



Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Daniel – week 9



Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain to a friend or family member that Daniel studied the bible, prayed to God, and fasted in Daniel chapter 9?
2. What Old Testament prophet's book did Daniel read in v.2? (**Jeremiah.**).
3. How did Daniel respond in v. 3? (**I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking Him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.**).
4. What did Daniel pray in v.5? (**We have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.**).



Let's go deeper

5. Who visited Daniel in v.21? (**While I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, came to me in swift flight.**).
6. When was Daniel's prayer heard and answered? (**v.23, At the beginning of your pleas for mercy a word went out.**).
7. What was Gabriel's message in v.23b? (**I have come to tell it to you, for you are greatly loved. Therefore, consider the word and vision.**).
8. Who will put an end to sin, and atone for iniquity and bring everlasting righteousness according to v.24? (**Jesus Christ.**).



Let's apply this

9. Daniel 9:3; I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking Him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes

Daniel served God faithfully in his teens, 20's, up to his 80's in studying the Word of God, praying to God, and fasting.

- How has God spoken to you in His Word?
- What has God revealed to you in your time of prayer?
- God wants to speak to you through His Word, your prayers and fasting.

SUMMARY:

Daniel: Week 9 – Daniel's bible study, prayer life

Read: Daniel 9:1 – 27

vv.1 – 2; Daniel's bible study. He reads from Jeremiah 25:8 – 12 and 29:10.

What can we learn from Daniel studying the bible?

1. Those who write scripture, need to study the scriptures.

Daniel is the godliest and wisest man on earth, and he studies the bible.

2. There is new revelation in old scripture.

Daniel would have been familiar with Jeremiah, he would have read and studied it, and now he found new revelation that after 70 years Israel will return to Jerusalem.

3. Daniel reads the bible, and then prays.

God speaks to us through His Word, and we speak to Him through prayer. Daniel writes his prayer down, so that we can learn from his conversation with God, and be encouraged by God answering his prayer.

vv.3 – 19; Daniel's prayer.

Daniel have been faithfully serving God in his teens, 20's up to 80's

Four lessons from Daniel:

1. He surrounded himself with godly friends.

They pray, serve, and suffer together. Your life is largely defined by the company you keep. Who will speak into your life?

2. He is committed to study God's Word

He has been studying the bible for almost 70years, just in Babylon.

3. He fasted

It is good to fast, to stop the busyness of life and to focus on our relationship with God, to hear from Him and to seek Him.

4. Daniel prayed

Prayer is talking to God; you can pray out loud, or silent, you can pray sitting down, kneeling or while you walk, God hears. In Daniel's prayer he speaks about bad news and that is the sin of Israel, he mentions words like they have been acting wickedly, evil, rebellion, wandering from the truth and missing the mark. Daniel identifies himself with the people who are sinful. In Daniel's prayer he also mentions how great God is and that He is loving, relational, forgiving, and compassionate.

v.20 – 23; God hears and answers prayer. Daniel is praying, and he receives help from Gabriel. Gabriel has a message for Daniel and that is that he is greatly loved.

v.24 – 27; These are very difficult verses, and hard to understand. Are these events historical or future prophecies or a combination of both? Are the numbers 70 times seven, literal or symbolic? Are the seven; weeks or years; is it 70 times seven – 490 weeks or 490 years? Is a year a 360-day Jewish year, or 365-day lunar year?