

UnFAITHFULNESS of MAN vs The FAITHFUL of GOD



What now causes Daniel to go into **Intense Prayer To God** ?

Daniel knows that **the Jewish people have not loved the Lord, nor have they kept on trusting Him.**

The obedience that God is looking for is the obedience that is **FAITH**.

(Romans 1:5 and 16:26; and Hebrews 3:19)

Romans 1:5

⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake,

Romans 16:26

²⁶ but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith;

Hebrews 3:19

¹⁹ So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.

So now Daniel prays for **Wisdom** and **Mercy** from God as that 70 years captivity comes to a close.

*Today we have so much more of **The WORD OF GOD**,*

in fact We Have The Completed Canon Of Scripture,

yet so few know God as this Daniel.

Now, as we read through this great humble prayer, please note that while we have no recorded **sin** or **absence of faith** in **Daniel** he knows that he is a sinner and has fallen from the Grace of God.

Daniel 9:3

³ So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplication with fasting, sackcloth and ashes. Seek the Lord and you shall find Him...

Matthew 7:7

⁷ "Ask, and it will be given to you;
seek, and you will find;
knock, and it will be opened to you."

³ ... With fasting, sackcloth and ashes

This reveals the humbleness of praying to the **Great God of our Salvation.**

As we read through this great prayer, note that
not once does Daniel try to vindicate himself.

*It is our nature to vindicate ourselves,
especially when things are going wrong, but not Daniel.*

But notice with Daniel...not one word about his

- 1) sticking with the diet, or about
- 2) how he was willing to be eaten by the lions or about
- 3) his own study of the books of scripture

NO, HE INCLUDES HIMSELF AS A SINNER.

*It is so humorous to listen to Self-Righteous Christians
boast of their own goodness, and even pride themselves
on praying for all those sinning Christians.*

*We should learn from Daniel
and not be so quick to condemn others, yet excusing ourselves.*

Daniel knows from Jeremiah 17:9 that he, himself possess an INHERITED SIN NATURE.

Jeremiah 17:9

*⁹ "The heart is more deceitful than all else
And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?"*

This is another part of what made Daniel highly esteemed before God.

Do not get arrogant about your Self-Righteousness!

So few see the reality of **Job's** journey. He started out thinking himself so right before God. It took 41 chapters to bring him to see God and the truth of himself in Job 42:5-6 where he retracts all his attacking of God and defending himself and coming to the truth of God.

Job 42:5-6

*⁵ "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear;
But now my eye sees You;
⁶ Therefore I retract,
And I repent in dust and ashes."*

Another man highly esteemed by God of whom Daniel read in Isaiah 6:1-5
Isaiah had to first see the glory of God to see his own unworthiness.

Isaiah 6:1-5

*¹ In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord
sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the
train of His robe filling the temple.*

² Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

*³ And one called out to another and said,
“Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts,
The whole earth is full of His glory.”*

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke.

*⁵ Then I said, “Woe is me, for I am ruined!
Because I am a man of unclean lips,
And I live among a people of unclean lips;
For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.”*

Few people abide in ***The WORD OF GOD*** to see God in His **Glory**, therefore they have an undue worthiness of themselves.

Four-fold failure, each word could take a few hours in itself, but we will summarize.

As you read this list, ask

is there any reason for God taking them back to the land?

Here is a true application of **confession of sin.**

To acknowledge how unworthy we are before God.

Having declared wonderful things about God:

1	He is a Personal God— “my God, who have given us His word.”
2	He is a Personal God to whom we can pray
3	He is Great in His Being.
4	He is Fearful to the wise.
5	He Keeps His Covenants –He is Faithful.
6	In verse 7 He is Righteous.
7	In verse 9 He is Merciful.
8	In verse 9 He is Forgiving.
9	He is To Be Obeyed.
10	He uses men who Trust Him (Prophets).
11	He Does Execute Wrath For Sin.

On the other hand,⁵ **we**

Daniel includes himself.

*There are so many modern day Christians
who claim to know about the Bible
and claim to be teachers of the Bible;
who are so ready to condemn others and disassociate themselves;
but not one who is esteemed by God.*

The Pharisees prayed:

"thank you God I am not like those other Jews who sin."

But not Daniel. Daniel recognizes his own INHERITED SIN NATURE.

We have seen how this chapter is a **Study On God**;
well, it is also a **Study On HAMARTIOLOGY** or **sin**.

In Daniel 9:5-24 Daniel will use 10 different words for '**sin against God**' or '**trespassing against God**'. He will use 8 VERBS and 2 NOUNS to show the action of sin.

These words concerning sin appear 23 times, all in one chapter.

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MARKET RESEARCH CLEARLY SHOWS THAT OUR CORE AUDIENCE IS UNCOMFORTABLE WITH SERMONS THAT HAVE TO DO WITH SIN, JUDGEMENT, AND THAT WHOLE HELL THING

Have Sinned
5, 8, 11, 15, 16 & 20

This word centers on the +R (**Perfect Righteousness**) of God.

We have missed the mark of God's perfect Righteousness; in both thought and conduct and speech. Daniel knows that the +R of God is the issue with God...

This Hebrew word means to wander off from the Righteousness of God in the way you live.

<p>Committed Iniquity 5 & 15</p>	<p>This word emphasizes the absence of faith, not to continue to trust Him, and therefore we pervert what is right, we damage what is right before God.</p> <p>The whole concept of obedience centers on trusting Him, this is what God is looking for, those who live by faith, and the Israelites have not trusted God in time of captivity and therefore committed Iniquity against God</p>
<p>Acted Wickedly 5</p>	<p>This word emphasizes physical actions in our daily lives. They have departed from the way of God while in captivity.</p>
<p>And Rebelled 5 & 9</p>	<p>We have seen that two of the names of God that Daniel has already used emphasizes the authority of God, well, this word describes them as rebellious against the authority of God.</p> <p>Most everyone knows about political rebellion but this is talking about the rebellion of the individual (<i>believer or unbeliever</i>) against God.</p> <p>It includes <u>having contempt for the authority of God</u>: I don't care what His word says, I am going to do what I want to do.</p> <p><i>This word describes America today, in its rebellion against God and His Word and His morality.</i></p>

<p>Turning Aside 5 & 11</p>	<p>To blatantly turn aside from the conduct God sets forth in <u>His Word</u>. <i>America can easily be so described in today's conduct.</i> Turning aside from the moral dictates of WORD OF GOD and not fearing or caring at all.</p>
<p>Not Listen 6 & 10, 11, & 14</p>	<p>We have studied this in Isaiah 28:12, this is one of the saddest words that can be said of the unbeliever or the believer; just as it is sad when children will not listen to their parents.</p> <p><i>And this describes so many believers in America today, who refuse to listen to the teaching of The WORD OF GOD</i>; who prefer to be entertained. Refusing to listen to wisdom leads to tragedy in life.</p>
<p>Unfaithful Deeds 7</p>	<p>The 7th word for sin is in verse 7, unfaithful deeds. This gets to the heart of life; we are to live by faith. Anything that is not by Faith is SIN.</p>
<p>Transgressed 11</p>	<p>The 8th word is in verse 11 transgressed, this word reveals contempt for The WORD OF GOD, it means to overstep instructions or to move outside the requirements of a covenant or of the Law.</p>

<p>Transgression 24</p>	<p>The 9th word is found in verse 24 transgression as we will see this word is a different Hebrew word than in verse 11. This word zeros in on the arrogance of man who revolts against the directions of God.</p>
<p>Iniquity 13 & 16</p>	<p>Iniquity, evil, guilt; this word indicates sin that is particularly evil, since it strongly conveys the idea of <u>twisting or perverting The Word of God deliberately.</u></p> <p>Guilt from conscious wrong doing. The Wrath from God goes with this deliberate act as a consequence is indicated by the word;</p> <p><i>Like distorting the Gospel.</i> Galatians 1:6-7</p> <p>This is one of the strongest words for sin in OT.</p>

Back to verse 5

5 and rebelled

This rebellion is described:

“even turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances”

They were to live together as a nation set up by God;

but instead they were living as a nation set up by man.

⁶ “ *Moreover,* [This introduces the foundation of all their guiltiness.] *we have not listened to Your servants the prophets,*

some of the saddest words in the bible:

they would not listen.

⁶ *who spoke in Your name* [that is by your authority] *to our kings, our princes, our fathers and all the people of the land.* The message of God is for everyone in the land, leaders and the people.

Not listening to The WORD OF GOD was a cancer in the whole land.

It is still a cancer in the world today.

⁷ “*Righteousness belongs to You, O Lord, ‘Adonai’*

Don't miss the beginning of verse 7

⁷ Righteousness belongs to you

and verse 8

⁸ Open shame belongs to us

You don't think you need a Savior?

You don't think you need a deliverer in life?

Look at God, then look at yourself.

⁷ Righteousness belongs to You

Daniel (unlike most Christians in America) **knows the great issue is the Righteousness of God.** The **+R of God** is the great issue in the gospel;

This is why our **Salvation** depends on **imputation of God's +R** at the point of Faith in Jesus Christ.

So many people want to make the great issue in dealing with God, **HIS LOVE**; but as Daniel shows us, we cannot avoid the Perfect Righteousness (+R) of God.

We have studied this in the 10 questions of Job.

So what have we learned about God, just here in Daniel 9 ?

**God is Great,
God is All Fearing and
God is +R in His Very Being.**

[+R means Perfect Righteousness]

You can tell when you have begun to grasp the Righteousness of God.

Nowhere does Daniel even imply that God has failed His people.

Do you ever feel that God has failed you?

Did you deserve for Jesus Christ to die on cross in your place?

*Did you deserve to be saved
and present with the Great and Awesome, Holy God for all eternity?*

Do you deserve any blessings from God?

Over and over throughout the book of Job,
Job is complaining and constantly giving self-vindication,
but never with Daniel.

⁷ *Righteousness belongs to You, O Lord,*

But in contrast to *You*

⁷ *...to us open shame*

But in contrast to you; to us... open shame.

You will note that the King James ***confusion of faces*** which is a Hebrew idiom for ***shame*** that can be seen on the face; therefore, **open shame**.

Their shame is seen by everyone.

Jerusalem and the Jews are both held in contempt in the immediate world.

The word denotes **shame, disgrace**.

Note *Ezra 9:7*

⁷ "Since the days of our fathers to this day [ca 450 bc] we the Jews have been in **great guilt**, and on account of our **iniquities** we, our kings and our priests all who would **not listen** have been given into the hand of the kings of the lands, Babylon, Mede and Persia to the sword, to captivity and to plunder and **to open shame**, as it is this day."

**You know why Ezra repeated “–to this day”?
Because they have yet to turn to the Lord in truth,
yet they are in the land. “**

This is because of the Mercy of God.

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| 1. | God often brings shame to the believer who disobeys Him as seen in principle in Jeremiah 17:13; and 6:15, and now in Daniel. |
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Jeremiah 17:13

*¹³ O LORD, the hope of Israel,
All who forsake You will be put to shame.
Those who turn away on earth will be written down,
Because they have forsaken the fountain of living water, even the LORD.*

Jeremiah 6:15

*¹⁵ “Were they ashamed because of the abomination they have done?
They were not even ashamed at all;
They did not even know how to blush.
Therefore they shall fall among those who fall;
At the time that I punish them,
They shall be cast down,” says the LORD.*

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| 2. | When God causes shame He does it to bring us back to Him. Jeremiah 3:25. God uses shame to get our attention to what is going on in our lives and to motivate us to simply get back to walking by Faith. |
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First God in grace simply gives us His Word.

But if we will not listen, then in His Love, He will bring Divine Discipline.

If we do not respond to discipline...**open shame.**

3. God often brings shame to the believer who disobeys Him as seen in principle in Jeremiah 17:13; and 6:15 and Daniel 9.

No believer should abide or dwell on his shame.

Jeremiah 3:25

²⁵ Let us lie down in our shame, and let our humiliation cover us; for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day. And we have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God."

Ezekiel 16:43

⁴³ Because you have not remembered the days of your youth but ^[u]have enraged Me by all these things, behold, I in turn will bring your conduct down on your own head," declares the Lord GOD, "so that you will not commit this lewdness on top of all your other abominations..

2 Corinthians 7:8-11

⁸ For though I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it—for I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while—

⁹ I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us.

¹⁰ For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

¹¹ For behold what earnestness this very thing, this godly sorrow, has produced in you: what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what avenging of wrong! In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter.

Daniel 9:7 *Righteousness belongs to You,*

Here is more wisdom. Daniel does not complain about all that has happened to him and to Israel, he acknowledges that God is +R and they are unrighteous; therefore, **THEY** deserve DIVINE DISCIPLINE

*⁷ O 'Adonai' but to us open shame, as it is this day ^{538 bc} —to the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, [all those who would not listen] *those who are nearby and those who are far away in all the countries to which You have driven them, [In Divine Discipline] because of their unfaithful deeds which they have committed against You.**

THE ABSENCE OF FAITH,

not listening to the **WORD of GOD** in the SPIRIT of GOD.

⁸ *“Open shame belongs to us, O Lord, YHWH to our kings, our princes and our fathers,* those who should be leading the people but who did not listen to the prophets because we have sinned against You. missed the mark of your +R, and did not even care that they missed the mark.

Now verse 9 is one of the most powerful declarations about God. Here is what Daniel appeals to about God of Israel.

⁹ *To the Lord our God belong compassion and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against Him;*

⁹ *“To the Lord ‘Adonai’ our God ‘Elohim’*

Do you see the wonder of what Daniel is saying? Over the last 4 verses Daniel has declared all the sins and guiltiness of the people, and yet he calls God *our God!*

⁹ *...belong compassion and forgiveness*

the KJ and NIV are closer to the truth here...Hebrew word means ***Mercy*** or ***Merciful*** ;

And the primary difference between ***Compassion*** and ***Mercy*** is that ***Mercy*** is not deserved in any way.

You might have ***Compassion*** for a baby,
but you have ***Mercy*** for a guilty criminal.

These people are guilty sinners against God, rebelling against God, and deserve nothing but severe judgment. But Daniel recognizes that along with being the **Righteousness God**, He is also a **God of Mercy**, which is the only hope these people have. It is the only Hope We Have.

⁹ *...and forgiveness*

Here is yet another word that requires long study. But all **forgiveness** from God is based on the person and work of the coming Messiah.

In His Mercy God sends His Son to provide Salvation,

which is dependent on two things:

1st on forgiveness and then

2nd on imputation of God's +R.

While man does not always have a sound reason for forgiving, God does, and God beckons us to forgive One Another on the same foundation He forgives.

Ephesians 4:32

³² Be kind to One Another, tender hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ, also has forgiven you.

Ephesians 5:1

¹ Therefore be Imitators of God – that is by forgiving on the basis of Christ, not on the basis of whether the person deserves to be forgiven or not.

We have two more qualities of God: **Merciful** and **Forgiving**.

He is **Great, All Fearing, Righteous** and now **Merciful** and **Forgiving**.

We look at all of the words used to describe the people as sinners, un-deserving and any blessing, especially being taken back to the land.

So all Daniel can appeal to is the Essence of God. And he starts out with **Righteousness**, to show that he knows they deserve nothing before this **Righteous God**, so he will appeal to **His Mercy** and **His Forgiveness**.

for we have rebelled against Him; we noted rebellion in

verse 5, to rebel against the Sovereign authority of God.

¹⁰ *nor have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God,* [The only obedience we can give God is to walk, live by faith. His voice is His Word] *to walk in His teachings which He set before us through His servants the prophets.*

Like Jeremiah, Isaiah, Ezra etc.

The all importance of the Word of God is **KNOWING** Bible doctrine, **BELIEVING** His Word and **LIVING** according to His Word

KNOWING

BELIEVING

LIVING

¹¹ *“Indeed all Israel* [Including himself and his three friends] *have transgressed* [I want you to be sure just how sinful these people are and yet God is going to take them home as He promised:]

They have sinned, committed iniquity, they are wicked, and rebelled against the authority of God, not listened to His Word, committed unfaithful deeds, they have not walked according to His teachings, and now they have transgressed!

This Hebrew word means to over-step a command or exhortation,

¹¹ Indeed all Israel transgressed Your law and turned aside, not obeying Your voice;

So the curse has been poured out on us,

Curse is poured out

for violation of covenant of God, from the Holiness of God.

So many today deny that God, in His Holiness, curses sin. But the Bible teaches the TRUTH that the Holiness of God teaches sin.

¹¹ ...along with the oath which is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, for we have sinned against Him.

Why was the Mosaic Law given in the first place? Since no one, save Jesus Christ can keep the law it was given to teach them that they are sinners, that they have transgressed against God and in need of a

¹² ***“Thus He has confirmed*** see, if you get this, look back at ***verse 4 He keeps, guards His covenant*** [well, this word] ***to confirm*** [means to stand up to guard, stand up to keep.] ***His words which He had spoken against us and against our rulers who ruled us, to bring on us great calamity;*** [from Divine Justice here is the responsibility of leaders, teachers, parents] ***for under the whole heaven there has not been done anything like what was done to Jerusalem.***

Three separate attacks against it, removal of all its wealth, including people, like Daniel and like their kings under Nebuchadnezzar and finally total destruction of the city, the temple and the walls.

Daniel knew from Isaiah about the fate of Jerusalem.

Isaiah 40:2.

² ***“Speak kindly to Jerusalem;
And call out to her, that her warfare has ended,
That her iniquity has been removed,
That she has received of the LORD’S hand***

Double for all her sins."

Daniel 9:

¹³ *"As it is written in the law of Moses,
[Leviticus 26:14-45] all this calamity has come on us; yet
we have not sought the favor of the Lord 'YHWH'
all calamity –taken into exile, and having
Jerusalem destroyed.*

Yet we have not sought the favor of the Lord our
God by turning from our iniquity

KJ yet made we not our prayer before the Lord our God that
we might turn from our iniquities.

NIV yet we have not sought the favor of the Lord our God by
turning from our sins.

NOTE: Have not sought the **favor** of the Lord.

That is,

we have not sought **God's Mercy in Prayer.**

The beautiful Hebrew word is the intensive Piel of '*halah*', which in this context means to entreat or appeal. "It refers to a specific attempt to get the Lord to relent from judgment."

It means straight-out, to go to God to relent from His judgment.

Now here is what is interesting; we appeal to God by our actions; this is not a prayer alone, but it is an appeal based on the fact that

- (1) they have learned something and to
- (2) demonstrate that they have learned by turning from our iniquities.

Just confession of their sins is not enough;

Just praising Him is not enough;

It Is **The ACTION OF FAITH** that is going to move

God to forgive and bless.

¹³ *...By not turning to Him and appeal by faith*

This means they did not learn from ***The WORD OF GOD*** nor did they learn from ***DIVINE DISCIPLINE***,

They did not learn from the calamity that God has brought into their lives.

That is they did not learn from the destruction of Jerusalem.

Nor did they learn from being put in exile.

Nor did they learn from open shame.

This is wisdom of Daniel—learn from ***The WORD OF GOD***, but if you do not learn from the WORD OF GOD, then learn from ***DIVINE DISCIPLINE***. *We should not rebel when God disciplines but learn from it !*

¹³ *...by turning from our iniquity and giving attention to Your truth.*

HERE IS WHAT GOD DESIRES US TO DO

THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES, **pay attention**, WHICH MEANS TO LEARN FROM THE **TRUTH OF GOD**.

THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE OF THE CALAMITY FOR DISOBEDIENCE.

I DO NOT MEAN THE CALAMITY WILL NECESSARILY

STOP, BUT NOW IT WILL BE FOR **blessing in your life.**

Here is the purpose of the Law, to teach us of our own iniquity.

Remember this word emphasizes the absence of faith.

Not living by trusting God.

And giving attention to your truth!

This is Hiphil infinitive *caused to do something—*

be caused to give attention to your truth.

*So the verse reads: As it is written in the law of Moses, (here is wisdom)
all this calamity has come upon us, yet (in spite of all this calamity)*

we have not appealed to the Lord our God

by turning from our iniquity and giving attention to His truth.