

Series: The Book of Daniel

Sermon: Yours, Mine & Ours!

**Passage: Daniel 9:1-19 (ESV)**

Illustration:

Need: God's people can expect many challenges at the hands of the rulers of Gentile kingdoms until Christ returns.

### I. Daniel's Discovery

- 539 BC; 12 years after Daniel's vision in chapter 8.
- **Jer. 25:11-12; 29:10-11** - Daniel discovered God's plan recorded in His word written years prior.
- **Jer. 29:12-14** (Lev. 26:40-42) - Daniel was moved to respond as required in God's word.

### II. Daniel's Prayer

- Daniel fully orchestrated the details of his response by physically turning his face to the Lord, through fasting, and by wearing sackcloth & ashes
- The prayer consisted of praise, confession & petition.
- You, God, "are good and awesome, keep Your covenants, love faithfully, remain righteous, are merciful and forgiving, keep Your word, judge rightly, deliver Your people."
- We have "sinned, done wrong, acted wickedly, rebelled, turned from and transgressed God's law, not listened to God's prophets, not obeyed the voice of God."
- We need "Your anger turned from us, Your face to shine upon us, Your ears to hear and Your eyes to see us, Your forgiveness, Your action, You not to delay."
- Daniel's prayer was humble, contrite, and earnest (see James 5:16b).

### III. Jesus Foreshadowed

- Daniel used the terms "we, us, our" over 20 times in relation to the people's sin.
- Daniel took upon himself the guilt of his people and shared in their need for confession.
- Daniel was not sinless but he represents one who was blameless. As he shares in the guilt of his people he stands as a type of Christ who would be identified with His guilty creation.
- **2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet 2:24**; Isa 53:6
- Jesus participated with humanity becoming one of us and walking sinless but "under" the curse.
- Jesus took our sins upon Himself and did more than confess, He paid for them with His own blood.
- Through His death and resurrection Jesus provides full restoration from what sin has broken.

### IV. Our Response

- Look to and trust God's Word. Evaluate life through the lens of the Bible, not the other way around.
- Intentionally and regularly submit to God in prayer as you engage His Word.
- Confess & turn from sin that's hindering your obedience knowing God forgives those who come humbly.
- Be broken by sin in the church and intercede on her behalf as "we, us and our." (Incorporate at least 1 day of intercessory fasting and prayer of confession this week.)