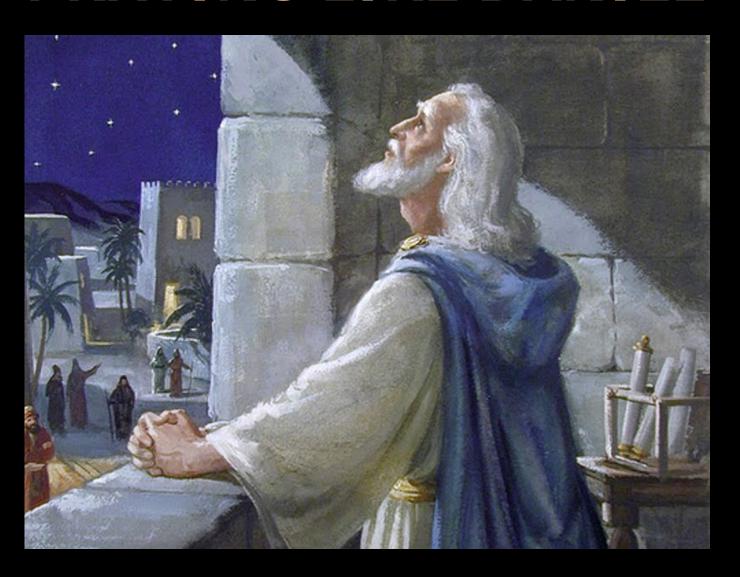
#### PRAYING LIKE DANIEL



**DANIEL 9:1-23** 

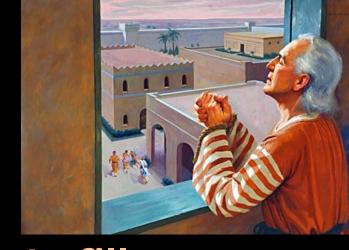
# I. Spending time in God's word motivated Daniel to pray (Daniel 9:1-3).



 Why is it so important for us to let God's word motivate us to pray?

 What are you going to do today and this week to let that happen for you?

#### II. Daniel prayed with praise and confession (Daniel 9:4-11a).



- Why is it so important for us to fill our prayers with praise?
- How could Daniel include himself in the sins of Israel? (Daniel 6:4-5)

Why is it important for us to pray similar confessional prayers?

## III. Daniel admits that the people of God deserve to be punished (v.11b-16).



 Why do we need to admit that we have deserved the punishment we have received?

 Why is this a much better decision than trying to justify ourselves?

## IV. Daniel prays for mercy on Israel for God's sake (Daniel 9:17-19).



 What is the main reason that we need for God to show His mercy to us?

 What does our need for forgiveness have to do with the City of God?

## V. God answered Daniel's prayer and gave insight he didn't request (v.20-23).



 What does the immediate nature of God's answer tell us of His character?

 Why would earnest confession lead to increased spiritual insight?

 Why would God consider one who had confessed such sin to be highly esteemed?

## Call to Action: To pray like Daniel prayed so that we can see more clearly.



- How are we going to let God's word bless and deepen our prayer-life?
- How will our lives change when our prayers are filled with praise and confession?
- Why admit that we deserve our punishment?
- Why pray for mercy because it blesses God?
- What insights do we desperately need so we can better glorify God in His City?

-How can we help?