

Faith under Fire – Repentance and Restoration

Lesson 8 – Daniel 9:1-27

Introduction Question:

Does God call us to repent for the sins of our Forefathers?

- I. **Babylon's Defeat led to Questions** - Daniel 9:1-4a
 - Daniel is probably reading from Jeremiah 25:11-12 and 29: 10
 - 7 and 10 are considered complete numbers.
 - Words of Prophecy lead Daniel to God vs. the pride of knowing God's secrets.

- II. **Prayer of Confession for Forefathers** – Daniel 9:4b – 10
 - A. **Broken Covenant**
 - Daniel confessed to the Israelites breaking the covenant with God.
 - Relationship preceded the law, but the breaking of the law led to a broken relationship

 - B. **Consequences** – Daniel 9:11-14
 - The Exile of Israel was the consequence of breaking the covenant with God.

What are some consequences of generational sins that you have seen in History?

Would Daniel be repentant if not for the consequences of the broken covenant?

- III. **Seeking Mercy** – Daniel 9:15-19
 - Our sin is against God.
 - David's confession in Psalm 51:1-4
 - Mercy is based on God's righteousness and not the ability of the people.

- IV. **Repentance Begins the Process of Reconciliation** – Daniel 9:20-27
 - v.24 - A process will begin to...
 - 1) Finish Transgressions
 - 2) End Sin
 - 3) Atone for wickedness

- 4) Become Righteous
- 5) Verify and approve prophecy
- 6) Anoint the Most Holy

- Jerusalem restored in first 7 of 7 years. (49 years)
- The next 62 of 7 years is described as difficult years.
- The last 7 years of the 70 of 7 years describes the New Covenant.

Takeaways from Prayer and Vision:

1. Our repentance puts us on the road toward reconciliation. (Personal and Corporate)
2. Turning to God for Reconciliation will lead to Peace. (Turning away from God will lead to destruction.)
3. Our responsibility is to accept and then share the New Covenant with God through Jesus Christ. John 3:16-17

What are steps you can take to repair personal relationships?

What are steps you can take to repair relationships among different groups in our world?