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In Daniel 9, Daniel had just read a promise in Scripture from the writings of Jeremiah. God had promised His people who were exiled in Babylon as slaves that they would return to Israel after 70 years of captivity. Daniel “did the math” and realized those 70 years were almost up. So Daniel prayed God’s promise from the Book of Jeremiah back to God!! He prayed the promise back to the God who had made the promise! Like Jesus, Daniel prayed/claimed God’s Word back to God.

Should you and I pray?

Does prayer make a difference?

Let me share three reasons why you and I should **Pray Like It Matters**.

1. You should Pray Like It Matters because Prayer Can Move the Hand of God.

“The moment you began praying, a command was given.”

2. You should Pray Like It Matters because Prayer Reveals the Will of God.

“And now I am here to tell you what it was, for you are very precious to God. Listen carefully so that you can understand the meaning of your vision.”

3. You should Pray Like It Matters because Prayer Blesses the Heart of God.

“And now I am here to tell you what it was, for you are very precious to God.”