

**Lesson 14 – Daniel 9:15-23**  
**“Daniel’s Prayer: Part 3”**

**1. Introduction:**

**a. Two weeks ago: v1-4: Daniel’s Preparation for Prayer:**

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

- a) Jerusalem fell to Babylon in 605 B.C. when Daniel and his three friends were taken captive.
- b) It is now 538 B.C., which means 67 years have passed.

**2) Daniel’s reaction to the prophecy:**

- a) Daniel took the 70 years literally and believed that there would be literal fulfillment. Therefore, Daniel realized that the time set by God for restoring His people back in the City of Jerusalem was rapidly approaching.
- b) Daniel realized that the Word of God would be fulfilled on the basis of prayer.
- c) Daniel recognized the need for confession of sin as a prelude to restoration.

**3) v3-4: Daniel’s Preparation for Prayer:**

- a) “And I set my face unto the Lord God ...” = Daniel is turning away from other things to concentrate on his prayer to the Lord as evidenced by his:
  - 1- Fasting = turning away from the distraction of food and physical needs.
  - 2- Sackcloth = turning away from the distractions of appearances and airs.
  - 3- Ashes = was a token of self-abhorrence (to deem one’s self unworthy) and humiliation.
- b) Daniel knew that effective prayer requires:
  - 1- A proper attitude of mind and heart:
    - a- Asking according to His will.
    - b- Asking for the right motive (righteously).
    - c- Asking with sincerity.
    - d- Asking from the heart.
    - e- Asking humbly.
  - 2- Belief in the Word of God.

- 3- Obedience to the Word of God.
- 4- Confession.
- 5- Repentance: Forgiveness comes only after repentance!!
- 6- Petition.

**b. Last week: v5-14: Daniel's Prayer of Confession:**

**1) v5: "We have sinned" = DISOBEDIENCE to God.**

**2) The cycle of sin:**

- a) v5: "*and have committed iniquity*" - 1st step = the sin leads to perversion.
- b) v5: "*and have done wickedly*" - 2nd step = the perversion leads to wickedness.
- c) v5: "*and have rebelled*" - 3rd step = wickedness leads to rebellion.

**3) The result of sin: v7-12:**

- a) Jerusalem's walls have been broken down, its houses burnt with fire, even the palaces of the king and nobles, and the temple of the Lord itself; and all its inhabitants destroyed, dispersed, or carried away captive.
- b) They have served the Babylonians for the past 70 years.

**4) The solution to sin: v13-14:**

*We break the cycle of sin through CONFESSIO and REPENTANCE.*

**2. v15-19: Daniel's Petition for Forgiveness and Restoration:**

**a. Daniel begins his petition by acknowledging and proclaiming God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_:**

**1) v15: "And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown ..."**

- a) The ten plagues.
- b) The parting of the Red Sea.
- c) The destruction of the Egyptian army.

**2) v15: "... as at this day ..."**

- a) The fiery furnace.
- b) The humbling of Nebuchadnezzar.
- c) The fall of Babylon.
- d) The lions' den.
- e) The fulfillment of the punishment portion of the prophecy recorded by Jeremiah.

**b. Daniel then restates the \_\_\_\_\_ for his petition:**

1) **v15:** "... we have sinned, we have done wickedly."

We have \_\_\_\_\_ You both in \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_!!

2) **v16:** "... because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us."

Because of our \_\_\_\_\_, You have put us in a condition of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**c. Daniel then bases his petition on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God:**

**v16:** "O Lord, according to all thy righteousness ..."

**1) Righteousness:**

a) \_\_\_\_\_ from guilt or sin.

b) \_\_\_\_\_ right or justifiable.

c) Acts in accordance with \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ law.

**2) God's righteousness:**

a) Ps 119:142 – "Thy righteousness is an *everlasting* righteousness, and thy law is the truth."

b) Matt 7:24-25 – "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for *it was founded upon a \_\_\_\_\_*."

**d. Daniel's petition:**

1) **v16:** "... I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain:"

He is asking God to shut off His flow of \_\_\_\_\_ on His people.

2) **v17:** "... cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate ..."

a) He is inviting God to return His \_\_\_\_\_ to His people.

b) He is asking God to reopen the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ to His people.

**3) Daniel concludes the prayer by once again beseeching God to:**

- a) **v19:** “O Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ ...” - \_\_\_\_\_ to this petition!!
- b) **v19:** “... O Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ ...” - Give up Your feelings of \_\_\_\_\_ for our confessed sins!!
- c) **v19:** “... O Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ ...” - Pay or give \_\_\_\_\_ to this petition!!
- d) **v19:** “... and \_\_\_\_\_ ...” - Take \_\_\_\_\_ on this petition!!
- e) **v19:** “... \_\_\_\_\_ not ...” - Please don’t \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ in granting this petition!!

**4) Daniel is believing in and applying 2 Chron 7:14 with all his heart.**

**e. Daniel’s motive behind the petition:**

**1) v18:** ... for thy great mercies.”

- a) Mercy = \_\_\_\_\_ or Pity = to be \_\_\_\_\_ of others’ distress and to have a desire to \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- b) Heb 4:16 – “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain \_\_\_\_\_, and find grace to help in time of need.”

**2) v19:** “... for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

- a) Daniel doesn’t need mercy. He’s in good shape: *Read* Dan 6:1-3, 28.
- b) Daniel is making intercession for his people:

Matt 5:7 - “\_\_\_\_\_ are the merciful: for *they* shall \_\_\_\_\_.”

**3. v20-23: The Result of Daniel’s Prayer.**