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Daniel 9:1-19

How can anyone read Daniel's prayer in Daniel 9 and not agonize with him over the plight of his beloved, yet wayward people? How often do we watch or read the news and lament over the condition of our country and world?

Daniel's story is one of great bravery in the face of horrendous trials and persecution. This young Jewish man withstood the pressures of exile to remain true to God. Certainly, the Holy Scriptures had a significant part to play in his spiritual development.

It must not go unnoticed that as Daniel began his prayer, he had been reading God's Word (v. 2) and understood what was required of him. I am reminded of the powerful verse found in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "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 I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

The question for us then, is, who will be Daniel for our country?

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