

Daniel 9:1-27

“Plea for Mercy:

A Prayer of Corporate Repentance”

“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.”
- Jeremiah 25:11-12

“¹⁰ For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill my promise and bring you back to this place.”
- Jeremiah 29:10

“There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

Luke 13:1-5

Plea for Mercy:
Admitting the Magnitude of Sin

“we have sinned, we have done wickedly” 9:15

1. Compared to the World
2. Compared to God
3. Compared to God’s Word

“Conversely, we observe that no one ever attains clear knowledge of self unless he has first gazed upon the face of the Lord, and then turns back to look upon himself. Deeply rooted in all of us is an arrogance which persuades us that we are righteous, truthful, wise and holy. Only clear evidence that we are unrighteous, deceitful, foolish and vile will convince us of the contrary. We feel no such conviction if all we do is look upon ourselves and not also upon the Lord. He is the one and only standard with which our judgment must accord.”

- Calvin's Institutes

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Repentance in Reading the Word

Genesis – *Promise* – not trusting his means/timing

Exodus – *Rescue* – not living in identity as redeemed people

Leviticus – *Holiness* – not pure or wanting to be set apart

Numbers – *Waiting* – complaining and wanting promise now

Deuteronomy – *Torah* – not passing down to next generations

Joshua – *Conquest* – fear and failure to join in God's work

Judges – *Flawed Leaders* – idolizing celebrity leaders/pastors

Samuel – *Kingship* – Saul's fear of man vs. David's faith

Kings – *Decline* – Idolatry becoming like the nations

Repentance in Reading the Word

Psalms – *Worship* – absent or anemic worship

Proverbs – *Wisdom* – trusting our self/selves too much

Prophets – *Warning* – false religiosity and neglecting poor

Creation Mandate and Great Commission – not living for God's mission but for ourselves or worldly success

Seven Churches of Revelation – loss of first love, sexual immorality, loss of true doctrine, lukewarmness, etc.

Plea for Mercy: ***Asking for Mercy***

“listen to ... pleas for mercy, and for your own sake ...” 9:17

1. Because of Our Sins
2. Because of God’s Character
3. Because of God’s Reputation

Plea for Mercy:
Answered More than Expected

“I have come to tell it to you, for you are greatly loved” 9:23

1. Answered before Finished
2. Answered because Loved
3. Answered in Christ beyond All Hopes

Plea for Mercy:

- 1. Admitting the Magnitude of Sin***
- 2. Asking for Mercy***
- 3. Answered More than Expected***

