

Sunday School Lesson

March 12, 2023

Daniel's Prayer

Daniel 9:4b-14,19

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Question for Us Today

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What is your prayer life like?

Sunday School Lesson Objective

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To understand how and why Daniel prayed as he did.

Sunday School Lesson Segments – 1

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1. Bibliography

2. Points of Information: Daniel

Sunday School Lesson Segments - 2

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3. Lesson Context

4. Lesson Text

5. Remember This

Points of Information – Daniel

Daniel is one of the four Major Prophets in our Bible – along with Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel.

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Daniel's life and spiritual service spanned the seventy years of the Babylonian Captivity for the Jews.

Points of Information – Daniel

Daniel served in high positions for a series of rulers. Each recognized Daniel's sharpness and connection with the Lord.

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Daniel courageously refused the name change, dietary regimen and prayer prohibition which the captive cultures tried to impose on him.

Points of Information – Daniel

Daniel's ability to interpret dreams and signs served as a vehicle for delivering messages to the rulers of the Babylonian and Medo-Persian empires.

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Daniel acknowledged the power of God in all things and did not take credit himself for the miraculous things which happened through him and for him.

Points of Information – Daniel

Jesus spoke of Daniel and his prophecy.

Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14.

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The Book of Daniel is evenly divided into two sections. The first six Chapters are historical and the last six Chapters are apocalyptic and prophetic.

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The earlier Chapters of Daniel have illustrated the steadfast faith, profound courage and visionary capabilities of this major prophet

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Lesson Context - 2

Within the initial Verses of this Chapter, Daniel cited the specific timing for the Babylonian exile of the Jews – 70 years – as prophesied by Jeremiah (25:11-12; 29:10).

Now, Daniel offers a prayer of confession, contrition and petition to the Lord.

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Text – UMI Outline #1

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Daniel 9:4b-8

A Prayer of Confession

Daniel 9:4b (NLT)

O Lord, you are a great and awesome God! You always fulfill Your covenant and keep Your promises of unfailing love to those who love you and obey Your commands.

Daniel 9:5-6

**But we have sinned and done wrong.
We have rebelled against You and
scorned Your commands and
regulations.**

**We have refused to listen to Your
servants the prophets, who spoke on
Your authority to our kings and
princes and ancestors and to all the
people of the land.**

Daniel 9:7

Lord, You are in the right; but as You see, our faces are covered with shame. This is true of all of us, including the people of Judah and Jerusalem and all Israel, scattered near and far, wherever You have driven us because of our disloyalty to You.

Daniel 9:8

**O Lord, we and our kings, princes,
and ancestors are covered with
shame because we sinned
against You.**

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Text – UMI Outline #2

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Daniel 9:9-14,19

A Prayer of Repentance

Daniel 9:9-10

But the Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against Him.

We have not obeyed the Lord our God, for we have not followed the instructions He gave us through His servants the prophets.

Daniel 9:11

All Israel has disobeyed Your instruction and turned away, refusing to listen to Your Voice. So now the solemn curses and judgments written in the Law of Moses, the servant of God, have been poured down on us because of our sin.

Daniel 9:12-13

You have kept Your Word and done to us and our rulers exactly as You warned. Never has there been such a disaster as happened in Jerusalem.

Every curse written against us in the Law of Moses has come true. Yet we have refused to seek mercy from the Lord our God by turning from our sins and recognizing His truth.

Daniel 9:14

Therefore, the Lord has brought upon us the disaster He prepared. The Lord our God was right to do all of these things, for we did not obey Him.

Daniel 9:19

O Lord, hear. O Lord, forgive. O Lord, listen and act! For Your own sake, do not delay. O my God, for Your people and Your city bear Your Name.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Then if My People who are called by My Name will humble themselves and pray and seek My Face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

Remember this:

**As our Pastor Emeritus has so often
said to us:**

"Life is fragile. Handle it with prayer."

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