



THIN SPACES

encountering glory

1. Approaching God in confession collectively / corporately
2. Approaching God in confession personally
3. Approaching one another in confession

Daniel 9:1-2 (ESV)

In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, by descent a Mede, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans—

in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.

Jeremiah 29:10

For thus says the LORD, “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you”

Daniel 9:3-4 (ESV)

Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession...”

Daniel 9:20-23 (ESV)

While I was speaking and praying,
confessing my sin and the sin of my
people Israel, and presenting my plea
before the LORD my God for the holy hill
of my God,

while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice.

He made me understand, speaking with me and saying, “O Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding.

At the beginning of your pleas for mercy
a word went out, and I have come to tell
it to you, for you are greatly loved.”

Of God, Daniel says:

- O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments. (v. 4)

- To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness (v. 7)
- To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness (v. 9)

- O Lord our God, who brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have made a name for yourself (v. 15)

Of “us,” the people Israel, Daniel acknowledges, admits, confesses:

- We have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. (v. 5)

- We have not listened to your servants the prophets (v. 6)
- To us (belongs) open shame (v. 7)
- (Again) to us belongs open shame (including our kings, princes fathers) because we have sinned against you. (v. 8)

- Daniel pleads to God's mercy and forgiveness, "for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his law" (v. 9, 10)
- All Israel has transgressed your law and turned aside. (v. 11)

James 5:13-16 (ESV)

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Do you need an Accountability/Prayer Partner?

- Contact Pastor Kim: kim@folcov.org
- Direct Message her on Slack

PRAYER OF EXAMEN

- Consolation
- Desolation

Three levels of confession (not hierarchical)

1. OUR relationship with God
2. MY relationship with God and/or others
3. MY relationship with YOU

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.