

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a quill pen, writing on an aged, yellowed manuscript. The text on the page is in a historical script, possibly Latin or Greek. The lighting is warm and focused on the writing process.

Daniel In Prayer

Daniel 9:1-23

Daniel Goes to Prayer

3 So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.

20 Now while I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God,

Daniel's Prayer

- Prayer & Supplication; not “naming & claiming”!
- *Lord my God* – personal focus (4)
- *pālal* – prayed, with deep intense fervency
- *Great and dreadful???* That would go over big...
- Focus is on confession and repentance



Daniel's Prayer

- NOTE: “we” – had Daniel done any of these?
 - Most of today’s preaching is isolationist = “ME!”
 - We don’t even want to claim our own sins!
 - Daniel embraces and intercedes with deep passion
- Intercessory identification...



Praying about Sins

- What were Israel's sins?
 - Sins of rebellion and wickedness (5, 9)
 - Rejecting God's precepts = laws
 - Disobedience
 - Failure to listen to the prophets (6, 10)
 - Trespass of the Lord's righteousness (7)
 - We have sinned against YOU! (8)



Praying about Sins

- Note: Kings, princes, fathers, people (6)
- Open shame! (8)
- Vs. 7-16 - strong contrasts
 - God: keeps all His covenant and lovingkindness (4), righteous (7); compassion & forgiveness (9), brought your people out (15)



Daniel's Prayer

- Confirmed His promise to judge us! (12)
 - Law of Moses (13)
 - All His Deeds = character
- 13-16 “we:”
 - Have not sought; have not obeyed; have sinned; have been wicked; our sins



Daniel's Prayer

- Plea basis:
 - Thy righteous acts (16)
 - Thy City, Thy Holy Mountain, (Ps 2:6; Isa 11:9; 56:7; 65:25; Joel 3:17; Zeph 3:11), Thy People (16)
 - Thy sake (17, 19)
 - Thy great compassion (18)



Daniel's Prayer

- “O My God...”
- Cries from the Heart: 18,19
 - NOT on account of any merits of our own
 - “great compassion (18)
 - Hear! Forgive! Listen! Take action!
 - Do not delay!



Daniel's Prayer

- Do we look at how 'our' sin destroyed 'our' world? Or is it HIS world???
- Are our hearts praying His prayers?
- "Speaking, praying confessing my sin" (20)
 - Sin of my people Israel
 - Presenting my supplication – His Holy Mountain!





Gabriel

- “still speaking” (21)
- Extreme weariness
- Insight with understanding
- When you started... (23)
- ‘give heed’
- ‘understand’





Next Week:

Results of Daniel's Prayer:
The 70 Weeks Prophecy!