

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

Date: June 6, 2021

Title: "Down On Our Knees"

Text: Daniel 9:1-19

INTRODUCTION:

1. While I've never done it, I've heard of a preacher who did: Preach a sermon entitled, "How to Get Rid of the Jews."
2. But the hubbub would subside when the biblical text was announced: namely, Jeremiah 31:35-37.
3. Daniel 9 is one of the most important chapters in the Bible.
 - A. _____:
It contains one of the great Old Testament prayers (3-19)
 - B. _____:
It contains the most comprehensive outline of the end times (24-27)
4. This chapter _____ with Jeremiah's prophecy of seventy years of the desolations of Jerusalem and is _____ by the intercessory prayer of Daniel.

SETTING:

1. Date: Daniel's prayer (9:1-19) and 3rd vision of the seventy weeks (9:20-27) occurred "in the first year of Darius" (verse 1).
 - Darius' first full year was October 13, 539 B.C. - October 12, 538 B.C.
 - 13 yrs. after his 2nd vision (ch. 8); and 15 yrs. after his 1st vision (ch. 7)
2. Occasion: The occasion that prompted Daniel's prayer (9:1-19) and third vision of the Seventy Sevens (9:20-27) is stated in verse 2.

_____ - _____ PRAYER (LCP)

1. LCP is _____ by the Word of God.
2. LCP is _____ by the will of God.

Every true prayer is a variation on the theme "your will be done."

A. Jesus _____ us to pray that way in the pattern prayer he gave us: "the Lord's prayer". See Matthew 6:10.

B. Jesus _____ that kind of praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. See Matthew 26:39.

3. LCP is _____, _____ prayer (vs. 3)
NLT... "The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results."

What about _____?

It is a time in our lives when we say "no" to our physical wants and desires and prioritize the spiritual realm.

1) When we read the Bible, something catches our attention:

- Jesus fasted
- The apostle Paul fasted
- In the Old Testament . . .
- In church history . . .

2) We are not commanded to fast . . .

but when we do fast, we are commanded not to make a show of it.

3) Reasons for fasting are varied

- Private problems (Hanna)
- Public disasters (1 Samuel 31)
- Personal grief (Queen Esther)
- In penance over sin
- Because of compassion for friends
- Some were searching for the will of God

4. LCP is borne out of _____ our sin before God.

5. LCP _____ the Lord.

THE _____ TO DANIEL'S PRAYER

When Daniel finished his fervent prayer, the answer came to him thru God's special messenger (Gabriel). That answer is the backbone of all prophecy. Beginning five centuries before the birth of Christ, while the Jews were in exile in Babylon, we're given the privilege of seeing God's plan for the Jews & their city, Jerusalem until the end times (24a). The "Seventy Weeks" of Daniel are literally the key to the prophetic word. How grateful we should be to this man for preserving the words of God, delivered by the angel Gabriel, so we could understand them in this crucial period of our planet's existence.