



Is The Church of CHRIST A Biblical Church?

**The
Principle of
Submission**

*“Worshipping God By Faith”
The NT Pattern
For Prayer*

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WALKING BY FAITH

- ◆ Only Two Possible Sources For All We Believe, Teach & Practice - Heaven? or Men? - Mat 21:25-26
- ◆ God's SILENCE MUST Be Respected - (Faith comes by what God says, not by what He hasn't said) - Rom 10:17
- ◆ Walking by faith means walking by what God has said - 2 Cor. 5:7; 1 Cor. 4:6; Gal. 1:6-9



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THE N.T. PATTERN FOR THE

♦ ORGANIZATION OF A LOCAL CHURCH

- * Christ the head
- * Elders (bishops, pastors)
- * Deacons to serve
- * Evangelist, teachers & saints

♦ WORSHIP OF A LOCAL CHURCH

- * The Lord's Supper
- * Giving To The Lord's Work

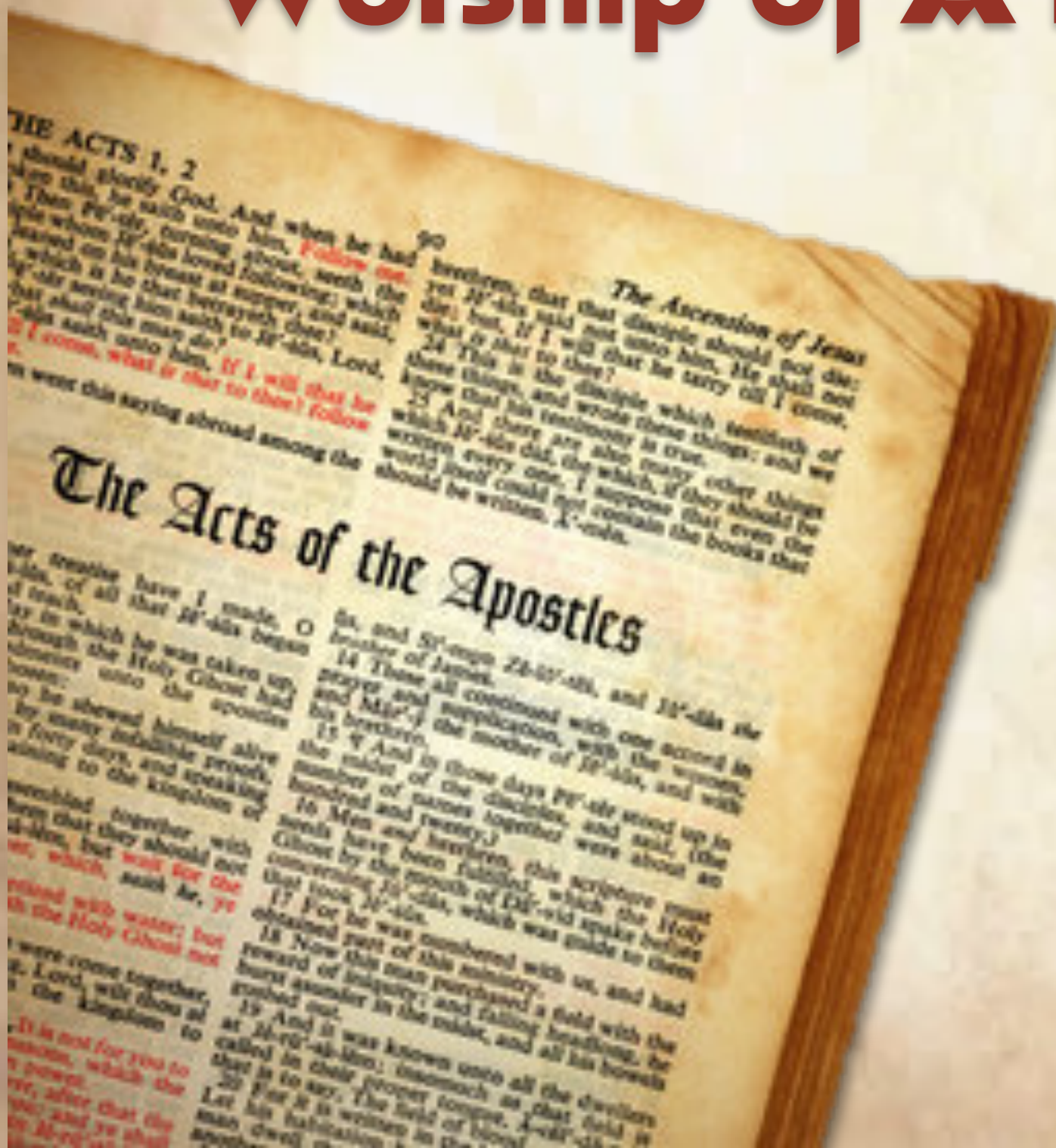


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THE N.T. PATTERN FOR THE Worship of A Local Church

- ◆ It is important “HOW” we worship! - John 4:23-24
- ◆ There are MANY different ways to engage in “FALSE” worship! - Mat 15:7-9
- ◆ The “PURPOSE” of worship is to honor & glorify God - The ONLY way to honor & glorify God in our worship is to worship AS HE SAYS!



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ACTS 2:42 (NKJV)

⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

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- ◆ Prayer Should Be An Intrinsic Part of Every Christians Life, both individually & corporately
- ◆ Praying - Regularly / Consistently / Habitually / & Courageously

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WHAT IS PRAYER?



PRAYER IS NOT:

- ◆ A means of informing God
– Luke 18:9-14; Acts 15:18; Mat 6:8
- ◆ A means of satisfying our selfishness – Jam 4:3
- ◆ A fire escape – Prov 1:24-33; Jam 1:6,7

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WHAT IS PRAYER?



*PRAYER IS THE SINCERE DESIRE
OF THE HEART EXPRESSED TO
GOD IN WORDS:*

- ◆ Not necessarily audible – 1 Sam 1:13
- ◆ Not necessarily with full knowledge – Rom 8:26
- ◆ But communicating our desires to God – Rom 10:1

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THE ELEMENTS OF PRAYER:

- ◆ Praise & Honor – Mat 6:9
- ◆ Thanksgiving – Eph 5:20;
1 Thes 5:18
- ◆ Confession – 1 John 1:9
- ◆ Supplications (requests) &
intercessions – 1 Tim 2:1-3

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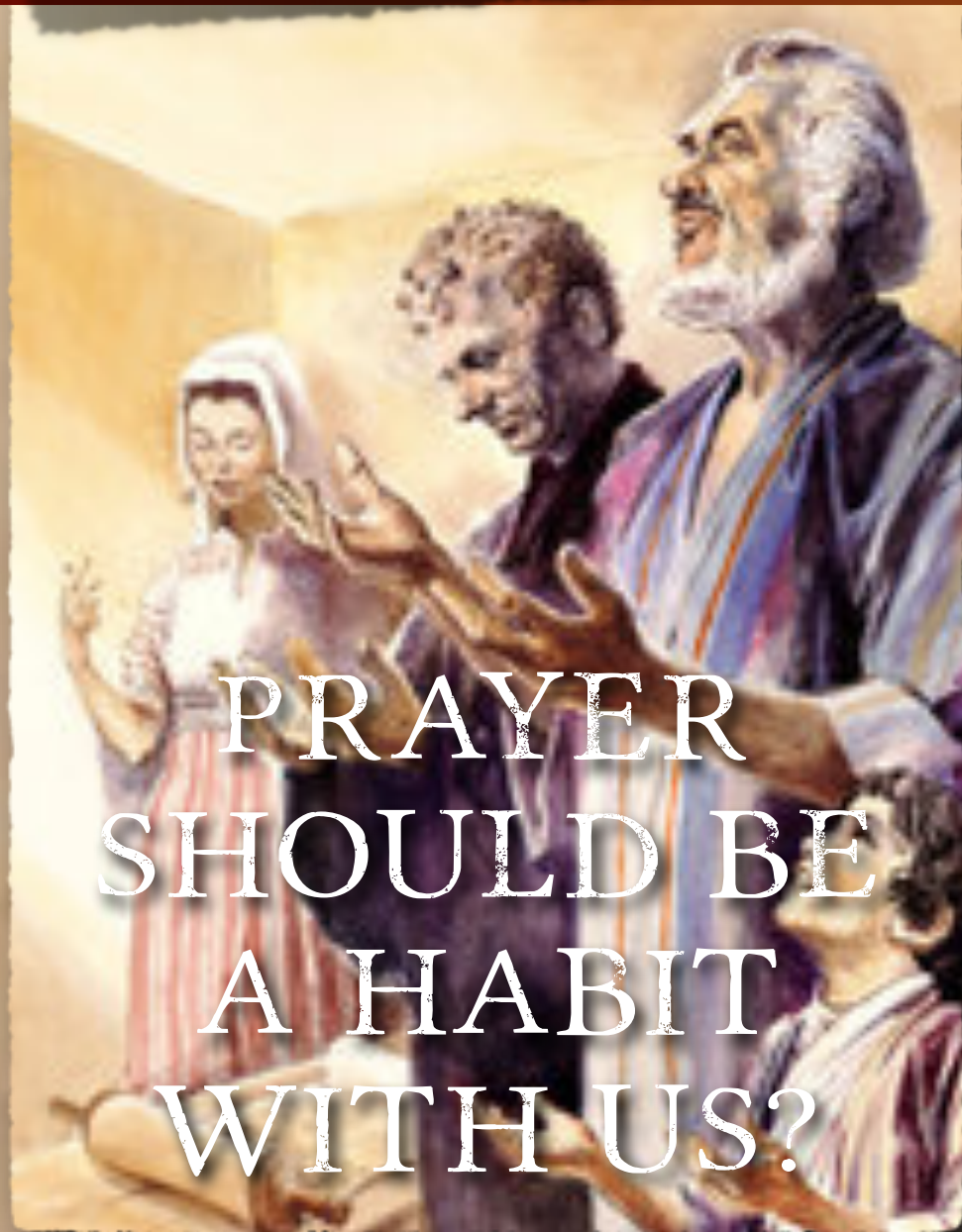
INDIVIDUALLY:

- ◆ Without ceasing – 1 Thes 5:17; Luke 18:1
- ◆ Continuing in prayer – Col 4:2
- ◆ David prayed morning noon & evening - Psalm 55:17
- ◆ Before a meal – 1 Tim 4:4,5

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TOGETHER:

- ◆ Without ceasing – 1 Thes 5:17
- ◆ Continuing in prayer – Col 4:2; Acts 2:42
- ◆ In times of trial – Acts 4:23-31; 12:5,12; Rom 8:26,27
- ◆ In times of need – Mt 18:19,20; Acts 27:35; 1 Tim. 4:3-5
- ◆ In preparation – Acts 13:3; 14:23

PRAYER
SHOULD BE
A HABIT
WITH US?

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1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, ² for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

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- ◆ Lost sinners - Romans 10:1-3.
- ◆ Enemies and persecutors - Luke 6:27,28. [Acts 7:60; Luke 23:34]
- ◆ People sick and suffering - Jam 5:13-18; 3 John 2
- ◆ Elders, deacons, preachers, and teachers - Eph 6:18-20; Col. 4:3,4; Acts 14:23; 1 Thess. 5:25; Matt. 9:36-38; 2 Thess. 3:1,2; Heb. 13:18
- ◆ All Christians - Eph 6:18; James 5:16

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1 JOHN 3:22 (NKJV)

22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

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- ◆ God's will to be done – Mat 6:9-13 [Matt. 26:39]
- ◆ Necessities of life – Mat 6:11.
- ◆ Knowledge, wisdom, & understanding of God's will - Ps 119:169-172. [James 1:5,6; Col. 1:9,10; Eph 3:3-5]
- ◆ Forgiveness of sins - Mat 6:12; Acts 8:22,24; 1 Jn 1:9,10
- ◆ Ability to recognize and resist temptation - Mat 6:13. [Matt. 26:41; Eph. 6:11-18; 2 Cor. 13:7; Luke 22:31,32; John 17:14-16]

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- ◆ Health / freedom / safety - 3 Jn 2; 1 Tim 2:1-2; Acts 12:1,5,12.
- ◆ Safety in travel / care for loved ones we are separated from - Acts 21:5.
- ◆ Peace, courage, joy - Phili 4:6,7.
- ◆ Opportunities to preach & teach with boldness & clarity - Col 4:3; Ep 6:18-20
- ◆ Support for preachers - Phili 1:3-5.
- ◆ Strength - Col 1:9-11. [Eph. 3:14-19; 2 Thes 1:11]

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- ◆ Faithfulness, good works, a life pleasing to God - Phil 1:3-6,9-11. [Col. 1:9-11; 4:12; Jo 17:9-12; 1 Thes 3:10-13; 2 Thes 1:11]
- ◆ Patience, long-suffering - Col 1:11.
- ◆ Grace & mercy - 2 Cor 4:15. [Ps 4:1; 86:3-6; 1 Cor. 1:4]
- ◆ Love - Phil 1:9. [1 Thess. 3:10-12; Eph. 3:14-19]
- ◆ Unity - John 17:20-23.
- ◆ Eternal life, eternal glory - Jn 17:24-26

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HOW ARE WE TO PRAY?



LUKE 18:13 (NKJV)

¹³ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'

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HOW ARE WE TO PRAY?



- ◆ Kneeling, falling down prostrate - Lk 22:41; Mat 26:39; Acts 9:40; 20:36; 21:5; Eph. 3:14;
- ◆ Sitting - Neh 1:4; 1 Kings 19:4; 2 Sam. 7:18
- ◆ Standing - Mark 11:25; Luke 18:13,14
- ◆ Bowed heads - 1 Chr 29:20, Lk 18:13
- ◆ Eyes lifted toward heaven - Jn 17:1ff (Jesus). [John 11:41; Matt. 14:19]

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HOW ARE WE TO PRAY?

SPIRITUAL POSITION!!

- ◆ According to God's Will - 1 John 5:14,15; Mat 26:39
- ◆ Humility and Respect for God - Luke 18:9-14; 2 Chron 7:14; Mat 6:9
- ◆ With Understanding and Meaning - 1 Cor 14:15,16; Mat 6:7
- ◆ Sincerity and Earnestness - Mat 6:5; Jer 29:12,13; Jam 4:3; Col 4:12
- ◆ We Must Pray in Faith - James 1:5-7



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HOW ARE WE TO PRAY?



*OUR FATHER KNOWS
WHAT WE NEED - MAT 6:8*

- ◆ The prayer of faith enables God to do in our life that which he desires – James 1:5,6
- ◆ He is not limited to the content of our prayers – Ephesians 3:20
- ◆ He wants to give us that which is TRULY good for us – Matthew 7:9-11

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*MUST BE PROPERLY
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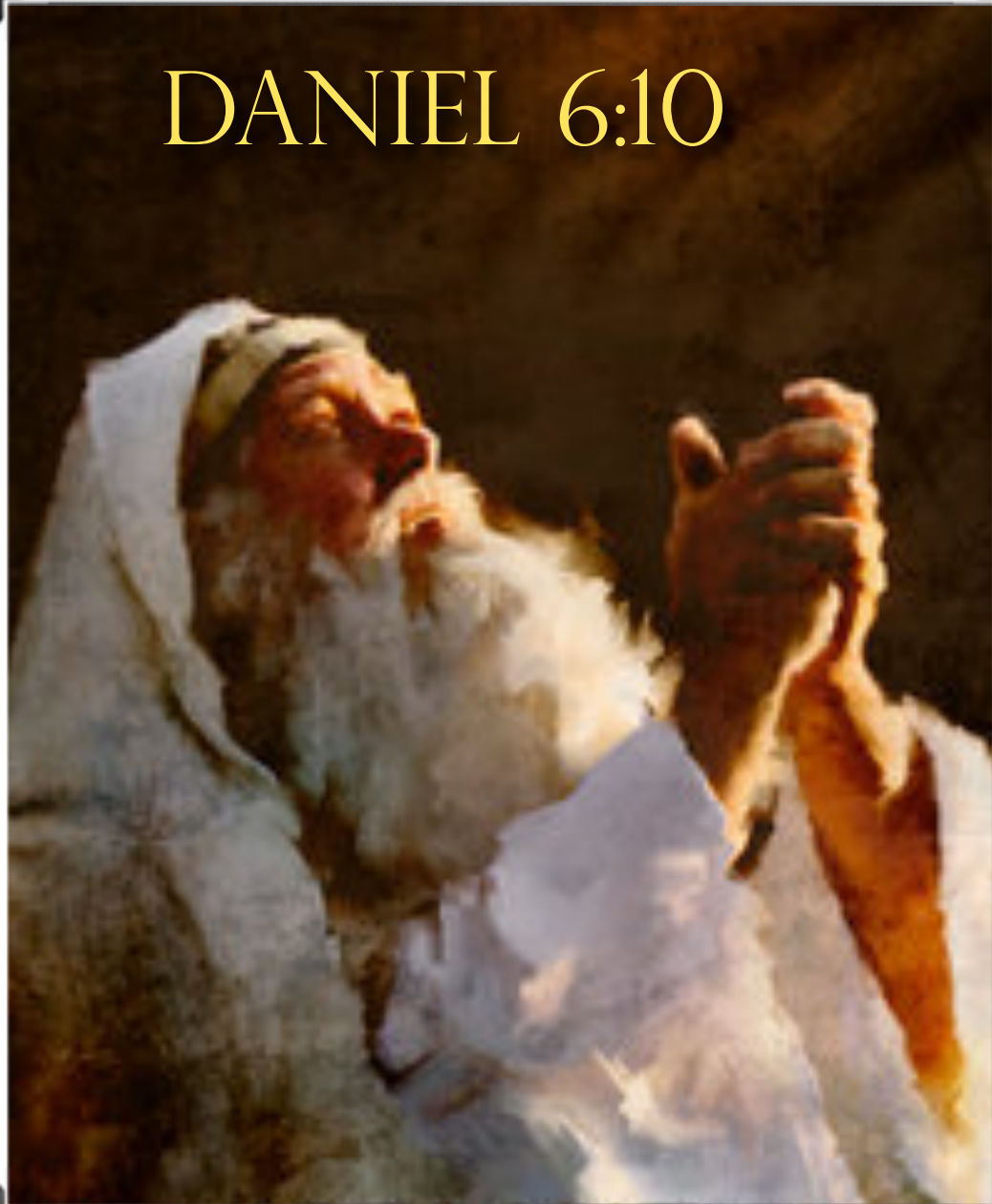
- ◆ Our Father in heaven – Mt 6:9; Ep 5:20
- ◆ In Jesus' Name - John 14:13,14; John 15:16; 16:23,24,26; Eph. 5:20;
- ◆ To pray in Jesus' name means we are appealing to His authority as the one & only mediator between us and God. – 1 Tim 2:5; Col 3:17

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DANIEL 6:10



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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.

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JOHN 9:31 (NKJV)

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and does His will,
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