

Elements of Prayer, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Daniel 9.

B. Daniel understood that prayer was living in the presence of God. (Daniel 6)

II. Daniel's prayer.

A. Daniel knew that somehow fitting into the sovereignty of God is the choice of man. God has shortened and lengthened things by prayer. (Matthew 24:22)

B. True intercessory prayer is generated by the Word of God acting on the heart. (Nehemiah 1)

C. Intercessory prayer is grounded in God's will. Prayer does not change the mind of God--it lines the believer up with His will.

D. Intercessory prayer is characterized by fervency--it should not be a passing thing. (Esther 4, Luke 11:5-10)

E. Intercessory prayer is realized in self-denial. True prayer only issues from humility. (Luke 18)

F. Intercessory prayer is identified with God's people. The focus of our prayers is to be on others. We are to see ourselves as a part of others. (I Corinthians 12, I Samuel 23)

G. Intercessory prayer is strengthened in confession. (Jeremiah 3, 8, 14, Lamentations 1, Revelation 6)

1. True confession accepts what is deserved.

2. Chastening must be received as what is deserved.

Application questions:

1. What does it mean that intercessory prayer is generated by the Word of God working on the human heart? Explain.

2. How would you evaluate your own fervency in prayer? What can you do to augment it?

3. What does true confession look like? Explain.
