

When Mercy meets our Pleas (Daniel 9)

When you know you've failed God, what can you say to Him?

1. We can honestly name and confess our sin

Our default instinct

Why do I do that?

Instead, Daniel tells God

- How deep their sin goes
- How wide their sin runs
- How high their sin reaches

How is it that Daniel is so willing to confess?

Verse 9!

Prayer is not a place to be good, it is a place to be honest. Prayer is not a place to perform, it is a place to be present. Prayer is not a place to be right, it is a place to be known. Prayer is not a place to prove your worth, it is a place to receive worth and offer yourself in truth.

- Kyle Strobel

2. We can boldly seek restoration for the sake of his glory

The request

The reasons

- God's own consistency
- God's own honour

Changes how we pray

3. We rest in his mercy

Gabriel's reassurance

Verses 24-27 is God's answer to Daniel's prayer

- What does God seek to accomplish?
- When does God accomplish this wonderful thing?

Daniel 9 ultimately brings us not to antichrist(s), but Christ.