



THE GREAT PRAYER OF DANIEL

A Study of Daniel 9 "The Great Prayer of Daniel" • Part Two (vv. 4-14)

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A. DANIEL NINE OVERVIEW

Daniel 9 has two parts: (1) The Great Prayer of Daniel, which is a model of devout, humble, promised-based and effective prayer; and (2) The Great Prophecy of Daniel, which was God's answer to the prayer.

B. STUDY SECTION

OUR CONFESSION

1. We Must Confess our Sinfulness.

Daniel 9:4-6, NASB - ⁴ *I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed and said, "Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments, ⁵ we have sinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly and rebelled, even turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances. ⁶ Moreover, we have not listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes, our fathers and all the people of the land.*

*Five different Hebrew Words for 'sin' in Verse Five

The Hebrew words are spelled phonetically in the parentheses.

"Sinned" (ha-tach) meaning, 'to miss the mark/standard'

"Iniquity" (ar-ah) meaning 'a hideous perversion'

"Acted wickedly" (ra-sa) meaning 'to tolerate evil'

"Rebelled" (ma-rad) meaning, 'to shrink back in unbelief'

"Turning Aside" (sur) meaning 'to veer away from God's will'

NOTICE THIS ABOUT OUR SIN

The Enormity of Our Sin (v. 5)

The Embarrassment of Our Sin (v. 6)

The Result of Our Sin (v. 11 "Curse and death")

2. We Must Confess God's Righteousness.

Daniel 9:7-8, NASB - ⁷ *"Righteousness belongs to You, O Lord, but to us open shame, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those who are nearby and those who are far away in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds which they have committed against You. ⁸ "Open shame belongs to us, O Lord, to our kings, our princes and our fathers, because we have sinned against You.*

God's Righteousness	Our Sinfulness
God is Awesome (v. 4)	"We have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; We have turned away from your commands and laws" (v. 5)
God is Powerful (v. 4)	"We have not listened to your servants the prophets" (v. 6)
God Keeps His Promises (v. 4)	"We are covered with shame" (v. 7)
God is Righteous (v. 7)	"O LORD, we and our kings, our princes and our fathers are covered with shame because we have sinned against you" (v. 8)
God is Holy (v. 15)	"We have rebelled" (v. 9)
God is Merciful (v. 18)	"We have not obeyed the LORD our God" (v. 10)
	"We have sinned against You" (v. 11)
	"We have not sought the favor of the LORD our God by turning from our sins" (v. 13)
	"We have not obeyed him" (v. 14)
	"We have sinned, we have done wrong" (v. 15)
	"We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy" (v. 18)

C. LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

In E. Edwin Orr's Book, *The Flaming Tongue*, he gives four tenants for genuine revival, based on the preaching of Evan Roberts (Welsh Revival):

1. Confess every known sin to God.
2. Put out of your life any act that is even questionable.
3. Determine to obey the Word of God and the Spirit of God—at all cost.
4. Openly confess that Jesus is your Lord.