



HEROES  
OF HOPE

**Daniel**

**Daniel 9:16-23**



# 1. What is “prayer”?

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Dan. 9:4-5 I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, 5 we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. (ESV)



## 2. Daniel believed that prayer worked.

Dan. 9:2-3 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years. 3 Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. (ESV)



3. Daniel's  
prayer made  
God visible.

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Dan. 9:20 While I was speaking and praying, ..., and presenting my plea before the LORD my God for the holy hill of my God,

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Dan. 9:21 while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice.



4. Daniel expected his prayers to make a difference.

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**9:2. I perceived in the books the number of years ... that must pass before the end of the desolations, namely, 70 years. 3 Then I turned my face to the Lord... [and prayed] with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.**



- **Application.**

**What does your prayer life reveal about what you believe about God?**

**Will you apply the “Daniel Model” to your prayer life?**



- “Daniel Model”

Addressed  
God as a  
person

Spoke his  
beliefs about  
God

Confessed his  
sin

Gave his  
petition

Expected god  
to respond.