

Unshakeable Unbreakable: How To Thrive In Our World The Kind of Prayer God Answers

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Daniel 9:1-23 - How to pray in a crisis:

1. Let God _____ to me before I speak to him.

Read your Bible first.

Daniel 9:1-2 - In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom— ² in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, **understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the Lord** given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years.

Jeremiah 29:10-11 - This is what the Lord says: "When **seventy years** are completed for Babylon, **I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise** to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Two factors: _____ timing & my _____.

2. _____ my attention on God.

Daniel 9:3 - So **I turned** to the Lord God . . .

Daniel 9:3 - So I **gave my attention** to the Lord to **SEEK** Him by prayer. . ."

3. Express my _____ with emotion.

Daniel 9:3- So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in **prayer** and **petition** . . .

Daniel 9:4- "I **poured out my heart**, baring my soul to God. . ." (Mes)

Jeremiah 50:4-5- "In those days, at that time," declares the Lord, "the people of Israel and the people of Judah **together** will go in tears to seek the Lord their God. ⁵ They will ask the way to Zion and **turn their faces toward it**."

4. Demonstrate my _____.

Daniel 9:3- So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

Why fast?

5. Thank God for his _____ and _____.

Daniel 9:4- I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed: "O Lord, the great and awesome God, **who keeps his covenant of love** with all who love him and obey his commands,

Daniel 9:9- The Lord our God is **merciful and forgiving**, even though we have rebelled against him;

6. Humbly _____ my _____.

Daniel 9:5-10- we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have **rebelled**; we have **turned away** from your commands and laws. ⁶ We have **not listened** to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. ⁷ "Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame – the men of Judah and people of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us **because of our unfaithfulness to you**. ⁸ O Lord, we and our kings, our princes and our fathers are covered with shame because we have sinned against you. ⁹ The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him; ¹⁰ **we have not obeyed the Lord** our God or kept the laws he gave us through his servants the prophets.

Daniel 9:13-14 - Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us, yet we have not sought the favor of the Lord our God by turning from our sins and giving attention to your truth. ¹⁴ The Lord did not hesitate to bring the disaster upon us, for the Lord our God is righteous in everything he does; yet we have not obeyed him.

Daniel 9:16 - Our sins and the iniquities of our fathers have made Jerusalem and your people an object of scorn to all those around us.

Daniel 9:18 - Give ear, O God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but **because of your great mercy.**

God's response to Daniel:

Daniel 9:20-23 - While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the Lord my God for his holy hill--²¹ while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. ²² He instructed me and said to me, "Daniel, I have now come to give you **insight and understanding.** ²³ As soon as you began to pray, an answer was given, which I have come to tell you, **for you are highly esteemed.**

God's promise to his people:

2 Chronicles 7:14 - **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 will **FORGIVE** their sin and **HEAL** their land!