

Reflection Questions: When was the last time I truly confessed my sins? Why don't I do it more frequently? Do I pray as Daniel did? Why or why not? What is my biggest obstacle to praying as I should? What will I do to overcome it?

How can we pray for one another this week?



Daniel 9, Part 3

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Quotes to Ponder

Prayer is not appointed for the furnishing of God with the knowledge of what we need, but it is designed as a confession to Him of our sense of the need. In this, as in everything, God's thoughts are not as ours. God requires that His gifts should be sought for. He designs to be honored by our asking, just as He is to be thanked by us after ... His blessing.

A.W. Pink

*It does not spoil your happiness to confess your sin.
The unhappiness is in not making the confession.*

Charles H. Spurgeon

Forgiveness is always free. But that doesn't mean that confession is always easy. Sometimes it is hard. Incredibly hard. It is painful to admit our sins and entrust ourselves to God's care.

Erwin Lutzer

True repentance is no light matter. It is a thorough change of heart about sin, a change showing itself in godly sorrow and humiliation - in heartfelt confession before the throne of grace - in a complete breaking off from sinful habits, and an abiding hatred of all sin. Such repentance is the inseparable companion of saving faith in Christ.

J. C. Ryle

Faith that saves is the confident, continuous confession of total dependence on, and trust in Jesus Christ to meet the requirements on your behalf to give you entrance into God's Eternal Kingdom. It's the surrender of your life in complete trust to Him to do what you cannot do.

John MacArthur

If God did not forgive the Christian who confesses and turns away from sin, God would become unrighteous by holding in contempt Christ's atoning work, whose purpose was to uphold God's glory.

Daniel Fuller

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you?

2. Read *Daniel 9:4-19*. What sins did Daniel confess?

3. How does Daniel identify with the sins of his people?

4. What consequences had Daniel and his people suffered because of their sins?

5. Despite the consequences of sin, what had the people failed to do (*Daniel 9:13*)?

6. How is God described in *Daniel 9:4-19*?

7. Beginning in *Daniel 9:15*, what does Daniel appeal to as the only hope of ending the Jews' exile?

8. What were Daniel's requests in *Daniel 9:16-19*?

9. What reason did Daniel give why he believed God should act as he was requesting (*Daniel 9:18-19*)?

10. Warren Wiersbe observed that Daniel is an example of a *worshipping intercessor* (*Daniel 9:13-19; James 5:16*). What does this mean?

11. What are some specific requests we can pray for one another based on the following verses?

Psalms 103, 150 —

Ephesians 6:10-20 —

Matthew 22:37 —

Philippians 1:10 —

Matthew 28:18-20 —

Philippians 2:1-8 —

Romans 12:9-13 —

Colossians 1:9-11 —

Romans 15:13 —

1 Thessalonians 5:13 —

1 Corinthians 2:15-16 —

2 Thessalonians 1:12 —

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 —

1 Peter 1:22, 4:8 —

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 —

1 John 2:15-17 —

2 Corinthians 2:11 —

3 John 2-3 —

Galatians 5:22-23 —