

**“Daniel Prays For His People
Part 2 - Petition”
Daniel 9: 15-23**

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Daniel confessed the sins of himself and his people

Holy men of God were acutely aware of their sin and God's holiness -

Isaiah 6: 5

Sin brings shame of face - verse 7

Our culture would have us believe that it's wrong to ever feel shame

There are times when shame is appropriate -

1 Corinthians 6: 5

1 Corinthians 15: 34

2 Thessalonians 3: 14

Invalid shame says you're no good, you don't deserve to be here, you have gone too far

IMPORTANT:

This is contradicted by God's love for us - Romans 5: 8

Invalid shame is healed when a person learns how much God loves them

STEPS TO HEALING SHAME:

- 1) Confess - agree with God
"I have sinned"
- 2) Stop trying to atone for your own sin; stop beating yourself up - Romans 3: 23
- 3) Stop insisting that this wrong was too much to be forgiven
- 4) Cultivate thankfulness for what Christ has done for you

STEPS TO HEALING SHAME: (cont.)

5) Cultivate freedom - life is not about apologizing endlessly for our deficiencies, stuck in *“I’m no good”*

We must realize our God given potential in Christ *and that we are forgiven!!*

INTRODUCTION:

God's promise to Israel and to
you:

FREEDOM FROM CAPTIVITY

God is in the business of
delivering and setting people
free - ***physically, spiritually and
emotionally!!***

Verse 15
God, our Deliverer

God brought the people out of Egyptian
bondage -

HIS PLAN > HIS WAY > HIS TIME

Egypt is a picture of ***THE WORLD***

Pharaoh is a picture of ***SATAN***

Rebellious Israel is a picture of ***OUR
FLESH***

Our triune enemy is ***the world, the
flesh and the devil***

Jesus Christ, our Deliverer, came to set
the captives free - ***Luke 4: 18-19***

Verse 16 - 19

Hear our prayer, *O Lord*

Daniel's focus is on God -

(there are 20+ references to God in this short section)

Daniel prays for “Your city, Your people, Your sanctuary”

Daniel's focus - “for the Lord's sake”
- verse 17 - for Your reputation

Jerusalem is the only city in the world where God placed His name!

Daniel's cry - your cry - my cry:

*“O Lord, hear” - “O Lord, forgive” -
“O Lord listen and act”*

What is Daniel saying?

*“O Lord, we need your help now,
please do not delay!!”*

CRY OUT TO GOD -

“Set my face toward the Lord” (verse 3)

**No distractions - God has my full
attention**

I have set my face toward you, God,
and away from everything else

When we approach God in prayer,
not based on who we think we are,
but based on who God is, our
heavenly Father hears!!

Hebrews 4: 16

In life, things may not turn out the way you planned, but **God's children** are promised *God's presence and God's strength*

JESUS IS ENOUGH IN ANY SITUATION!

Verse 20 - 23

God responds to Daniel's prayer

“fly swiftly” - Gabriel bursts on the scene

This is a picture of pace,
hurriedness

**Gabriel needs to correct Daniel's
thinking**

Verse 22 - *“He informed me”*

Daniel misunderstood in 2 ways:

- 1) He lacked details of God’s plan - Daniel needed more information to understand

APPLICATION: When you don’t understand the *“Why God?”* (s) in life, recall how we see -

1 Corinthians 13: 12

Daniel misunderstood in 2 ways: (cont.)

2) Daniel misunderstood
Jeremiah's meaning of 70 years

Gabriel is sent so Daniel can't miss
it, and we can't miss it -

*“. . .I have now come forth to give
you skill to understand” - verse 22*

**God views Daniel as greatly
beloved - *costly, precious, and
valuable!***

**God views you, the believer, as
beloved!! - Colossians 3: 12**

CONCLUSION:

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Daniel's focus is on God's
incredible mercy - *He will restore
His people!*

God, in His mercy, sends Gabriel to
give Daniel (and us) clarification on
the time allotted for Israel

Fulfilled prophecy proves what God says is true!

Prophecy tell us:

**Be ready, don't fret, live holy lives,
*KEEP WATCH!!***

Matthew 25: 13

Mark 13: 35

**The reason we study prophecy is to
watch and be ready, to know what
is coming!**

Next week:

One of the most difficult and important prophecies in Scripture:

THE 70 WEEKS PROPHECY

STAY TUNED!!