

AVELEIGH'S YEAR OF THE BIBLE, NOV.11 2018
Veterans DAY
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Sermon: DANIEL 9:1-19 p. 958
Sermon: UNSHAKABLE PRAYERS THE KIND GOD ANSWERS

Call to worship: Pete Coleman *will read this introduction:* Nov. 11th, began as Armistice Day in 1919 (celebrating the end of World War I), November 11 has been celebrated as Veterans Day in the United States since 1954. Many people observe the day with ceremonies and parades that honor the sacrifice and dedication of those who have served in the armed forces of the United States.

There may be no better way to honor a veteran than in prayer. Whether it is offered in a church service, or privately, or silently as a parade passes by, or in a personal card or note, prayer can connect you, a veteran and God in a meaningful and productive way.

I am asking all veterans present this morning to please stand,,,,,(pause)

Pete just (clapping)

Pete say be seated are pray.....

LEADER: “Almighty God, You know every veteran by name. You know their deeds, their hard work, sacrifices and their perseverance. You know their needs, both material and spiritual. Please draw each one closer to you and grant them all the peace that passes understanding the peace of Christ to rule in their hearts, and ‘joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand’ forevermore.”

PEOPLE: “God, please let every veteran of our nation’s armed forces feel truly and appropriately honored by the attention and appreciation of their fellow citizens. Let no one feel forgotten or neglected. Let every man and woman, young or old, feel the deep and enduring gratitude of our nation and its inhabitants.” (On screen)

LEADER: Let us worship God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Forgive our impatience, Father. Forgive our tendency to take things into our own hands, and to look for swift, simple solutions to all our problems. Instead, teach us your slower, subtler, more sensitive approach, of taking time, adding love, and for all things trusting you in prayer. Amen.

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1. LET GOD SPEAK TO ME BEFORE I SPEAK TO HIM.

TO PRAY LIKE DANIEL READ YOUR BIBLE FIRST

"It was the first year of the reign of Darius the Mede who was made king of the Babylonians (by Cyrus). During the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, was studying the Scriptures. I learned from the Word of the Lord, as recorded by Jeremiah the prophet, that Jerusalem must lie desolate for seventy years."
Daniel 9:1-2

"God says this to you: 'You will be kept in Babylon for 70 years. But then I'll keep my gracious promise to bring you back to your home again. For I know the plans I have for you' says the Lord. 'I have good plans for you, not plans for your disaster. My plans will give you hope and a future. In those days when you pray, I will listen.'" Jeremiah 29:10-12

2. FOCUS MY ATTENTION ON GOD.

"So I turned my face to the Lord God, SEEKING him. . ." Daniel 9:3a (ESV)

"So I gave my attention to the Lord to SEEK Him by prayer. . ." Daniel 9:3a (NAS)

3. INTRODUCING AVELEIGH'S PRAYER GUIDE

Page 1, CHARACTER TRAITS OF GOD ⁴¹ *I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed: "Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments*

Page 2, BIBLICAL NAMES FOR GOD

- *YHWH-Yireh* — "The Lord will provide" ([Genesis 22:13-14](#))
- *YHWH-Rapha* — "The Lord that healeth" ([Exodus 15:26](#))
- *YHWH-Niss"i* — "The Lord our Banner" ([Exodus 17:8-15](#))
- *YHWH-Shalom* — "The Lord our Peace" ([Judges 6:24](#))
- *YHWH-Ra-ah* — "The Lord is the Way, my Shepherd" ([Psalm 23:1](#))
- *YHWH-Tsidkenu* — "The Lord our Righteousness" ([Jeremiah 23:6](#))
- *YHWH-Shammah* — "The Lord is the Light, ever present" ([Ezekiel 48:35](#))

Page 3, MY THANKSGIVING LIST

“Then I said ‘Lord, you are a great and awesome God! You always fulfill your promises of constant love to those who love you and keep your commands.’” Daniel 9:4

“Even though we have rebelled against you, you Lord are merciful and forgiving.” Daniel 9:9

Page 4, MY PERSONAL REQUESTS

“And I began pleading with God earnestly in prayer. . . .” Daniel 9:3b

“I poured out my heart, baring my soul to God. . . .” Daniel 9:4a (Mes)

Page 5, THE PEOPLE I AM PRAYING FOR

“O God, listen to me and hear my request . . . We do not ask because we deserve help, but because you are so merciful.” Daniel 9:18 (NLT)

CONCLUSION & PRAYER: GOD GRANT US UNSHAKABLE PRAYER

GOD’S PROMISE TO HIS PEOPLE

“If my people, who are called by my name, will HUMBLE themselves and PRAY and SEEK my face and TURN from their wicked ways, then I will HEAR from heaven and will FORGIVE their sin and HEAL their land!” 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

FOUR FOR THE ROAD: “So I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him. . .” Daniel 9:3a (ESV)

1. **Briefly speak about a current trouble in their life. How could seeking God provide an answer to the situation? List some ways to focus more intently on God when you come to him in prayer.**

“And I began pleading with God earnestly in prayer. . .” Daniel 9:3b

2. **Discuss how it makes you feel knowing God gets very emotional about you. Why is it important that we return that emotion when we pray? How does strong emotion convey the seriousness of the prayer?**

“Then my people will join together in tears to seek the Lord. And they will ask the way to Jerusalem and they will start back home again.” Jeremiah 50:4b-5a

3. **Describe a time in the past when you sought the Lord in tears. Why is it important we pray together as a community of believers? What are some benefits to praying with fellow Christians?**

“And I started fasting and went without food. To show my sadness I put on rough clothes and sat in ashes.” Daniel 9:3c

4. **List what actions you can take when you are crying out in prayer to show God how serious you are about your request. What is the modern day equivalent of putting on sackcloth and ashes? Have you ever fasted? Why or why not? How did God answer your prayer(s) when you fasted?**