

## Prayer (Daniel 9:3-23)

### I. Introduction

- A. Are your prayers big? Why don't we pray many "big" prayers?
- B. <https://millercenter.org/the-presidency/presidential-speeches/july-9-1812-proclamation-day-fasting-and-prayer> *U.S. Congress: James Madison*
- C. *"Oh! men and brethren, what would this heart feel if I could but believe that there were some among you who would go home and pray for a revival – men whose faith is large enough, and their love fiery enough to lead them from this moment to exercise unceasing intercessions that God would appear among us and do wondrous things here, as in the times of former generations."* ([Charles Spurgeon](#))
- D. *"It was wonderful to see the change soon made in the manners of our inhabitants... From being thoughtless or indifferent about religion, it seemed as if all the world were growing religious, so that one could not walk through the town in an evening without hearing psalms sung in different families of every street."* [Philadelphia, 1730's, on the effects of George Whitefield's preaching] ([Benjamin Franklin](#))
- E. *"Whole days and weeks have I spent prostrate on the ground in silent or vocal prayer."* ([George Whitefield](#))
- F. *"Beware in your prayers, above everything else, of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know what He can do. Expect unexpected things, 'above all that we ask or think'. Each time, before you Intercede, be quiet first, and worship God in His glory. Think of what He can do, and how He delights to hear the prayers of His redeemed people. Think of your place and privilege in Christ, and expect great things!"* ([Andrew Murray](#))

### II. Scripture

- A. **Daniel 9:3-23**
- B. Observations / Questions
  - 1. **9:3**—
    - How did Daniel turn toward God?
    - What type of prayer?
    - How did he prove he was serious with God?
  - 2. **9:4-15**—
  - 3. **9:16-19**—
  - 4. **9:20-23**—

III. Application

A. What is your testimony of and in prayer?

B. Are there any letters/emails/blogs...from you with any "big" prayers?

C. Small group prayer together.