

DANIEL - Part XX
"Principles of Powerful Prayer"
Reference: **Daniel 9:1-20**
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There are at least four powerful principles on prayer found in this chapter.

ONE...our praying should be _____ (meaning it should be consistent with Scripture).

This was about 538 BC and Daniel had just portions of the Old Testament available to him. He did have access to some of the prophet Jeremiah's writings.

Reference: **Jeremiah 25:8, 9, 11; 29:10-11** (see screen)

verses one and two (see screen)

Reference: **Matthew 10:5-8** (see screen)

TWO...our praying should be _____.

verse three (see screen)

Notice four words that each describe the attitude Daniel had as he prayed:

- **Supplications** - means entreaties and _____.

- **Fasting** - means _____ eating and sometimes _____ eating and _____ drinking.

- **Sackcloth** and **Ashes** - words were used throughout the Old Testament to symbolize debasement and _____ and _____.

THREE...our praying should be _____. This word means to admit to our guilt.

Throughout this prayer there are ____ different Hebrew words translated as some form of sin and those Hebrew words are mentioned some ____ times in this chapter.

verses four through fifteen and twenty(see screen)

Throughout this prayer ____ times he mentions "*we* and *our* and *us*" because the Old Testament prophets identified themselves with the sins of their people. The prophets never set themselves above their people; but, the Old Testament **priesthood** was some different because the Old Testament Jewish **priesthood** was _____ in nature.

Jesus completely changed things because He fulfilled the Old Testament Levitical priesthood. The book of **Hebrews chapters 5-10** presents Jesus as the ultimate High Priest and the fulfillment of Old Testament law; so, through Jesus Christ the entire legalistic system of sacrifice and ritual, including the priesthood, was made obsolete.

Reference: **Romans 10:4** (see screen)

In addition, the New Testament teaches the priesthood of _____

Reference: **I Peter 2:5** (see screen)

FOUR...our praying should be _____ to God.

verses sixteen through nineteen (see screen)

Reference: **Revelation 7:11-12** (see screen)