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The Kind of Prayer God Answers

Daniel 9:1-23

How To Pray in a Crisis

1. Let God _____ to me before I speak to Him.

"It was the first year of the reign of Darius the Mede, the son of Ahasuerus, who became king of the Babylonians. During the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, learned from reading the word of the Lord, as revealed to Jeremiah the prophet, that Jerusalem must lie desolate for seventy years." -**Daniel 9:1-2**

"This is what the Lord says: 'You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord. 'They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen.'" -**Jeremiah 29:10-12**

Two Factors: God's Timing and My Praying

2. Focus my _____ on God.

"So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him . . ." -**Daniel 9:3 (NLT)**

"So I gave my attention to the Lord to seek him by prayer . . ." -**Daniel 9:3 (NASB)**

3. Express my desires with _____ .

"So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him . . ." -**Daniel 9:3 (NLT)**

"I poured out my heart, baring my soul to God." -**Daniel 9:3b (MSG)**

"The people of Israel and the people of Judah together will go in tears to seek the Lord their God. And they will ask the way to Jerusalem, and they will start back home again." -**Jeremiah 50:4b-5a**

Why Fast?

4. Demonstrate my _____.

"I pleaded with him in prayer and fasting, I also wore rough burlap and sprinkled myself with ashes." -**Daniel 9:3**

5. _____ God for His love and promises.

"I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed: and 'I said, "Lord, you are a great and awesome God! You always fulfill your covenant and keep your promises of unfailing love to those who love you and obey your commands..."'" **-Daniel 9:4**

"The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him." **-Daniel 9:9**

6. I humbly _____ my sin.

"We have rebelled against him. We have not obeyed the Lord our God, for we have not followed the instructions he gave us through his servants the prophets. All Israel has disobeyed your instruction and turned away, refusing to listen to your voice." **-Daniel 9:9b-11a**

"Lord, you are in the right; but as you see, our faces are covered with shame . . . because of our disloyalty to you." **-Daniel 9:7-8**

"We have not obeyed the Lord our God, for we have not followed the instructions he gave us" **-Daniel 9:10**

"Yet we have refused to seek mercy from the Lord our God by turning from our sins and recognizing his truth. Therefore, the Lord has brought upon us the disaster he prepared. The Lord our God was right to do all of these things, for we did not obey him." **-Daniel 9:13-14**

"All the neighboring nations mock Jerusalem and your people because of our sins and the sins of our ancestors." **-Daniel 9:16**

"O my God, lean down and listen to me. Open your eyes and see our despair . . . We make this plea, not because we deserve help, but because of your mercy." **-Daniel 9:18**

God's Response!

"I went on praying and confessing my sin and the sin of my people, and pleading with the Lord. As I was praying, Gabriel (an angel), whom I had seen in the earlier vision, came swiftly to me . . . 'Daniel, I have come here to give you insight and understanding. The moment you began praying, a command was given. And now I am here to tell you what it was, for you are very precious to God.'" **-Daniel 9:21-23**

God's Promise To His People

"If my people who are called by my name and <u>will humble themselves</u>, and <u>seek</u> my face, and <u>turn</u> from their wicked ways, then I will <u>hear</u> from heaven and I will <u>forgive</u> their sins and I will <u>heal</u> their land!" **-2 Chronicles 7:14**