

Lesson 12 – Daniel 9:1-4
“Daniel’s Prayer: Part 1”

1. Introduction:

a. Read v1:

- 1) The events of chapter 5 have occurred.
- 2) Babylon fell to the Medo-Persian Empire in October, _____ B.C.
- 3) Cyrus the Great installed Darius as his _____ in Babylon.
- 4) The year is _____ B.C.

b. Read v2:

- 1) The man with a _____ heart (chapter 1) studies God’s Word. The man renowned for his _____ to God (chapter 6) studies God’s Word. **WHY?**

- a) It keeps his heart _____ toward God:

2 Pet 1:5-8, 10 – “And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; ***and to virtue knowledge***; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ***...for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.***”

- b) It keeps him in _____ to God:

1- 2 Tim 2:15 – “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2- *Read* John 17:17 – The Bible will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from the Bible.

- 2) Prophecy is revealed to God’s prophet through the _____ of His Word.

v2: “...I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.”

- a) The prophecy: *Read* Jer 25:11-12 and 29:10-14:

1- Jerusalem fell to Babylon in _____ B.C. when Daniel and his three friends were taken captive.

2- It is now 538 B.C., which means _____ years have passed.

b) Daniel's reaction to the prophecy:

1- Daniel took the 70 years _____ and believed that there would be a _____ fulfillment. Therefore, Daniel realized that the _____ set by God for _____ His people back in the city of Jerusalem was rapidly approaching.

2- Daniel realized that the Word of God would be fulfilled on the basis of _____.

For us today, "God has elevated the _____ of prayer to the point where to a large degree God has _____ His own action on the faithful prayer of the believer" (Chafer and Walvoord, *Major Bible Themes*, p260).

3- Daniel recognized the need for _____ of _____ as a prelude to restoration.

2. Daniel's Prayer:

a. v3-4: Daniel's Preparation for Prayer:

1) "And I set my face unto the Lord God..." = Daniel is _____ from other things to _____ on his prayer to the Lord as evidenced by his:

a) _____ = turning away from the distraction of _____ and _____ needs.

1- To supplicate _____ favor:

a- 2 Chron 20:3 - King Jehoshaphat used fasting to seek God's favor to defeat the Moabites and the Ammonites that had come up against Judah.

b- Esther 4:16 - Queen Esther used fasting to obtain God's help in getting an audience with King Ahasuerus in order to expose Haman's plot to kill all the Jews.

c- 1 Sam 1:7 - Hannah fasted for a son.

2- As a sign of _____ and demonstration against _____:

a- 1 Sam 20:34 - Jonathan fasted after his father tried to kill him which proved his father's determination to harm David.

b- 2 Sam 3:35 - David fasted after Joab murdered Abner.

3- In _____ of sin:

a- 2 Sam 12:16 - David fasted in an attempt to save his son.

b- 1 Kings 21:27-29 - Ahab fasted to seek forgiveness of his sins.

4- Elijah's experience (1 Kings 19:8-12) teaches us that:

a- It _____ us.

b- It allows us to _____ God's "still small voice".

b) _____ = turning away from the distractions of _____ and _____.

1- Cloth made of black goat's hair, coarse, rough, and thick, used for sacks.

2- Symbol of _____: Gen 37:34 – "And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days."

3- Symbol of _____: Matt 11:21 – "Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes."

c) _____ = was a token of self-abhorrence (to deem one's self unworthy) and _____.

2 Sam 13:19 – "And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying."
(This is after she was raped by her half brother Amnon.)

2) Daniel knew that effective prayer requires:

a) A proper _____ of mind and heart:

1- Asking according to His ____: 1 John 5:14 - "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:"

2- Asking for the right _____ (righteously): James 4:3 - "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."

3- Asking with _____: Matt 6:5 - "And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are..." (i.e., deceivers and pretenders)

4- Asking from the _____: Matt 6:6 - "...enter into thy closet...", "...shut thy door...", and "...pray to thy Father which is in secret;..." (in private where no one else can see or hear)

5- Asking _____: *Read* Luke 18:9-14.

b) _____ in the Word of God:

1- Matt 17:20 – "And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

- 2- Matt 21:22 - “And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.”

c) _____ to the Word of God:

- 1- John 15:7 – “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”
- 2- 1 John 3:22 – “And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.”

d) _____:

- 1- 1 John 1:9 – “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”
- 2- James 5:16 – “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

e) _____: Forgiveness comes only after _____!!

- 1- *Read* Luke 17:1-5.
- 2- *Read* Matt 18:15-17.
- 3- 2 Chron 7:14 – “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

f) _____:

- 1- 1 John 5:15 – “And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”
- 2- Luke 11:9-10 – “And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.”

b. v5-14: Daniel’s Prayer of Confession: (To be discussed next week.)

c. v15-19: Daniel’s Petition for Forgiveness and Restoration: (To be discussed the week after next.)

d. v20-23: The Result of Daniel’s Prayer: (Also to be discussed the week after next.)