



## Praying Like Daniel

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### TODAY'S READING: Daniel 9

I want to focus on Daniel's prayer on behalf of his people in Daniel 9:3-19. Daniel's prayer is a great example of how we should pray and how we should view ourselves versus God! I want you to notice that we have done the exact same thing as Israel. Here are a few examples:

1. Daniel begins with acknowledging who God is in verse 4. *"Great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love."*
2. Daniel also acknowledges what we are the ones who have not held up our end of the covenant in verse 5 by admitting that we are wicked, we rebelled, and turned aside.
3. Daniel admits in verse 7 that God is righteous, and we deserve open shame.
4. In verse 9, Daniel says that although we sin, God is merciful and forgiving.
5. In verse 10, Daniel admits that Israel has not obeyed God's laws even though God gave them his Word.
6. In verse 11, we see the curse of sin is on us because we refuse to listen to God's voice.
7. Verse 15 reminds us that just as God freed Israel from slavery, he has freed us from slavery to sin. And yet, just like Israel, we keep wanting to go back to it.
8. Verse 16 reminds us that God's anger and wrath have been turned to Christ when it deserves to be on us.
9. In verse 18, Daniel states that we can come before God because of his mercy, not because of any righteousness we have to offer!
10. Verse 19 should remind us that God hears us when we pray and that He will forgive us of our sins.

**PRAYER:** Father, You are holy, and I am not. Thank You for your daily forgiveness although I continue to sin. Give me hatred for sin today and empower me to live according to Your Word. Use me to show others how we can live to glorify You.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** Weekend is for catch-up and review.

**MONDAY'S READING:** Habakkuk 3

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