

DANIEL'S PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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OCTOBER 30, 2022

I. Studying God's Word Leads to Prayer (9:1-3; Jer 25:11-12; 29:10)

II. Daniel's Prayer (9:4-19)

A. Introduction and Opening (9:4; Lev 26:40-42; Deu 30:1-10)

B. Confession of Sin (9:5-11; Exo 34:6-7)

C. The Lord's Righteous Punishment (9:12-14)

D. Pleas for Mercy (9:15-19; Jer 32:31)

III. God's Answer to Daniel's Prayer

“When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, ‘Repent’ (Matt 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.”
—Martin Luther, *95 Theses*

“The faithful do not so acquiesce in the promises of God as to grow torpid, and become idle and slothful through the certainty of their persuasion that God will perform his promises, but are rather stimulated to prayer. For the true proof of faith is the assurance when we pray that God will really perform what he has promised us. . . . Nothing, therefore, can be better for us than to ask for what he has promised.”
—John Calvin, *Commentary on Daniel*

Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. How can you let God's word drive you to prayer?
2. What does it mean to pray God's promises?
3. What have you learned from this passage about confession of sin?
4. How does God answer Daniel's prayer?