

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?