

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Daniel's Prayer for Forgiveness

With Shannon Landriault
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Daniel 9: 4-6; 9-10;18-19 (NLT) I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed: “O Lord, you are a great and awesome God! You always fulfill your covenant and keep your promises of unfailing love to those who love you and obey your commands. ⁵ But we have sinned and done wrong. We have rebelled against you and scorned your commands and regulations.⁶ We have refused to listen to your servants the prophets, who spoke on your authority to our kings and princes and ancestors and to all the people of the land...⁹ But the Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him. ¹⁰ We have not obeyed the Lord our God, for we have not followed the instructions he gave us through his servants the prophets...¹⁸ “O my God, lean down and listen to me. Open your eyes and see our despair. See how your city—the city that bears your name—lies in ruins. We make this plea, not because we deserve help, but because of your mercy. ¹⁹ “O Lord, hear. O Lord, forgive. O Lord, listen and act! For your own sake, do not delay, O my God, for your people and your city bear your name.”

Face it

Daniel 9:5 “But we have sinned and done wrong.”

Daniel 9:19 “O Lord, hear. O Lord, forgive. O Lord, listen and act! For your own sake, do not delay, O my God, for your people and your city bear your name.”

Proverbs 28:13-14 “People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy. Blessed are those who fear to do wrong, but the stubborn are headed for serious trouble.”

Recognize

Daniel 9:4 “O Lord, you are a great and awesome God! You always fulfill your covenant and keep your promises of unfailing love to those who love you and obey your commands.”

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Explicit

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Daniel 9:10 “We have not obeyed the Lord our God, for we have not followed the instructions he gave us through his servants the prophets...”

Expect

Daniel 9:9 “But the Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him.”

1 John 1:9 “But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.”

Big Idea – Seek God's forgiveness to be truly FREE.

Romans 6:18 “Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living.”



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- 2) Take time to have one person explain and the practice the 3 Circles Gospel Presentation or share their testimony.
- 3) Read Daniel 9: 4–19. What is the **Context** for this passage? Where is this taking place in the book as a whole (what comes before or after)? Who is the writer / speaker and who are the recipients? Where does it fit in the Bible? What's the theme of this chapter, or passage? What's the historical and cultural context?
- 4) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in these passages? What interesting details do you observe? What questions come up about this passage?
- 5) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What does this reveal about forgiveness to us? What do we learn from Daniel in receiving God's forgiveness?
- 6) Read Proverbs 28:13-14. What does this reveal to us about our great need for forgiveness? How does Daniel model this for us?
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- 8) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through these verses and through this message? In what way do you need to repent and receive God's forgiveness? What aspect of **F.R.E.E.** is most significant for you today and how will you apply it?
- 9) How do these verses call on you to change the way you live in light of Romans 6:18? What step will you take today? What principles do you need to pass on to others this week?



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