

## **"Praying Like Daniel"** **Daniel 9:1-23**

1. What does Daniel's study of the Scriptures also lead him to do (verse 3)? What was wearing sackcloth and ashes evidence of (see Genesis 37:34; Nehemiah 9:1; Esther 4:1)?

How has the Word of God impacted your prayer life? How can you grow in this area?

When it comes to fasting, why should believers in Christ fast? What's the purpose of fasting? How can you incorporate fasting into your life?

2. Daniel evidently was fully aware that the years in Babylon were a divine discipline on Israel. Therefore, Daniel spends verses 4-14 in heartfelt confession. What about Daniel's confession stands out to you?

What does he acknowledge that the people did and failed to do in verses 5-6 and 9-11? What does Daniel specifically acknowledge 4 times in regards to the people (vv. 5, 8, 11, 15)?

Why do we struggle at times with confession? What keeps us from doing it? Why should we be motivated to confess more?

3. As Daniel prays for his people, what does Daniel say about God and His faithfulness? What 3 things does Daniel say belongs to God in vv. 7 and 9?
4. The fall of Jerusalem came about because God is righteous and Israel had not obeyed Him. What does Daniel ask of God in vv. 18-19?
5. While Daniel was still in prayer, who appears to Daniel (like he did in 8:15-16)? What does he say to Daniel?
6. What can we learn from Daniel's prayer life (see also Daniel 6:10) that would help us grow in our own pattern and lifestyle of prayer?