

Joyful Life Bible Studies

Daniel 9:1-27

Lesson 11

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. In what way has the study or lecture on Daniel 8:1-27 increased your understanding of:
 - a. fulfilled prophecy
 - b. future events
 - c. Daniel

2. Prayer was a vital part of Daniel's life. His passionate intercession in Daniel 9 will enrich and inspire us this week. God's response to his prayer is recorded in the closing verses of this chapter. Daniel 9:1-27 can be divided into two portions. Acquaint yourself with Chapter Nine by reading the following passages. Provide a brief title for:
 - a. verses 1-19
 - b. verses 20-27

3. Daniel 9 is one of the greatest chapters in the Bible on prayer. In preparation for your study this week on prayer and prophecy, write your own prayer to the Lord. Include any concerns you may have in relationship to the lesson this week.

*Then I set my face toward the Lord God
to make request by prayer
and supplications. . .*
Daniel 9:3a NKJV

SECOND DAY: Read Daniel 9:1-6

1. Daniel's prayer is rich with application. Daniel 9:1,2 provide important information concerning the time and motivation for his prayer. Note this by answering the following:

Time - when did this occur? verses 1,2a

Motivation - what was *understood*? verse 2b

- a. Apparently Daniel was reading a scroll written by the prophet Jeremiah. Read Jeremiah 25:11b,12; 29:10. What do you see?
2. Daniel was a student of the Scriptures and he knew that the *seventy years* of Jewish captivity in Babylon were almost ended. Observe what this prompted him to do by printing Daniel 9:3.
 - a. What does verse 3 reveal to you about Daniel?
3. *And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said. . .*(Daniel 9:4a NKJV). Consider what he *said* to the Lord by writing his expressions of praise from verse 4b.
 - a. How do these truths about God influence your prayers?
4. Read Daniel 9:5,6 to observe Daniel's humility of heart. He did not make excuses. Instead he made specific confessions to the Lord in sincere repentance. Write a few of these here.
 - a. Notice Daniel used the pronouns *we* and *our* in these verses. Why do you think he included himself in these confessions?
 - b. What instruction and promise do you find in I John 1:9?

THIRD DAY: Read Daniel 9:7-15

1. Daniel's prayer provides us with both instruction and inspiration. Begin today's lesson by concentrating on Daniel 9:7-10. Observe what Daniel said about *the Lord, the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and all Israel*. Here, again Daniel used the pronouns *we* and *our*. Write a few phrases from the following verses about:

The Lord	The Jews
verses 7,8	
verses 9,10	

- a. What stands out to you the most from these verses?
2. Consider Daniel 9:11a NLT: *All Israel has disobeyed Your law and turned away, refusing to listen to Your voice*. Use Daniel 9:11b-13 to summarize what happened as a result of these sins.
 - a. What should the people of Israel have done? Answer from verse 13b.
 - b. Daniel did not blame God or complain about *all this evil* (disaster) that He had *brought upon* the people. Instead, he acknowledged God's righteous character. Meditate on his declaration about the LORD as you print Daniel 9:14b here.
 - (1.) Stop and think about the word *all* as it pertains to *all His works*. How does this speak to you in your current situation?
 3. What work of God on behalf of His people did Daniel recall? Answer from Daniel 9:15.
 - a. Write the tragic confession Daniel made in verse 15c.

...and His tender mercies are over all His works.
Psalm 145:9b

FOURTH DAY: Read Daniel 9:16-19

1. Daniel 9:16-19 contains a passionate plea from Daniel. Observe his petitions by recording phrases from:

a. verse 16

b. verse 17

c. verse 18

2. On what basis did Daniel make his supplications? Answer by completing the following phrases:

for the _____ . verse 17d

but for _____ . verse 18d

a. Pastor Chuck says, *Daniel didn't base his requests on man's righteousness or goodness, but on God's mercy and for His sake.* How will you incorporate this principle when you pray?

3. Don't miss Daniel's humility, sincerity and fervency in his prayer. Consider this as you write Daniel 9:19 here phrase by phrase.

a. What ministers to you in this verse?

Optional: Use Daniel 9:19 as a pattern to intercede in prayer for your *city* and *people* right now.

4. Share a discovery you made through today's study that you will apply to your life.

*The effectual fervent prayer
of a righteous man availeth much.*
James 5:16b

FIFTH DAY: Read Daniel 9:20-27

1. In today's study of Daniel 9:20-27 we will focus on God's response to Daniel's prayer. Describe what you see in verses 20,21.

a. Imagine it - the angel Gabriel interrupted Daniel's prayer! This was not the first time Gabriel appeared to Daniel. What did Gabriel say to him according to verses 22,23?

(1.) How does this validate the declaration in Isaiah 65:24?

2. In Daniel 9:24-27 Daniel was given God's timetable for the Jewish people and the city of Jerusalem. In verse 24 Gabriel told Daniel that within *seventy weeks* six things would be accomplished for Israel and Jerusalem. Identify them by completing the following phrases from verse 24:

a. *to finish*

b. *to make*

c. *to make*

d. *to bring in*

e. *to seal*

f. *to anoint*

Refer to this chart to help you understand the *seventy weeks* prophecy:

1 week = 7 years
69 weeks = 483 years
Babylonian year = 360 days
$360 \times 483 = 173,880$ days

3. From Daniel 9:25a what was Daniel to *know and understand* about the starting point for the *seventy weeks* prophecy?

a. On March 14, 445 BC King Artaxerxes gave the command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem. *69 weeks* later on April 6, 32 AD Jesus made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. What is your response to this incredible fulfillment of prophecy?

Refer to this chart to help you understand Daniel 9:26,27:

70 Weeks			
7 weeks (49 years)	62 weeks (434 years)	Church Age	Final week (7 years)
Jerusalem restored and rebuilt	Messiah comes and is cut off	Undefined time period	Tribulation Antichrist makes covenant with Israel
7 + 62 = 69 weeks			
Fulfilled		Current	Future

4. Read Daniel 9:26,27. History records the accuracy of verse 26. When Jesus was crucified the *Messiah was cut off*. Jerusalem was *destroyed* by the Romans in 70 AD. The Church Age was not revealed to Daniel. In verse 27 *he* refers to the Antichrist and describes his activity in the middle of the tribulation period. What does verse 27 predict will happen?

5. In response to prophecy Daniel prayed. Follow his example and write your prayer here.

SIXTH DAY: Review Daniel 9:1-27

1. Share a way your study this week has affected your confidence in the faithfulness of the Lord and His Word.
 - a. How will this enrich:
 - (1.) your daily walk

 - (2.) your praise and worship

 - (3.) your intercession

2. In what way have you been inspired or encouraged through your study of the prophetic portion of Daniel 9?

3. It has been said: *The prospect of the soon return of our Lord Jesus and seeing Him face to face should drive all believers to their knees in praise and petition.* Complete your lesson by doing this.