

Series: Daniel – Life For Eternity

Text: Daniel 9:1-27

Main Idea: A plea for mercy brings a promise from God.

Title/Hook: Are We There Yet?

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Purpose: To encourage God's people that His promise of atonement for sin, defeat of desolating enemies, and the restoration of God's people has been fulfilled in Christ's first coming and will be finalized in His second coming.

FCF/COR: We are sinners who have not listened to God's voice and need God's mercy.

Christ Trajectory: Luke 18 – Have mercy on me, a sinner. Gal 3:1-14 – Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law. Hebrews 7:25, Rom. 8:34 – Christ intercedes for us. Jeremiah 44:11/Heb 2:17/Isa. 53:8 – Judah cut off because of sin, Christ, the Anointed One, cut off for our sin. Heb. 7:23-25 – Christ lives to make intercession for us. Heb. 8 and Jer. 31 – Christ brings a new and better covenant.

Structure: Inductive

Main Idea:

Subject (What is the passage about?): Daniel's confession of Israel's sin and his plea for mercy and the restoration of Jerusalem.

Complement (What does the passage say about the subject?): God sent Gabriel to tell Daniel that his prayer was heard and everlasting righteousness and restoration will happen after 70 weeks where desolations are decreed and God will put an end to the desolator.

Exegetical Main Idea: When Daniel confessed Israel's sin and plead for mercy and the restoration of Jerusalem, God sent Gabriel to tell Daniel that his prayer was heard and everlasting righteousness and restoration will happen after 70 weeks where sin will be atoned for, desolations will be decreed, and God will ultimately put an end to the desolator.

Theological Main Idea: When God's people confess sin and seek mercy, God is faithful to forgive and restore because God is working his redemptive plan in history to restore His people in Christ.

Homiletical Main Idea: A plea for mercy brings a promise from God.

Outline:

Read Daniel 9:1-2

Jeremiah 25:8-9, 11-12 - ⁸“Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: Because you have not obeyed my words, ⁹ behold, I will send for all the tribes of the north, declares the Lord, and for Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants, and against all these surrounding nations. I will devote them to destruction, and make them a horror, a hissing, and an everlasting desolation... ¹¹ This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. ¹² Then after seventy years are completed, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, declares the Lord, making the land an everlasting waste.

Read vv. 3-15

1. Daniel confesses that God’s people have sinned and he pleads for God’s mercy (vv. 1-19)

- We have sinned (v. 4, 8, 11, 15)
- Done wrong (v. 5)
- Acted wickedly (v. 5, 15)
- Rebelled (v. 5, 9)
- Turning aside from our commandments and rules (v. 5)
- We have not listened (v. 6)
- Treachery committed against you (v. 7)

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- We have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws (v.10)
- Refusing to obey your voice (v. 11)
- We have not obeyed his voice (v. 14)

Read v. 6, 10-12 again

Read vv. 16-19

Read vv. 17-19 again.

2. God answers with the promise of sin will be dealt with and the final enemy defeated (vv. 20-27)

Read vv. 20-23

Quote – Sidney Greidanus – “Seventy weeks is a period of time that encompasses all of human history from Daniel’s time to the coming of the perfect kingdom of God.”

Picture – Chart

Jeremiah 31:31-34 - ³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Hebrews 8:6-8 - ⁶ But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. ⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second. ⁸ For he finds fault with them when he says: (Jer. 31:31-34)...

Hebrews 8:13 - ¹³ In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

Isaiah 53:8 - For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.

Quote – Edward Joseph Young – “The passage is Messianic through and through. Well will it be for us, if we too, in our study of this supremely important prophecy, place our emphasis, not upon dates and mathematical calculations, but upon that central Figure who, by being cut off has made reconciliation for iniquity and brought in the only righteousness acceptable with God, even his own eternal righteousness.”

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Hebrews 7:23-25 - ²³ The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

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