

PRAYING LIKE DANIEL

Pastor Jason Uptmore | Daniel 9:1-23



¹ In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans –

² in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was *revealed* as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the

desolations of Jerusalem, *namely*, seventy years. ³ So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek *Him by* prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.

DANIEL'S PRAYER LIFE WAS SATURATED IN GOD'S WORD

DANIEL'S PRAYER LIFE AT TIMES INVOLVED FASTING

DANIEL'S PRAYER LIFE CONSISTED OF HEART-FELT CONFESSION

⁴ I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed and said, "Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His

commandments, ⁵ we have sinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly and rebelled, even turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances.

⁶ Moreover, we have not listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes, our fathers and all the people of the land. ⁷ “Righteousness belongs to

You, O Lord, but to us open shame, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those who are nearby and those who are far away in all the countries

to which You have driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds which they have committed against You. ⁸ Open shame belongs to us, O Lord, to our kings, our princes and our fathers,

because we have sinned against You. ⁹ To the Lord our God *belong* compassion and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against Him; ¹⁰ nor have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our

God, to walk in His teachings which He set before us through His servants the prophets. ¹¹ Indeed all Israel has transgressed Your law and turned aside, not obeying Your voice; so the

curse has been poured out on us, along with the oath which is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, for we have sinned against Him. ¹² Thus He has confirmed His words which

He had spoken against us and against our rulers who ruled us,
to bring on us great calamity; for under the whole heaven there
has not been done *anything* like what was done to Jerusalem.

¹³ As it is written in the law of Moses, all this calamity has come on us; yet we have not sought the favor of the LORD our God by turning from our iniquity and giving attention to Your truth.

¹⁴ Therefore the LORD has kept the calamity in store and brought it on us; for the LORD our God is righteous with respect to all His deeds which He has done, but we have not obeyed His voice.

DANIEL'S PRAYER LIFE FOCUSED ON RESTORATION

¹⁵ "And now, O Lord our God, who have brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and have made a name for Yourself, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have

been wicked. ¹⁶ O Lord, in accordance with all Your righteous acts, let now Your anger and Your wrath turn away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; for because of our sins and

the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people have become a reproach to all those around us. ¹⁷ So now, our God, listen to the prayer of Your servant and to his supplications,

and for Your sake, O Lord, let Your face shine on Your
desolate sanctuary. ¹⁸ O my God, incline Your ear and hear!
Open Your eyes and see our desolations and the city which is

called by Your name; for we are not presenting our supplications before You on account of any merits of our own, but on account of Your great compassion.

**19 O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and take action!
For Your own sake, O my God, do not delay, because Your city
and Your people are called by Your name."**

²⁰ Now while I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God in behalf of the holy

mountain of my God, ²¹ while I was still speaking in prayer, then the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision previously, came to me in my extreme weariness about the

time of the evening offering. ²² He gave me instruction and talked with me and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with understanding. ²³ At the beginning of

your supplications the command was issued, and I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed; so give heed to the message and gain understanding of the vision.

DANIEL'S PRAYER LIFE WAS CHERISHED BY GOD

