



THE GREAT PRAYER OF DANIEL

A Study of Daniel 9 "The Great Prayer of Daniel" • Part Three (vv. 15-19)

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A. STUDY SECTION

"FOR YOUR SAKE, O LORD!"

1. The Realization for the Prayer

Daniel 9:15-17, NASB -¹⁵ *And now, O Lord our God, who have brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and have made a name for Yourself, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have been wicked.* ¹⁶ *"O Lord, in accordance with all Your righteous acts, let now Your anger and Your wrath turn away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; for because of our sins and the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people have become a reproach to all those around us.* ¹⁷ *"So now, our God, listen to the prayer of Your servant and to his supplications, and for Your sake, O Lord, let Your face shine on Your desolate sanctuary.*

God's Righteousness • Man's Sinfulness

2. The Basis for the Prayer

Daniel 9:18, NASB -¹⁸ *"O my God, incline Your ear and hear! Open Your eyes and see our desolations and the city which is called by Your name; for we are not presenting our supplications before You on account of any merits of our own, but on account of Your great compassion.*

Daniel 9:18b, TLB -¹⁸ *"O my God...we don't ask because we merit help, but because you are so merciful despite our grievous sins.*

Daniel 9:18b, MSG -¹⁸ *"...We know that we don't deserve a hearing from you. Our appeal is to your compassion. This prayer is our last and only hope...."*

3. The Urgency in the Prayer

Daniel 9:19, NASB95 -¹⁹ *"O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and take action! For Your own sake, O my God, do not delay, because Your city and Your people are called by Your name."*

Daniel 9:19, NCV -¹⁹ *Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear us and do something! For your sake, don't wait, because your city and your people are called by your name."*

4. The Specifics of the Prayer

- i. Forgive our Sins (vv. 15-16: *"We have sinned, we have been wicked..."*)
- iv. Bless your Sanctuary (v. 17: *"Let your face shine on your desolate sanctuary..."*)
- ii. Bless your Servants (v. 19: *"bless...those people called by your name..."*)
- iii. Bless your City (v. 19: *"bless...your city called by Your name..."*)

B. LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

Let's apply this message to our Country this Memorial Day Weekend

NOTE: "We" must be careful not to endorse "Replacement Theology" (We have God's Children (Israel/birth right) and God's Church (Believers/adopted)—both grafted into God's plan)

- i. Forgive our personal and national sins.
- ii. Bless your people—the church (The Sanctuary/Temple)
- iii. Bless your people—nationally (The Nation)
- iv. Bless your work—here and abroad (City/Zion—"For Your Sake, O Lord.")

In the midst of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of fasting, saying:

We have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us! It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

- President Abraham Lincoln,
A Proclamation Appointing a National Fast Day,
Washington D.C., March 30, 1863