

THE EFFECTIVE FERVENT PRAYERS OF RIGHTEOUS MEN

The Prayer of Daniel (Chapter 9)



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“The Tears of God in the Book of Jeremiah”
~ David Bosworth

“YHWH weeps more often than Jeremiah does, and even Jeremiah’s tears embody the tears of YHWH.”

“While the prophet Jeremiah is known as ‘the weeping prophet,’ the prophet’s focus is on ‘the weeping God’”

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¹⁰ "I will take up weeping and wailing for the mountains, and a lamentation for the pastures of the wilderness..."

¹¹ "I will make Jerusalem a heap of ruins, a lair of jackals, and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without inhabitant."

~Jeremiah 9:10-11

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¹⁷ Thus says the LORD of hosts:
"Consider, and call for the mourning women to come;
send for the skillful women to come;
¹⁸ let them make haste and raise a wailing over us,
that our eyes may run down with tears
and our eyelids flow with water.

~Jeremiah 9:17-18

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"Is not Israel still my son, my darling child? says the LORD. I often have to punish him, but I still love him. That's why I long for him and surely will have mercy on him"

~Jeremiah 31:20 (NLT)

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⁸ “Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: Because you have not obeyed my words, ⁹ behold, I will send for all the tribes of the north... for Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon... I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants, and against all these surrounding nations. I will devote them to destruction... make them a horror, a hissing... an everlasting desolation. ¹⁰ Moreover, I will banish from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride... ¹¹ This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. ~Jeremiah 25:8-11

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⁷ To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame,
 as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of
 Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who
 are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them,
 because of the treachery that they have committed against you.
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¹⁵ And now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have made a name for yourself, as at this day, we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

¹⁶ "O Lord, according to all your righteous acts, let your anger and your wrath turn away from your city Jerusalem, your holy hill, because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become a byword among all who are around us.

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¹⁷ Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his **pleas for mercy**, and for your own sake, **O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary**, which is desolate.

¹⁸ O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. ¹⁹ O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name."

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²⁰ While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my plea before the LORD my God for the holy hill of my God, ²¹ while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. ²² He made me understand, speaking with me and saying, "O Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding.

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²³ At the beginning of your pleas for mercy a word went out, and I have come to tell it to you, for you are greatly loved. Therefore, consider the word and understand the vision.

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The Prodigal Son (Luke 18:17-23)

¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced ²¹ him and kissed him.

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The Prodigal Son (Luke 18:17-23)

²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

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The Seventy-Weeks Prophecy

God reveals the vision of Israel's future and final restoration

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