

Pray Like Daniel – Daniel 9:1-19

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Introduction

1. As we continue our study of the book of Daniel tonight we find a beautiful prayer of confession and forgiveness. In the second half of chapter 9 we find perhaps the most difficult chapters in the Old Testament the “Seventy Sevens” (9:20-27).
2. But before we consider the vision let’s take the time to consider the prayer offered by Daniel.

I. Connect Your Prayer To God’s Plan (9:1-3)

- a. The Setting Of The Prayer
- b. The Reason For The Prayer
 - i. Jeremiah 25:1-14; 29:10-14 was where Daniel would have read as he approaches God in prayer.
 - ii. Daniel would have learned of why Judah was taken captive, how long God said it would last, and that God had a future hope. But for this to happen the nation needed to repent and seek the Lord (Jeremiah 10:12-14)
- c. The Preparation For The Prayer
- d. Praying Biblically

II. Identify With Those Who Have Sinned (9:4-6)

- a. Addressing The Lord His God (Psalm 103:17-18; John 14:15)
- b. Confessing Sins Of The People (Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:9)

III. Lift Up God’s Character (9:7-11a)

- a. God Is Righteous, Compassionate and Forgiving (1 John 1:5)

IV. Recognize God’s Correction (9:11b-14)

- a. Know That You Have Sinned
- b. Accept God’s Correction (Hebrews 12:6)

V. Recall God’s Faithfulness (9:15-16)

- a. Praying With God’s Purpose (Ephesians 2:19-22)

VI. Ask For God’s Mercy (9:17-18)

- a. Daniel Asks For Mercy & Forgiveness (1 Peter 1:3-5)

VII. Appeal To God’s Reputation (9:19)

- a. Daniel Closes Prayer Asking God To Act

Conclusion

1. May the example of Daniel’s life, faith and prayer encourage and inspire us to have a closer walk with God. Do we have the type of relationship with God that we can pray like Daniel?