

“Principles for Effective Prayer”

(Daniel 9:1-19)

▶ **I. Daniel prayed Biblically. V. 1-2**

- ▶ - Daniel, in a distant country, has in his possession, the Book of Jeremiah! This shows how God preserves His Word!
- ▶ - Daniel realizes that 70 years of captivity were about to end, and that God prophesied that the Jews would go back to their promised land! So, he begins to pray.

II. Daniel prayed Earnestly. V. 3

- ▶ **A. Daniel was burdened over the Name of the Lord.**
- ▶ **B. Daniel was burdened about his own work for God.**
- ▶ **C. Daniel was burdened about the people of God.**

III. Daniel prayed Righteously. V. 4

- ▶ - In order to be on praying ground, we must have a close, personal relationship with Jesus! John 1:12
- ▶ - If we are to pray effectively, it is imperative that we know Jesus intimately and have a personal relationship with Him! John 9:31

IV. Daniel prayed Confessionally. V. 4

- ▶ - Daniel confessed his own personal sin as well as the sins of the people.
- ▶ - Confession is specifically naming our sin to the Lord and seeking His forgiveness for it! Vv. 4-15

- ▶ - Daniel is confessing to God that underlying all this sin is **rebellion and** not hearkening to God's Word.
- ▶ - V. 13 - Daniel gets to another root problem - not seeking God in prayer and not keeping the Lord as our **top priority!**
- ▶ - We need to confess our personal sin if our prayers are going to be effective! Ps. 66:18; I John 1:9

V. Daniel prayed Specifically. V. 16

- ▶ - Did God answer this prayer of Daniel? Yes! In Ezra Ch. 1, Cyrus the king of Persia made a decree allowing the Jews to return to their homeland!
- ▶ - God answered Daniel's specific requests that were prayed in accordance with God's Word!