Message Notes

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9:30 & 11:00am

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SERTES: DARE TO BE A DANIEL

"Prepared to Pray Powerfully"

Daniel Chapter Nine

If prayer is conversation with God, what does that look like, feel like, sound like? Can we expect to hear a voice? Or perhaps see a bush that does not burn up and realize God is talking to us from it? Did the Israelites in Old Testament times have a different prayer relationship to God than followers of Jesus in today's Church?

While we may not have answers to many of our questions about prayer, we can learn some principles about how to pray from Daniel's prayer in Chapter Nine.

1. He was motivated to pray while reading the Scriptures.

vs 1-2

2. He prepared to pray in an attitude of humility. v 3

3. He acknowledged God: "You are right." v 4

4. He admitted sinfulness: "We are wrong." vs 5-14

5. He requested mercy, restoration and hope. vs 15-19

God's answer came by way of the angel Gabriel vs 20-27

- 1. He came to "make things plain."
- 2. He announced a series of numbers.

Principles

- 1. Hasty and careless praying usually brings us confusion and doubt.
- 2. Our preparation for praying is as important as the prayer.

