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Dan. 9:4-6 *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, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from Your commands and laws. We have not listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land. (NIV)*

Would this not be a great prayer for us right now? You can hear the heart of Daniel as he prays for his people. His ultimate desire is to serve the LORD in Whom he trusts. I wonder if our hearts could also line up with this prayer. Daniel states the obvious here: *we have sinned and done wrong*. This reminds me of **1 John 1:9** *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (NIV)*

Now Daniel doesn't stop there. He continues to list out the offenses of his people. *We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from Your commands and laws*. And why shouldn't he? We need to come clean with the LORD so that our confession will bring the blessings of God rather than the curse of our sins. This is living abundantly because we can live in the freedom of His love and forgiveness. His covenant with us is based on His character, His word and His blood. And the results for us will be the same as His word states to His people in **2 Chron. 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, the I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

Dear LORD, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from Your commands and laws. We have not listened to Your servants. LORD, we need You above all. Help us to focus on what gives You honor and glory. In Jesus Name, Amen