



# CAPITOL COMMISSION®

## Desperate Prayer that God Answers!

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**Daniel 9:13-19** *As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth. 14) Therefore the LORD has kept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for the LORD our God is righteous in all the works which He does, though we have not obeyed His voice. 15) And now, O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and made Yourself a name, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have done wickedly! 16) O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins and the iniquity of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us. 17) Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord's sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate. 18) O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. 19) O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for your city and Your people are called by Your name.”* (NKJV)

How is it possible that no one is repenting or praying while they are suffering under the judgment of God? Is their neglect causing them to continue suffering disaster after disaster? Why does Daniel remind God of His mighty work in delivering them from the captivity of Egypt? What is the first request of God in this prayer? Is Daniel praying for his own needs or desires? Why is Daniel so fervent in this prayer?

### FOCUS ON FUTURE BIBLE STUDIES:

- > FEBRUARY 6: DANIEL 9:20-24 *DANIEL IS PRECISELY PROMISED THE COMING MESSIAH!*
- > FEBRUARY 13: DANIEL 9:24-27 *PROPHECY OF THE MESSIAH AND THE END OF THE AGE!*

Daniel has a practically impossible task: How can he possibly ask for God's blessings upon God's people who are continuing in disobedience, sin, and lack of repentance, even while they are continuing to suffer disaster for it—under the just judgment of God, so precisely predicted in God's Word? According to Daniel's study in Jeremiah, he knows that the promised time is ripe for Israel's return, but the people have not learned from their destruction, curses and captivity. Thus, Daniel formulates an ingenious prayer that is not based on the righteousness of the people, but on God Himself!

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*NOT UNTO US, O LORD, NOT UNTO US, BUT TO YOUR NAME  
GIVE GLORY, BECAUSE OF YOUR MERCY, BECAUSE OF  
YOUR TRUTH. PSALM 115:1*

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### I. CONTINUED CONFESSION

### DANIEL 9:13-15

No doubt Daniel's heart is broken as he continues to confess the abominable hardness of his people against their God. *All this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth.* What more could be done to get these people to do right? Even under the fierce wrath of God, bringing calamity after

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*HELP US, O GOD OF OUR SALVATION,  
FOR THE GLORY OF YOUR NAME;  
AND DELIVER US AND FORGIVE OUR SINS FOR YOUR  
NAME'S SAKE. PSALM 79:9 (NASB)*

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### BIBLE STUDIES

THURSDAY @ 6:30 AM –PRAYER MEETING – GAB 14<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR SPEAKER'S CONFERENCE ROOM

THURSDAY @ 7:00 AM –BIBLE STUDY – GAB 14<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR SPEAKER'S CONFERENCE ROOM

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calamity, they would not repent and forsake their sin and turn to God. So Daniel not only confesses this blatant iniquity, but he shows that God is still currently pouring out His fierce indignation and curses upon them:

*Therefore the LORD has kept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for the LORD our God is righteous in all the works which he does, though we have not obeyed His voice.*

They are in Babylon, the capital of idolatry, and they have forsaken their God and embraced wholesale the abominable foreign idols and all the demonic iniquity that accompanies them. So Daniel remembers a time when they were just as idolatrous and in captivity as slaves with even more cruel taskmasters. *And now, O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and made Yourself a name, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have done wickedly.* Though Daniel reminds God of His grace upon them in delivering them from Egypt, he also makes it clear that they are completely undeserving of such grace because of their wickedness.

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*FOR THUS SAYS THE LORD: AFTER SEVENTY YEARS ARE COMPLETED AT BABYLON, I WILL VISIT YOU AND PERFORM MY GOOD WORD TOWARD YOU, AND CAUSE YOU TO RETURN TO THIS PLACE. FOR I KNOW THE THOUGHTS THAT I THINK TOWARD YOU, SAYS THE LORD, THOUGHTS PEACE AND NOT OF EVIL, TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE.*  
JEREMIAH 29:10-11

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### II. NEGATIVE NECESSITY DANIEL 9:16

After all his confession and repentance, Daniel now makes his first request in prayer. It is negative, but it is most essential. The deserved wrath has to end before the blessings can begin. *O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us.* Daniel can appeal to God's righteousness because He has promised

*peace, a future and a hope.* Because of His righteousness, God will do what is right and fulfill His Word. Daniel returns again to confession of sin, emphasizing to God that His favor would not in any way be merited. Only by grace alone will God turn from His fury and bless them.

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*THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU; THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE UPON YOU, AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU; THE LORD LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE UPON YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE. SO SHALL THEY PUT MY NAME ON THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, AND I WILL BLESS THEM.*

NUMBERS 6:24-27

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### III. POSITIVE PETITIONS

### DANIEL 9:17-19

In confident prayer, Daniel begs God to *hear the prayer of Your servant.* Possibly some found excuse not to pray by falsely reasoning it futile, since there was no sanctuary or Temple, no place or opportunity for sacrifice, thus no atonement for their sin, so no forgiveness. Without forgiveness, there was no expectation that God would hear their prayer. What they should have realized from Isaiah 53 was that their coming Messiah, Jesus Christ, was The Sacrifice for Jews and Gentiles. So the first of Daniel's ten positive requests was for God's sanctuary. Notice that he makes this request *for the Lord's sake.* The basis of his prayer was not upon himself or his people, only the Lord. Then, with greater confidence, Daniel continues to make requests based entirely upon God and His character, *O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies.* As he considers God's great mercies, his heart fills with hope, so that now with greatest intensity he continues, *O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name.* God hears and answers this prayer by sending Gabriel with Messianic Prophecy!

### Questions to Ponder:

- 1) Do you pray or try to rationalize your lack of prayer with excuses?
- 2) Have you repented and received Jesus Christ as the ultimate sacrifice for your sin, giving you salvation?
- 3) Is your prayer based upon God and His Word so that you can pray with confidence, knowing God delights to answer?