

## The Bible's Top 10 Worshippers – Part 2

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This week we will be dealing with two well known Old Testament characters. Let's see what we can learn from Daniel and Jehoshaphat.

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Daniel

Consistency in worship

How many times have you heard a lament about the impotence of the modern church? It is no wonder since we are a generation that has very little tolerance for discipline as it has been practiced by the great saints throughout the ages. We want an instant cure, a pill we can pop, three easy steps, or a guaranteed ticket to easy success. If we are going to see God move among us and use us mightily as He has with previous generations of saints, we must uncover their secret.

(Daniel 6) The worship life of Daniel is one of the best examples that comes to mind when we approach the subject of consistency in worship. Even under threat of becoming dinner for a pride of hungry lions, Daniel chose to be consistent in his worship, kneeling to pray three times each day. It is no wonder that God consistently honored Daniel, because Daniel consistently honored God.

I am not advertising a secret formula for spiritual prowess here – but you can be sure that those who will be used mightily in a positive way (as opposed to how Pharaoh was used) by God will be those who exercise consistency in their worship. Failing to consistently nurture our spiritual relationship with worship, prayer, and meditation on God's Word is a sure recipe for disaster. Even if God is already using you as a vessel of His might, you would do well to jealously guard the source of your strength lest you end up like Samson.

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Jehoshaphat

The weapon of worship

Few things cure the ills found in our character like worship. Proper worship turns our self centeredness inside out and helps us remember who is in control. Often it is a realization of our weakness that allows God be strong in our behalf and to win the victory and receive all the glory. Sometimes we are called to confront issues as God strengthens our arms, but at other times we are told to simply stand and see His salvation.

There is no doubt in my mind that God brings situations in to our lives that are bigger than we are to test our worship. When the armies of Moab, Ammon, and some of the Meunites came to make war upon Judah, it was clear to king Jehoshaphat that they were out manned and outgunned. As opposed to what some other kings in the Old Testament did, such as turning to heathen allies, Jehoshaphat turned to God for strength. (2 Chronicles 20)

As a Christian I easily draw parallels to what Jesus did at Calvary. God calls us today as He spoke to Jehoshaphat in the past:

“Listen, all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: thus says the LORD to you, 'Do not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours but God's... You need not fight in this battle; station yourselves, stand and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf”

With full trust in what God had promised, King Jehoshaphat lined up his army in a most peculiar way. The frontlines were armed with no conventional offensive or defensive weapons. They approached the field of battle celebrating God, His glory, and the victory He had promised them.

Has God promised you a victory? Have you responded as Judah did, in full faith, glorifying God because His word is as good as done? Maybe you doubt that you have heard or you have forgotten the surety of God's promises. Let this be your opportunity to put your stake of faith in the ground as you worship God for what He is accomplishing.