



**PASTOR NEIL'S
MESSAGE NOTES**

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Today's Focus:

**Revelation on the Prayers of the Saints, Pt. 4
How to Pray in a Crisis – Pt. 1?**

Some Prayers People Pray When They in a Crisis:

1. Blackmail Prayer – God, if you don't do this for me, I will not serve you again.
2. Negotiation Prayer – God, if you do this, I will serve you with all my heart.

But the scriptures teach us the best way to pray in a crisis. We see that in the life of Daniel - Daniel 9:1-3.

How do we Pray in a Crisis?

1. **Study the Scriptures and let God Speak to You about Your Crisis first, then pray.**

Prayer starts with listening to God.

How do you listen to God?

By reading your bible and quieting your mind to hear from God.

Daniel 9:1-3

Daniel 9:1 (NCB), In the first year of Darius, son of Ahasuerus, a Mede by birth, who became ruler of the kingdom of the Chaldeans

Daniel 9:2 (NCB), In the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, was studying the Scriptures and reflecting on the seventy years that, according to the word of the Lord to the prophet Jeremiah, had to pass before the desolation of Jerusalem would come to an end.

Daniel 9:3 (NCB), Then I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in earnest prayer, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

Now, I want you to underline the phrase **studying the Scriptures** and note the phrase **reflecting on the seventy years**.

**Study the Scriptures, Learn from the Word
before you Pray.**

You will never pray effectively until you study the Scriptures, and you learn from the Word, what God has already said concerning you and situation you are in.

John 15:7 (AMPC) If you live in Me [abide vitally united to Me] and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.

Daniel allowed the word to continue to live in his heart.

Daniel 6:10

Daniel 6:10 (NIRV) Daniel found out that the king had signed the order. In spite of that, he did just as he had always done before. He went home to his upstairs room. Its windows opened toward Jerusalem. He went to his room three times a day to pray. He got down on his knees and gave thanks to his God.

He had the habit of studying the word and praying 3 times a day. Daniel did this for over 70 years. No wonder he knew how to be wise. No wonder he kept getting promoted.

Do you think your life would be any different if you had a conversation with God three times a day your entire life?

Daniel served kings as an administrator, so how did he find time to pray three times a day.

Can you make time to pray three times a day for the rest of your life?

When Daniel studied the scriptures, this is what he found in **Jeremiah 29:10-12**

Jer 29:10 (TLB) The truth is this: You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised and bring you home again.

Jer 29:11 (TLB) For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jer 29:12 (TLB) In those days when you pray, I will listen.

In crisis remember, God's timing and our praying.

Two things involved in fulfilling God's plan for our lives: God's timing and our praying.

Now, this leaves a little quandary in your life. If I've asked God and, like Jesus said, I'm connected to God, and I'm in the Bible, I'm reading the Bible every day, his Word's in me. If I pray and I ask and that's all true and I haven't had the answer yet, then I'm waiting on God. It has all to do with his timing. I'm just waiting for God. God says, I'll do it but I'm just going to do it in my timing, and I just need to be patient. On the other hand, if I have something great that I would like for God to do in my life and I've always wanted God to do it, but I've never asked, I've never asked God to do it, never asked for God's help, never asked for God's guidance in my dream, then God is waiting on you. If you haven't prayed about it, God is waiting on you to pray and ask.

Next Steps:

- Did you pray and give your life to Jesus for the first time today? Email us at pastorneil@covenantfamilychapel.org
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