

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

March 31-April 6, 2025

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| Monday: | Daniel 6 | Psalm 83 |
| Tuesday: | Daniel 7-9 | Psalm 84 |
| Wednesday: | Daniel 10:1-12:4 | Psalm 85 |
| Thursday: | Daniel 12:5-13 | Psalm 86 |
| Friday: | | Psalm 87 |
| Saturday: | | Psalm 88 |
| Sunday: | Hosea 1-2 | Psalm 89 |

Weekend Reflection

"...as he had done previously." – Daniel 6:10c

We finished the amazing book of Daniel this week. So much we could say about God's grace and protection and providence through the Babylonian exile. For our encouragement this weekend, though, let's focus in on one small phrase at the end of Daniel 6:10. Daniel went up to pray "as he had done previously." This little phrase helps us to see that Daniel was "the real deal". He deeply loved God, and was disciplined in his prayer life. Of course, Daniel's enemies used this daily discipline as a means to entrap him. Even so, this practice undoubtedly prepared Daniel for the trial that awaited him. He could be in a den of lions, and safely trust and hope in the Lord.

That is what we are doing together, and what these daily Bible readings are all about: making time with the Lord our daily habit. The Lord will use this time to prepare us for the trials of life with our hope solidly in God.

SUNDAY SERMON

The sermon for **Sunday, April 6**, is on John 8:31-38. One of the best things you can do to prepare your heart for the preaching of God's Word is to read this passage carefully before the gathering.

Faith Groups

- How do we "abide" in Jesus' word?
- What is a disciple?
- From what are Christians set free?
- What did Jesus mean in verse 38? Compare the two "Fathers" mentioned in this verse.
- What are some practical ways we can apply this passage to our lives, or use these verses to encourage others?