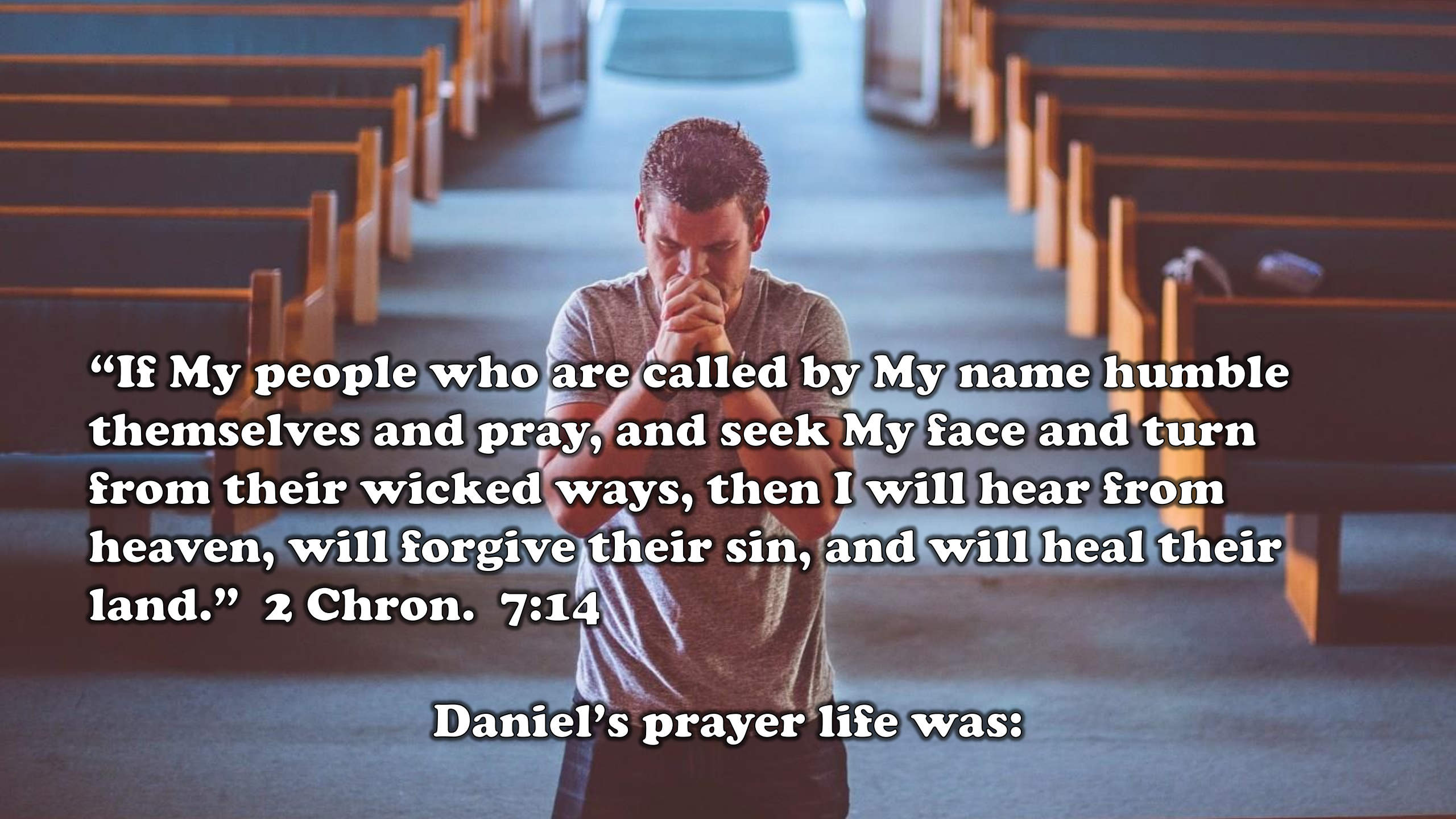


LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL



**“In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus,
of Median descent, who was made king over the
kingdom of the Chaldeans—” vs. 1**


A man with short dark hair, wearing a grey t-shirt, is standing in the center of a church aisle. He has his hands clasped together in front of his face, eyes closed, in a prayerful posture. The church pews are visible on either side, and the lighting is soft and focused on the man. The background is slightly blurred, showing the depth of the church.

“If My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” 2 Chron. 7:14

Daniel’s prayer life was:

1. SPURRED TO ACTION BY THE SCRIPTURES. Vs. 2

“In the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was *revealed* as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, *namely*, seventy years.” vs. 2



“The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (that was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon).” Jer. 25:1

“And this whole land shall be a desolation and a horror, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. Then it will be when seventy years are completed I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation.’ declares the Lord, ‘for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it an everlasting desolation.’” Jer. 25:11-12

“For thus says the Lord, ‘When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place.’” Jer. 29:10

“Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find me, when you search for Me with all your heart. And I will be found by you,’ declares the Lord, ‘and I will restore your fortunes and will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,’ declares the Lord, ‘and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.’” Jer. 29:12-14

“And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.” 1 John 3:22

“You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.” James 4:3

2. SET APART BY HUMILITY AND BROKENNESS.

Vs. 3

“So I gave my attention to the Lord God, to seek *Him by* prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.” vs. 3



“Make me to hear joy and gladness, let the bones which thou hast broken rejoice. Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.” Ps. 51:8




“The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.” vs. 17 (NLT)

“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” Ps. 34:18

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.” Ps. 139:23-24

3. STIRRED BY THE FAITHFULNESS AND COMPASSION OF OUR GOD. Vs. 4

“And I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed and said, ‘Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments,’” vs. 4



4. SEEING HIMSELF AS PART OF THE NATION. Vs. 5

“We have sinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly, and rebelled, even turning aside from Thy commandments and ordinances.” vs. 5



APPLICATION FOR ME:



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