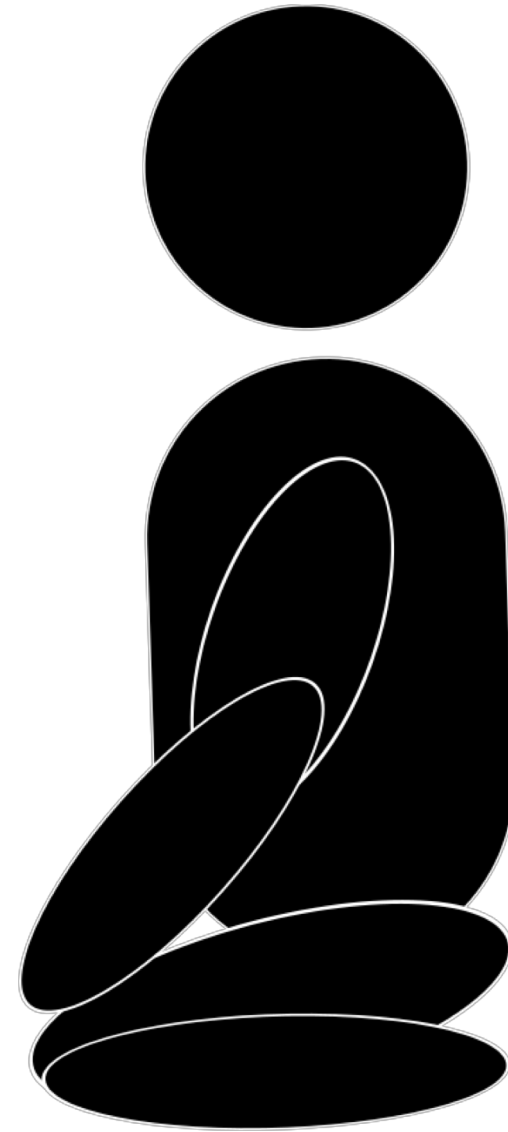


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POWER OF PRAYER



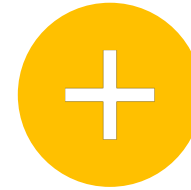
Why do we pray?



BUILDS OUR
RELATIONSHIP WITH
JESUS



SEEK GOD'S WILL
FOR OUR LIVES



SEEK GOD'S
GUIDANCE



TO OVERCOME
TEMPTATION



A WEAPON FOR OUR
USE IN SPIRITUAL
WARFARE



GOD HAS
COMMANDED US TO
PRAY



ACTIVATES OUR
FAITH



TO COVER OTHERS

Types of prayers

- **Adoration** (I will bless you Oh Lord)
- **Agreement** (corporate prayer)
- **Communion** (pray without ceasing)
- **Confession** (acknowledging our sin and seeking forgiveness)
- **Contrition** – (a sorrow motivated by love of God)
- **Intercession** (on behalf of others)
- **Petition** (asking of God)
- **Supplication** (making our petition known)...cast all your cares on me
- **Spiritual Warfare** (letting go and letting God/hearing/trusting)
- **Thanksgiving** (our many blessings)..I will bless the Lord at all times

What is
prayer?

Prayer is a conversation between two people, you and God. While others may be listening, your conversation is always with God.

Prayer of Confession Daniel

Daniel was a
descendant of
David

Daniel Refused
to eat the diet
of the
Babylonians

**Daniel was
taken into
captivity by the
Babylonian**

Daniel was
known as a
intelligent and
read the prayer
of Jeremiah

Daniel Back Story

Daniel

Chapter 9:3-19

- **Daniel** was a righteous man of princely lineage and lived about 620–538 B.C. He was carried off to Babylon in 605 B.C. by Nebuchadnezzar, the Assyrian, but was still living when Assyria was overthrown by the Medes and Persians.
- **Daniel** was an oneirologist. Oneirology, the study of dreams, became popular in the 17th century, but Daniel studied and interpreted dreams more than 500 years before Christ. Along with knowledge and skill in literature and wisdom, God had given Daniel the ability to unravel the mystery of dreams ([Dan. 1:17](#)).
- **Daniel** is renowned for his wisdom and intelligence
- **Daniel's** Chaldean name is Belteshazzar
- **Daniel's** ministry spans the entire 70-year captivity
- **Daniel** introduces both Gabriel and Michael
- **Daniel** offers the prayer of confession for himself and the people

Daniel Prayer of Confession Daniel 9:3-19

³ So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes. ⁴ I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed: “Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, ⁵ **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 ancestors, and to all the people of the land. ⁷ “Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame—the people of Judah and the inhabitants 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 **We and our kings, our princes and our ancestors are covered with shame, LORD, 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. ¹¹ All Israel has transgressed your law and turned away, refusing to obey you. **“Therefore the curses and sworn judgments written in the Law of Moses, the servant of God, have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against you. ¹² You have fulfilled the words spoken against us and against our rulers by bringing on us great disaster.** Under the whole heaven nothing has ever been done like what has been done to Jerusalem. ¹³ Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come on 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 on us, for the LORD our God is righteous in everything he does; yet we have not obeyed him. ¹⁵ **“Now, Lord our God, who brought your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand and who made for yourself a name that endures to this day, we have sinned, we have done wrong. ¹⁶ Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, turn away your anger and your wrath from Jerusalem, your city, your holy hill.** Our sins and the iniquities of our ancestors have made Jerusalem and your people an object of scorn to all those around us. ¹⁷ **“Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant.** For your sake, Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary. ¹⁸ Give ear, our 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. ¹⁹ **Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.”**

Lessons from Daniel

There is power in prayer

Daniel begins his prayer with worship, praise and adoration unto God

Everybody has to stand and acknowledge their sins before God

List your sins, transgressions and iniquities before God with humility

Don't blame others in your prayer of confession – remain Honest

Always seek to honor God in all your ways, God will be glorified, and the petitioner edified

Petition according to God's promises

God hears and answers the prayers of His children

Questions

- What was the result of Daniel's prayer?
- 70 years of captivity, God had spoken it yet the people had forgotten they would be freed. Take some time and think about what you have stop trusting God to do in your life and the life of family members?
- Daniel endured much but he kept praying and confessed the sin of the people and himself. Do you make confession a part of your prayer life

•PUSH

Pray Until Something Happens