

Daniel - An Exemplary Life (Part 4)

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How can I learn from Daniel to pray in these important days?

The most important part of eschatology (the study of end times - along with its related prophecies) is to not only be certain that Jesus is *coming back*... But that it could be at any moment!

The *point* is, that we must be ready - as we're warned that He is to find us doing what He has told us to do as His followers.

*Daniel 9:2

1) We're To Pray According To The Promises of Scripture

Daniel's prayer unfolded upon the foundation (Daniel 9:2!) - that God would hold true to His promises!

This is *fundamental* in the Christian's prayer life because at the heart of Christian prayer is a confidence that God will be *true* to what He has said - as it is a matter of faith and trust.

It is grand praying when our mouth is full of God's word; for there is no word that can prevail with Him like His own." -Charles Spurgeon **Isaiah 40:29-31, Proverbs 1:33, John 14:27, Hebrews 4:16**

2) Pray With Great Attention In Seeking God... Along With Fasting And Brokenness ***Daniel 9:3**

Much of Daniel 9 is a prayer of brokenness; Daniel was *wrecked* over the sin of His people, as he understood that they were *in* this desperate situation *because* of their sin.

If Christ is to return soon in order to finally & fully free & restore His people, how much more should we be praying for our nation & the world?

Although the apathy of *some* Christians and the wickedness of society are discouraging, we should still pray and remain confident.

It all begins with revival in the *Church*.

"The Kingdom of God isn't going to advance by our churches becoming filled with men and woman, but by men and woman in our churches becoming filled with God."

"Revival is the church falling in love with Jesus, all over again."

*Daniel 9:4

3) We Need To Pray According To God's Faithfulness +His Goodness

He prefaced His prayer by focusing *first* on God's greatness, and His awesomeness! ***Daniel 9:4g**

God's awesomeness and greatness should *compel us* to serve Him - just as we see in the life of Daniel.

But it's God's faithfulness that we're to appeal to in prayer... Just as Abraham, Moses, David & *many* heroes of our faith have done.

We also appeal to God's goodness in our prayers; it's in the *midst* of our struggles and hardships, that we're to *believe* on the great truths of Scripture (which *remind us* of His goodness).

*Daniel 9:18+19

4) We Need To Pray With Passion & Earnestness ***Psalm 24:1**

Let's ask God to heal our broken city - those who are in darkness & despair, because it is *His* city & His people, who are called by His *great Name*!