry. The son grew up to be a diligent Christian and began preparing for the high calling of a pastor. But before his preparation was complete, he decided he was not called by God to that type of work. He left his training program and became a banker instead. He remained a financier until he died, successful and rich while his mother's prayer was not granted.

When the banker's will was read, it was found that his huge fortune had been left to the benefit of a theological training college. There are many men living after him being trained to be pastors for ministry. The godly woman's prayer, though not granted, was answered in a completely different way for the extension of God's kingdom.

A famous writer once said: "Prayer is not a way of making use of God; prayer is a way of offering ourselves to God so that He should be able to make use of us. It may be that one of our great faults in prayer is that we talk too much and listen too little.

When prayer is at its highest, we wait in silence for God's voice to us."

A magazine article told the story of a 91-year old lady living in a nursing home. She had had a variety of ministries through the years. The most important one was prayer. In her younger years, she heard a speaker at a missionary meeting say that as well as tithing our money, we should also tithe our time. That evening she prayed to the Lord and asked how much time she should spend in prayer. She believed His reply was three hours a day, so she spent an hour in the morning, in the afternoon and in the evening in prayer.

Soon after this started, the lady became so busy doing other things that she neglected her commitment to prayer. Then she became very sick and could no longer keep her other ministries going. She went back to her prayer commitment and had continued it even when living in a nursing home. Missionaries sent her personal prayer requests and she faithfully prayed for them all.

God's way of answering the Christian's prayer for more patience, love and hope is often to put the person into times of trials. Let's be thankful that God is wiser than to give us always what we pray for.

Does your prayer life get a little time now and then? Is prayer confined to major problems with other people? As you maintain a close relationship with Jesus and consistently study His Word, your prayers will become more in agreement with His will. When this happens, God is delighted to grant your requests.

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That was Dan Huff singing "Show me your ways, O Lord."

The drama is from The Bible In Living Sound.

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