

I. Confession Made - Daniel 9:4-6

1. The prayer (verses 1-3)
 - 539 BC
 - Daniel reads Jeremiah 25:11-12 and 29:10
 - about the seventy years
2. The address to God (**verse 4**)
 - you always keep your word
 - you are great and awesome
- Rea -this is his approach to God... looking up to Him, not telling Him what to do
- you keep your covenant of love
3. He gets right to the point - we have sinned (**verse 5**)
 - done wrong
 - been wicked
 - rebelled
 - turned away
 - not listened to your servants, the prophets (**verse 6**)
- Rea 4. How important is “listening” to God?
 - compare to your children “listening” to you
 - if your children would listen you could teach them many, many important things
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. So Daniel confesses for the nation
 - is this proper and appropriate?
 - could you confess my sins?
 2. He is a leader who leads his people to confess sin
 3. My, my what a novel idea!!!
 4. The word “sin” and “repent” are not common in our local church - what does that mean?
 - I guess God’s church does not sin any more

II. Righteousness Seen - Daniel 9:7-14

1. You are righteous (**verse 7**)
- Rea -by contrast with “we have sinned” in verse 5
- but we are “covered with shame” (**verse 8**)
2. Specifically names the people who are guilty of the sin in verse 7
 - kings and princes and ancestors
 - you have scattered us
- Rea -“scattered” means they are not unified
- Rea -the idea being - you were right to scatter us - because we have sinned
3. God is merciful and forgiving (**verse 9**)
 - even though we have “rebelled”
 - we have not obeyed (**verse 10**) - nor kept the laws
4. All Israel has “transgressed” (**verse 11**)
 - because of that the curses you promised have been poured out - see Moses at Dt.

5. You brought about great disaster (**verse 12**)
- Rea -we live in a time when people don't believe that God would send "disaster"
- Rea -note done "to" Jerusalem
6. Even though disaster came on them they did not seek the Lord (**verse 13**)
- Rea -why do you think that they did not seek the Lord?
- verse 14** says the Lord did not "hesitate" to send disaster
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
1. What is wrong with modern theology that says that God will not do this?
 -is that in the Old Testament and not the New Testament?
 2. We are more than willing to just "go along" in our sin - but God is not happy with that
 3. Modern-day parents frequently do not discipline their own kids... God is not like that

III. Forgiveness Sought - Daniel 9:15-19

1. He asks forgiveness (**verse 15**)
- Rea -sounds very "New Testament" to me
2. You brought us up out of Egypt
- Rea -once again says that God has done nothing wrong... it is the people who are at fault
 -may your "name" be exalted
3. Turn away your "anger" from us (**verse 16**)
 -in keeping with your merciful and forgiving character
 -honor your name by forgiving us
 4. Now hear our prayers (**verse 17**)
 -look with favor on us
- Rea -remember that Daniel had been put into prison for his prayers - he is no stranger to praying
5. Do it "for your sake" - your name's sake
 6. He asks God to look at the desolation of His temple (**verse 18**)
 7. Verse 18 identifies why God should say yes to his prayers... you are merciful
 -it's not because they are "righteous"
- Rea -that sounds like New Testament grace to me... our only ground of approach to the throne of God is God's mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ
8. He cries out to God (**verse 19**)
- Rea -a bit of desperation in his prayer... many times that "fervent, earnest" praying is what is needed!
 -hear and act!!
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
1. Do you hear this kind of prayer in your circle? - why or why not?
 2. Daniel is a leaders - do you hear this kind of prayer from your leaders? - even at church?
 3. A leader... leads
 4. He turns to the right person... God - for a solution that only God can give
 5. In our spiritual lives... it's the attitudes that we take that say more than what we do - this attitude in prayer is particularly awesome - God listens to the heart anyway!

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