

“It’s Me, Your Child Lord”

*“Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts,
turn away your anger and your wrath
from Jerusalem, your city, your holy hill.
Our sins and the iniquities of our ancestors
have made Jerusalem and your people
an object of scorn to all those around us.”*

Daniel 9:16 (NIV)

Most of us have been in a social situation where a child has acted in an unacceptable manner. It may have been a temper tantrum and you wonder why the parent does not control their child better. You might imagine how you would have acted differently if you were the parent and that child was your own.

Certainly, you have no responsibility for the misbehaving child because they do not belong to you. But if it is your child then you need to act.

Daniel is seeking help from the Lord for His children. Notice the argument he uses, “...your city, your holy hill...your people...”. When praying, it is good to tell the

Lord who it is you are praying for. It is appropriate to follow the lead of Daniel and remind the Lord you are wanting help for His children. Such a strategy moves the Lord’s heart just as it would move our heart if it was our child being considered.

Because we are the Lord’s children, we are His responsibility. When we fully understand our relationship to our heavenly Father, it instills confidence in us as we pray. As God’s child we belong to Him and thus have a right to come to Him with our issues and needs. We are privileged to address the Lord as “Father” even as we have been taught by Jesus (Matt. 6:9).

Today, as you pray, keep in mind that you are coming to your heavenly Father. He has loved you with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3). He has chosen you before He created the universe Ephesians 1:4-5 (NIV) “For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will...” You are most welcome as His beloved child. Come, and come now.

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