

THE KIND OF PRAYER GOD ANSWERS

Unshakable! Thriving No Matter What They Throw at You
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DANIEL 9:1-23: HOW TO PRAY IN A CRISIS

1.

READ YOUR BIBLE FIRST

"It was the first year of the reign of Darius the Mede, the son of Ahasuerus, who became king of the Babylonians. During the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, learned from reading the word of the Lord, as revealed to Jeremiah the prophet, that Jerusalem must lie desolate for seventy years." Daniel 9:1-2 (NLT)

"After Babylon has been the strongest nation for 70 years, I will be kind and bring you back to Jerusalem, just as I have promised. I will bless you with a future filled with hope—a future of success, not of suffering. You will turn back to me and ask for help, and I will answer your prayers." Jeremiah 29:10-12 (CEV)

2 FACTORS: _____ & _____

2.

"I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him." Daniel 9:3 (ESV)

"I gave my attention to the Lord God, to seek Him by prayer." Daniel 9:3 (NASB)

3.

"And I prayed earnestly to the Lord God, pleading with him, fasting." Daniel 9:3 (GNT)

"I poured out my heart, baring my soul to God, my God." Daniel 9:3 (MSG)

"Then the people of Israel and Judah shall join together, weeping and seeking the Lord their God. They shall ask the way to Zion and start back home again." Jeremiah 50:4-5 (TLB)

4.

"I fasted, put on rough cloth, and sat in ashes." Daniel 9:3 (NCV)

WHY FAST?

5.

"O Lord," I prayed, 'you are a great and awesome God; you always fulfill your promises of mercy to those who love you and keep your laws.'" Daniel 9:4 (TLB)

"Lord God, you are merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against you." Daniel 9:9 (CEV)

6.

"We have sinned and done wrong. We have brought guilt on ourselves and rebelled, ignoring your commands and your laws. We haven't listened to your servants, the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our leaders, our parents, and to all the land's people." Daniel 9:5-6 (CEB)

"We have always brought disgrace on ourselves. . . . because they were unfaithful to you. Our kings, our rulers, and our ancestors." Daniel 9:7-8 (GNT)

"We paid no attention to you when you told us how to live, the clear teaching that came through your servants the prophets." Daniel 9:10 (MSG)

"We kept at our sinning, never giving you a second thought, oblivious to your clear warning, and so you had no choice but to let the disaster loose on . . . since we persistently and defiantly ignored you." Daniel 9:13-14 (MSG)

"All the neighboring nations mock Jerusalem." Daniel 9:16 (NLT)

"O my God, lean down and listen to me. . . . We make this plea, not because we deserve help, but because of your mercy." Daniel 9:18 (NLT)

GOD'S RESPONSE TO DANIEL

"Even while I was praying and confessing my sin and the sins of my people, desperately pleading with the Lord . . . Gabriel, whom I had seen in the earlier vision, flew swiftly to me at the time of the evening sacrifice and said to me, 'Daniel, I am here to help you understand God's plans. The moment you began praying a command was given. I am here to tell you what it was, for God loves you very much.'" Daniel 9:20-23 (TLB)

GOD'S PROMISE TO HIS PEOPLE

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

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