



## SAVED TO SERVE

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### DANIEL THE PROPHET - DANIEL 9 THE SCIENCE OF PRAYER, THE 70 WEEKS, & 2300 DAYS PART, 1

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will outline the science of how to pray based on Daniel's prayer in Daniel 9:1-23.
2. Read Daniel 9:1-2. What was Daniel studying based on the writings of the prophet Jeremiah? Jeremiah 25:11-12; 29:10

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**“As the time approached for the close of the seventy years' captivity, Daniel's mind became greatly exercised upon the prophecies of Jeremiah. He saw that the time was at hand when God would give His chosen people another trial; and with fasting, humiliation, and prayer, he importuned the God of heaven in behalf of Israel, in these words: “O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; we have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments; neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land” (Daniel 9:4-6).” {Pr 145.3}**

3. Like Daniel, what should God's people also study, and what should we understand? Revelation 1:1; 1 Chronicles 12:32
4. As he was studying prophecy, Daniel decided to seek after God so that He would end their captivity. How did he seek after God? Daniel 9:3

5. How are we to seek after God today?

a) Matthew 6:6, 18 \_\_\_\_\_

b) James 4:7-10 \_\_\_\_\_

6. What did Daniel say about God in Daniel 9:4 (the last phrases)?

7. To whom did God reveal His character with these same words? Exodus 33:17-18; 34:6-7

8. While God keeps mercy for thousands, what will He not do? Exodus 34:7

9. **Note:** Daniel understood these aspects of God's character, and thus, he began to pray the following words in Daniel 9:4-19. We will analyze his prayer to learn how to effectively increase our prayer life.

10. Daniel 9:5 shows us the first step of prayer. What is the first phrase of Daniel 9:5?

a) What was Daniel doing in this verse? 1 John 1:9; Psalm 51:3

11. By confession, we acknowledge that we are sinful and that we need to change. It's important to note that when we confess, we must be specific (See Leviticus 5:5). What did Daniel confess he and Israel were guilty of?

a) Daniel 9:5

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b) Daniel 9:6, 10

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12. What did Israel do to God's messengers, which many of God's people are guilty of today? 2 Chronicles 36:16

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**World Church: Spirit of Prophecy Resolution Voted, Points Church to Bible**

<https://adventist.news/news/world-church-spirit-of-prophecy-resolution-voted-points-church-to-bible>

Dr. Angel Manuel Rodríguez, Biblical Research Institute director, said that for Adventist Christians, the "**Bible is the fundamental ground of the Adventist faith and practice.**"

He added that the gift exercised by Ellen G. White "**can enrich but not define our faith and practice.**"

13. What did the Jews also do to the prophets? Matthew 23:34, 37

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14. If we continue to reject God's prophets, the writings of the Bible and the inspiration of Ellen G. White, what will be God's judgment upon us? Matthew 23:33

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15. **Note:** Read Matthew 23:29-35. Jesus is showing us the gravity of rejecting His words through the prophets. When we do this, we become guilty of all the blood of the righteous, beginning with Abel.

16. Like Daniel, we must also pray for others. Along with himself, who was Daniel praying for? Daniel 9:5, 11

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**"Daniel does not proclaim his own fidelity before the Lord. Instead of claiming to be pure and holy, this honored prophet humbly identifies himself with the really sinful of Israel. The wisdom which God had imparted to him was as far superior to the wisdom of the great men of the world as the light of the sun shining in the heavens at noonday is brighter than the feeblest star. Yet ponder the prayer from the lips of this man so highly favored of Heaven. With deep humiliation, with tears and rending of heart, he pleads for himself and for his people. He lays his soul open before God, confessing his own unworthiness and acknowledging the Lord's greatness and majesty."** {Pr 146.1}

17. Who does the Bible instruct us to pray for?

a) Job 1:4-5

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b) Joel 2:17; Ezekiel 22:30

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c) 1 Timothy 2:1-2

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d) Matthew 5:44

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18. When we pray, we must also praise God and acknowledge His goodness. What did Daniel say belongs to God? Daniel 9:7, 9

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19. Although we are guilty of sin, what reasons does David give to pray to God for forgiveness? Psalm 51:1

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20. As we pray, we are also to acknowledge what we deserve due to our sins. What things do we deserve because of our sins? Daniel 9:8 w/ Deuteronomy 28:28; Romans 6:23

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21. Read Daniel 9:13. What warnings were written in the law of Moses, which came to pass because Israel disobeyed God? Deuteronomy 28:15, 25

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22. **Note:** Both Moses and Jeremiah prophesied that Israel would be captives and cursed if they disobeyed God. In spite of this, God allowed it, hoping that His people would turn from their sins and be restored to Him. The same is true today. God allows hardships to come our way so that we will choose to turn back to Him.

23. Notice the next thing Daniel did in his prayer. What was he reminded of in Daniel 9:15? Exodus 20:1-2

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a) What should we be reminded of when praying to God? 1 Samuel 7:12

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**“We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and his teaching in our past history.” {9T 10.3}**

24. Read Daniel 9:16-17. After meeting the conditions for his prayer to be acceptable in God’s sight, what did Daniel begin to do? Philippians 4:6

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25. Read Daniel 9:18-19 and notice how Daniel is speaking to God. What specific things did Daniel ask God to do?

26. Verse 18 \_\_\_\_\_

27. Verse 19 \_\_\_\_\_

26. Why could Daniel speak so boldly while praying to God our Creator? Hebrews 4:15-16

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27. What will be God’s response to us if we try to cover our sins and fail to pray according to the Biblical outline? Proverbs 28:9, 13

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28. As we close, read Daniel 9:20-23. When did Gabriel say Daniel’s supplications were heard? Daniel 9:23

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29. What promises does Jesus leave with us when we pray according to His will? Isaiah 65:24; 1 John 5:15

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**“What earnestness and fervor characterize his supplications! The hand of faith is reached upward to grasp the never-failing promises of the Most High. His soul is wrestling in agony. And he has the evidence that his prayer is heard. He knows that victory is his. If we as a people would pray as Daniel prayed, and wrestle as he wrestled, humbling our souls before God, we should realize as marked answers to our petitions as were granted to Daniel. Hear how he presses his case at the court of heaven:” {Pr 146.2}**

**“In answer to his petition, Daniel received not only the light and truth which he and his people most needed, but a view of the great events of the future, even to the advent of the world’s Redeemer. Those who claim to be sanctified, while they have no desire to search the Scriptures or to wrestle with God in prayer for a clearer understanding of Bible truth, know not what true sanctification is.—(The Sanctified Life, 46-49.)” {Pr 147.3}**