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How to Pray During Times of Crisis (Part 1)

Daniel 9:1-3

Have you ever been discouraged when you pray? Have you ever wondered - while you are praying - if God will answer your prayer?

Daniel 9 gives us a picture of Daniel's thoughts and feelings as he prays.

1. Listen Before Praying

A. God always initiates, You always respond.

- We love because He first loved us.
- We serve because Christ served us.
- We give because God first gave to us.

God Leads, We Follow.

B. It's okay to pray before listening,

C. **Listening before Praying** is a critical part of answered prayer

Daniel 9:2

"In the first year of his (Darius') reign, I, Daniel understood from the Scriptures, according to the Word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years."

John 15:7 *"If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given to you."*

Christ's word in you changes what you ask for.

D. How do we listen to God?

Spend time in His Word, even a little, every day.

2. After Listening, Pray

A. Listen before Praying → After Listening, Pray.

Let's Read Daniel 9:3

"Then I turned my face to the LORD God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes." ESV

"So I gave my attention to the LORD God to seek Him..." NASB

"Then I set my face toward the Lord God..." NKJ

Jeremiah 29:10-14

If you don't pray, you might not benefit from God's plan.

James 4:2c

Both **God's timing** and **your praying** work together.

Conclusion: What are we to do?

Believers:

1. Start by Listening

Read scriptures daily. John, Philippians.

2. Respond to what you read by Praying every day.

Start with 3 times a day

If you don't know what to pray, then do as Daniel did

Dan 6:10-11

Give Thanks

Ask God for help your situation.