



Go for God!

THE POWER OF PRAYER SERIES (Part 4)
“Prayer That Changes a Nation!”
Daniel Chapter 9:1-23

> THREE INSIGHTS TO THE POWER OF PRAYER:

> Insight # 1 – (v1-2) PROPHECY LEADS TO PRAYER!

- Daniel practiced and understood what Peter would write for the New Testament Church centuries later – **2 Peter 1:19-21** - *And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

(v2) Daniel, “understood by the books the number of years specified by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.”

- Where? **Jeremiah 25:1-14; 29:1-13.** (Daniel knew that God answers prayer according to **1 Kings 8:33-34; 46-53.**)

> Insight #2 – (v3-19) DANIEL’S FIVE STEPS TO ANSWERED PRAYER!

- **Step #1 - (v4) REVELATION** – Brings **REALIZATION** of our need for God and who He is! He is LORD, great, awesome, merciful, keeps covenant with those who love Him, and keep His commandments. - **Who is your God today?** _____

- **Step #2 – (v5-8) RECOGNITION** – Of our sins – rejection of God’s word – rejection of God’s teachers – rejection of God. - **What changes do you need to make?** _____

- **Step #3 – (v9-15) REPENTANCE** – Daniel refers to the Law of Moses, read Deuteronomy Ch. 28 for a reality check regarding Israel and possibly our own nation. Write a simple prayer for yourself and for our nation - _____

- **Step #4 – (v16-18) RECONCILIATION** – “because of **YOUR GREAT MERCIES!**” - **Describe God’s love and mercy for you** _____

- **Step #5 – (v19) RESTORATION** – Think about this last line, “Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name.” - **What does this mean for you?**

> Insight #3 – (v20-23) GOD’S PROMISE TO PRAYER!

> Daniel’s prayer was heard and answered, why? Jesus said in John 15:7-8 - If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

- Daniel was a man of the WORD and of PRAYER; if you want your prayers answered then be a man or woman of the Word and of prayer and God will bless you!

> EXTRA CREDIT: READ DANIEL 9:24-27