



THE DEVOTED LIFE OF DANIEL **“The Word of the Lord” Daniel 9:1-27**

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Daniel was disciplined in prayer (Daniel 6:10) and dedicated to the study of “the Word of the Lord.” He knew that in the Word God speaks to His people; then in prayer we offer our response. The Word should stimulate prayer, and prayer should reflect the Word.

I. Studying the Word. vv. 1, 3

- A. The Word of the Lord in written format—the Scriptures.
- B. The Word of the Lord in spoken form—the prophetic voice.
- C. The Word of the Lord in principle, pronouncement, and promise. Jeremiah 25:1-14
- D. The Word of the Lord prompts a turn to the Lord.

II. Seeking the Lord. vv. 4-19

- A. Approach.
 - 1. With reverence because He is “great and awesome.” vv. 3-4
 - 2. With confidence because He “keeps His covenant of love.”
- B. Appreciate.
 - 1. “Lord you are righteous.” vv. 7, 14, 16
 - 2. Lord you are “merciful and forgiving.” v. 9
 - 3. Lord you are faithful and committed.
- C. Admit.
 - 1. We have sinned and done wrong. v. 5
 - 2. We have been wicked and have rebelled.
 - 3. We have turned away from your commands and laws.
 - 4. We have not listened to your servants. v. 6
 - 5. We have not sought the favor of the Lord our God. v. 13
 - 6. We have not given attention to your truth.
- D. Ask.
 - 1. O Lord, let your face shine on your desolate sanctuary. v. 17
 - 2. O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act!
 - 3. Not because we are righteous but because you are merciful. v. 18

III. Surveying the Future. vv. 20-27

- A. God promptly responds to His esteemed servant. vv. 20-23
- B. The answers—and more—will come in “seventy sevens.” vv. 24-25
- C. The initial fulfillment—the reconsecration of the Temple.
- D. The Messianic fulfillment—the work of Christ. See v. 24
- E. The ultimate fulfillment—the final triumph and establishment of God’s kingdom.

Points to Ponder: How do the Scriptures and prayer enhance my relationship with the Lord and give me insight into what is happening in the world?