

Daniel 9:1-19 – Intercession.

1. Knowing the WORD of God.

Daniel sought and understood that captivity would last seventy years.

Jeremiah 25:11-13 -*"And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. Then it will come to pass, when seventy years are completed, that I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity," says the LORD; "and I will make it a perpetual desolation. So I will bring on that land all My words which I have pronounced against it, all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah has prophesied concerning all the nations."*

Jeremiah 29:10 - *For thus says the LORD: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place.*

At the time of this prayer was still three or four years short of 70 years since 605 B.C. - it was almost time to go home. Daniel set his face to pray - *determination*. **Fasting, sackcloth, and ashes** are emblems of humiliation and mourning.

- i. ([4-15](#)) Daniel confesses the sin of his people.

We have sinned, committed iniquity, done wickedly, rebelled, not obeyed, not prayed, not turned: As Daniel confesses Israel's sin he prays as if he is as bad as the rest of Israel. Daniel emphasizes the faithfulness and righteousness of God, even is bringing disaster upon them. He remembers God power too.

Deuteronomy 28:1 - *"Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.*

Deuteronomy 28:15 - *"But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:*

1John 1:9 - *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

- ii. ([16-19](#)) Daniel asks God to forgive and to restore Jerusalem.

Cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, forgive; because of your great mercies.

Psalm 25:18 - *Look on my affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins.*

Psalm 86:5 - *For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.*

1Timothy 2:1-4 - *Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

Daniel prayed as a patriot - but a patriot more of the Kingdom of God than the Kingdom of Israel. We should pray with similar patriotism for the Kingdom of God...To us, Christian patriotism means love to the Church of God." (Spurgeon)

- iii. Listen and act.

Psalm 44:26 - *Arise for our help, and redeem us for Your mercies' sake.*

Psalm 109:26 - *Help me, O LORD my God! Oh, save me according to Your mercy,*

2Chronicles 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, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*