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Daniel 9:1-19
WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

In 700 BC Isaiah wrote of the days and times in which Daniel was living. The Lord even calls Cyrus by name through the prophet Isaiah. Cyrus is the one who would be His servant to release His people from the 70 years exile. Bear in mind that Isaiah had written this about 150-170 years earlier! Read [Isaiah 44:28-45:13](#). God is sovereign over all creation and He will even use a pagan king to accomplish His plan.

Daniel's order of prayer is as follows: (1)The Lord is praised. (2)Sin is confessed. (3)Then petitions/request are made. Meditate on the Lord's prayer found in [Matthew 6:9-15](#).

The Hebrew verb, *hātā* ("sinned") basically means "to miss the mark" . . .Ethically speaking, sin is missing God's mark or goal of holy living that is required for human beings. Israel as a nation had fallen short of God's design to be a holy people. *Steven R. Miller Meditate on, [Leviticus 19:2](#); [1 Peter 1:16](#).*

"The Fall of Jerusalem, the destruction of the temple, and the removal of the nation from their ancestral soil-all this served to vindicate the holiness and righteousness of God and to demonstrate to all the world the sanctity of his moral law. As Israel's spokesman and intercessor, then, Daniel offered neither defense nor excuse for the guilt of his people. He freely admitted that they had only been punished as they deserved. He made no plea for a mitigation of their guilt and shame." *Gleason L. Archer Jr. [When you sin, and everyone does, acknowledge God for Who He is, confess your sin, and repent of your sin.](#)*

Moses spoke of blessing and cursing in [Deuteronomy 28](#). He also revealed the basis on which discipline for sin would be lifted and national restoration would be realized.

- (1)Israel would have to return to God and obey Him.
- (2)Then God would turn back her Captivity and restore the people to the land.
- (3)God would also shower blessings on them after repentance and restoration.

Application:

"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. [1 Peter 5:6-7](#). Ask the Lord to help you along in your Christian walk. "Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life." [Psalm 139:23](#) NLT