

The Book of Daniel
Text: "Earnest In Prayer"
Chapter 9 Part 1

Introduction

In Chapter 9, we see Daniel, the Intercessor, in fervent prayer for the nation of Israel. Verse 1 gives us Daniel's reason for prayer. "In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans— in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years *specified* by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem." (Daniel 9:1-2 NKJV)

1. Daniel 9 begins with Daniel's understanding and _____ of prophecy.
2. Daniel was a diligent student of Scripture who built his prayer life on the _____ of God.
3. Daniel knew that effective prayer comes from knowing and praying God's word and how it relates to our present _____.
4. Through his study, the 70 years described in Jeremiah 25 caused Daniel to realize Jeremiah's _____ applied to his time.
5. Daniel regarded these 70 years as _____, not "symbolic" years.
6. Daniel was also familiar with _____ prophecies concerning Cyrus in Chapters 44 and 45.
7. Daniel believes that prayer can _____ the Lord's coming, so he asks for a speedy fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophecy.
8. A second important reason for Daniel's prayer of intercession is to petition God to act in His _____.
9. There were _____ "waves" of captivity.
10. If Daniel could _____ with God in prayer, and God takes the earliest starting point to determine the 70 years, then His mercy comes to Israel 18 years earlier.

11. Daniel prayed with _____.
12. But Daniel was also _____ in approaching God.
13. Daniel begins his prayer where we all should - by recognizing the _____ and goodness of God.
14. During times of great revival, the Holy Spirit always brings a deep _____ and awareness of sin.
15. Daniel also asks God to _____ and restore Jerusalem.
16. The heart of Daniel's plea is "Cause your face to _____."
17. Daniel prays on firm _____ grounds.
18. Daniel was great because his prayer was an expression of his great trust and _____ on God.
19. While Daniel is still praying, _____ arrives with the answer to Daniel's prayer.
20. Gabriel announces that he has come to bring Daniel an _____ to his prayer.
21. The seventy weeks focus on the Jewish people and the holy city, _____.
22. Talbot calls the seventy weeks "God's calendar for _____" because it does not focus on the Gentiles or the church.
23. To finish the _____ means to establish an entirely new order on earth that ends humanity's rebellion against God.
24. This remarkable fulfillment of prophecy takes place when a Gentile king makes a decree, and 483 years later, to the day, _____ presents Himself as the Messiah, the Prince of Israel.
25. The _____ weeks, then, can be divided into three parts:
 - Seven weeks or 49 years, until the city and its walls are rebuilt.
 - Sixty-nine weeks; 7 plus 62, or 483 years from the decree, until the Messiah the Prince appears in Jerusalem.
 - A final 70th week is yet needed to complete the prophecy.

26. The coming prince will make a covenant with Israel for the final unit of _____ years, completing the seventy weeks prophesied for the Jewish people and Jerusalem.
27. With this covenant, Israel will embrace the Antichrist as a political messiah and possibly as the literal _____.
28. The Book of _____ picks up from here and takes us through this seven-year period.

I. Our Prayer Should Always Glorify God

29. The purpose of prayer is to see God's work accomplished and His name _____.
30. One way we pursue God's glory is through our _____.
31. Our very act of praying brings glory to God because it reveals that we are creatures who _____ our Creator.
32. Sinful human nature sees prayer as a means to fulfil our own _____ desires and wants.
33. Listen to your prayers. Do they glorify God or make _____ of Him?

II. Prayer Shows Our Need For God

34. God is glorified through prayer because it shows our _____ for God.
35. We pray to God because we don't fully trust _____ wisdom, strength, and resources.
36. God is glorified as we _____ our dependence upon Him and admit that we need Him.
37. Prayer is about accepting our helplessness, weakness and seeing God as the _____ of all wisdom and strength.
38. When we acknowledge our need for God, we approach Him not with a sense of entitlement but with a _____ for His will to be accomplished and His glory to be revealed.

III. God Is Glorified When We Yield To His Will.

39. God Is glorified as we _____ to his will in prayer.
40. We can ask anything we want in prayer, but God only gives us what glorifies Him and honors His _____.
41. We ask according to His will so that _____ gets the glory as His will is done.
42. In all our praying, our desire should be to _____ God.

Conclusion

43. The _____ of prayer is to see God's work accomplished and His name glorified.
44. Effective prayer concentrates on bringing glory to God, not just for our own _____.

Prayer that glorifies God causes God's face to shine upon us. Thankfully, one day soon, sin and transgression itself will be finished. God will establish His entirely new order on earth, which will put an end to all of our rebellion against God.

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