

“The Other Side of Praying”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Tan | Daniel 9:1-19

Watch

Watch the sermon. As you watch, use the space below to take notes on anything that stands out to you. Pay careful attention to the context of the biblical text, insights and principles highlighted, and any supporting scripture mentioned.

** KEY TAKEAWAYS **

Biblical principles on how we demonstrate a proper attitude of prayer:

1. The world is evil and full of problems, but God is a good God.
2. Faithful obedience to His commands is what God desires.
3. There are consequences to willful disobedience.
4. Appeal to God’s mercy in prayer and not what we deserve (because we deserve nothing).

Talk It Through

1. Whenever you pray, do you talk to God as Someone who owes you to provide for all your wants and needs because you deserve it? Or do you talk to Him as a sinner who’s in dire need of repentance and grace?
2. God is not the author of evil & sin, because He is inherently good. Why do you think people easily blame God when they experience suffering and unpleasant trials in life?
3. Oftentimes, we grumble when something in life goes wrong, but we fail to praise and thank Him for His goodness when everything is going smoothly. When was the last time you thanked God for His goodness? How can you be more intentional about expressing gratitude to God even when life seems unfair?
4. Sometimes, we pray real hard for our desires because we want things to happen in our own way. But in the end, prayer is all about aligning our hearts with God’s will and surrendering to His ways. How can you pray with a posture of humility and obedience like Daniel as you willfully submit your life to Him?

Pray

Close your time together with prayer.