

THE SECRET PLACE

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Topic:
THE SECRET PLACE
Text: Daniel 6:10

Prayer

Eternal rock of ages we thank you Lord for you let us gather here in peace and not in pieces be thou exalted in Jesus name, father Lord anyway we have sin against you that will not let you be in our midst o Lord use your precious blood to wash us clean, father Lord teach us your word by yourself in the name of Jesus

Introduction

I welcome everyone today. The intention of God right from the beginning was to have this intimate relationship with man where He relates with us as father does to his child. This is why you would see that when Adam was in the garden, God usually came down to speak to him. They were very close and related freely.

But, the moment Adam and Eve sinned and ate the forbidden fruit, that intimacy was broken. And, ever since, God started looking for a way to Ensure that man is able to relate with Him freely without needing a priest to atone for the sins of the people. So, He sent His son to be the high priest who sympathized with our weaknesses and also died for our sins. He thereby reunited us to Himself through the son. But, in order to key into this, the person needs to accept that the son died for our sins and then, the person gets saved.

The purpose of today's teaching is to teach us about the uniqueness and importance of the secret place.

Let's stay tuned.

BibleText: Daniel 6:10.

Please, I would encourage us to post different versions of this text.

Daniel 6:10 KJV

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows 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.6.10 NLT

- But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God.

Daniel 6:10 NKJV

"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days."

Study

Before we look at what the secret place is, let's go through our text;

Daniel 6:10:

"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows 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 formerly."

In this verse, despite the fact that a decree was signed that nobody should worship or pray to any other gods apart from the royal statutes they put up, Daniel went against it. Read the first line of the verse. It says that Daniel was even aware that the writing was signed, yet, He stood with God and went to pray. Now, read the last line of the verse which says how Daniel did FORMERLY. This means that Daniel was a man of consistent prayer and a man of the secret place. He didn't just decide to start it after the decree was made. But, it was his custom. He was consistent and no entity was able to stop him from serving his God.

If a whole king could not stop Daniel for going to his secret place, I believe nothing should stop us, as believers. However, some may not really know what "the secret place" means. Therefore, let us go into what it means.

I hope we are following!

What is the secret place?

1. It is a place where we have fellowship with God and commune with Him:

Even though praying in the public is good, I tell you very cogent and deep things that God will tell you, He won't tell you in public. Just the way if you want to tell a friend a very sensitive matter, you don't say it in the public, you both go to a private place. That's the same with God. Your secret place is the presence of God where you decide to spend time. Just the way many in the old testament built altars, we also build spiritual altars these days. And, this can be done through consistency in the word and prayer. It can be done consciously and unconsciously.

Your secret place is a space you created for yourself where there are no distractions from communing with God. Public places

have a lot of distractions and views, but the secret place does not. It is called a "secret place".

Are we there?

Matthew 6:6:

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." God is not a God of the public but of the secret. But, He sees in the secret and rewards openly. He can wonder openly, but everything is as a result of what happened in the secret place.

2. The secret place is a place where men are built:

If you are praying to God for power and strength, or to become great in life and you are not harnessing the secret place, you are not ready, yet. God does not make men in the public! He makes men in secret. It is a result that shows publicly. Have you noticed that very bright and brilliant students do not physically look like it many times? It doesn't look as if they are even preparing for exams, yet they get mouth watering results. It's mainly because they are laboring in secret, but people wouldn't see that. People only see the results.

How is a child born? The formation of a foetus, does it show openly? No, it is hidden in a compartment called the womb. It is concealed till when it is revealed. Some people will get pregnant and you will not even know that they have gotten pregnant because it doesn't even look like they have.

Psalms 139:15:

"My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth."

The great people who made it through God never made it without the secret place. All the great men of God you admire today took their secret places seriously that's why they became what they are today.

Are you with me?

The more you visit the secret place, the more He refines you and builds you. Men of strength are not known by their muscles, but by how much they dwell in the secret place. The more you stay, the more He prunes you and the more He builds you. The reason you think you are still nothing is because you have not tarried in the secret place so well. When you tarry and He rubs on you, you will feel His impact. Moses spent just a few days with God on the mountain and people could not look at His face because it was glowing. You cannot spend time in a secret place and your life will remain the same, never!

3. It is a solitary place:

Like I have said before, it is a solitary place; a place where there are no distractions and disturbances. A place where you are able to focus solely on God and hear Him speak. One of the models that Jesus gave us was this. Jesus was a man of the secret place. Many times, He withdrew Himself and went to a place alone to pray. Despite having very close disciples, Jesus still neglected them many times and went to a solitary place to seek God.

Look at the verses below;

Luke 6:12:

"And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God."

Luke 5:16:

"And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed."

Mark 1:35:

"And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."

Matthew 14:23:

"And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone."

Why will Jesus enter the wilderness sometimes to pray?

Why will He wake up long before day and go to pray?

Why will He go to a place with His disciples and still end up leaving them in a place, going farther to pray alone?

This is to let us know that there is a need to have a secret place. If you want to know a man whose spiritual life will vanish in no time, it's the man whose secret place is suffering. Congregational or collective prayer is good, of course the Apostles prayed together in the book of Acts. But, in creating a solid relationship with the father, you must be a dweller of the secret place.

Sometimes, you just see a particular person beginning to do signs and wonders very powerfully and we all think it just started in a day or it just entered Him once. Not knowing that He had been dwelling in the secret place and tarrying for so long.

The secret place is a solitary place as distractions can make one lose focus and the consciousness of God around us.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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