

**“Daniel’s Prayer!”**

(Daniel 9:1-19)

**I. Introduction:****A. The importance of prayer**

1. Biblically
2. Historically

**B. The impetus to prayer**

1. Biblically
2. Historically

**II. Exposition: Daniel 9:1-19****A. Daniel’s insight (9:1-2)**

1. Historically (v. 1)
2. Biblically (Prophetically) (v. 2)

**B. Daniel’s involvement (9:3)**

1. Spiritually (v. 3a)
2. Physically (v. 3b)

**C. Daniel’s Intercession (9:4-19)**

1. **Adoration** (vv. 4, 7, 9, 15, 18)
  - a. The concept
    - The worship of God for who He is
  - b. The characteristics
    - Omnipotent (v. 4)
    - Faithful (v. 4)
    - Love (v. 4)
    - Righteous (v. 7, 14)
    - Compassionate (v. 9, 18)
    - Forgiving (v. 9)
    - Delivering/Redeeming (v. 15)
2. **Confession** (vv. 5-15)
  - a. The concept
    - “We & our” NOT “they & them”

**b. The characteristics**

- **Cause:** sin, iniquity, acted wickedly, rebelled, turning aside, not listened, unfaithful deeds, disobeyed, transgressed, not sought God’s favor, not giving attention to God’s truth
- **Effect:** Open shame, driven them (scattered/ dispersed), curse poured out on us, great calamity, become a reproach

**3. Supplication** (vv. 16-19)**a. In light of God’s character ...****b. ... we ask**

- Set aside anger and wrath
- See our desolation/hear and forgive
- See Your city and people

**III. Conclusion: Lessons for our family, our church, our country!****Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:**

1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What’s your keeper?)
2. What are some of the circumstances that have driven you to earnest confession and prayer in your own life?
3. Why is having “an open Bible” so important to a vital prayer life? In other words, why should we allow Scripture to drive our prayer life?
4. Which aspect of prayer (adoration, confession, supplication) do you most struggle with and why? Which comes most naturally and why?
5. Why is the nature and character of God so important to every aspect of our prayer life?
6. What stuck out to you from the conclusion?
7. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: “In light of these passages and this discussion, I will ...” (What is your action point?)