

sermon notes

Sept 16, 2026 | Tony Caffey, Messiah Bible Church | **Every Knee Shall Bow**
“When Scripture Sends Us to Our Knees” | **Daniel 9:1–19**

1) Daniel’s prayer _____ to _____
(Dan 9:1–2)

2) Daniel’s prayer _____ with _____
(Dan 9:3–4)

3) Daniel’s prayer _____
(Dan 9:5–14)

4) Daniel’s prayer _____ with _____
(Dan 9:15–19)

Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Daniel 9:1–19. Then read the Scriptures that prompted Daniel’s prayer: Jeremiah 25:11–12 and 29:10. Approximately how old was Daniel when he prayed this prayer? What had he experienced in his life? Why would Jeremiah’s prophecy have been so important to him?

How can we tell from the context of Daniel 9 that this was a fervent prayer? Where do we see adoration, confession, and petition in Daniel’s prayer? Was Daniel’s confession personal or corporate? What was he guilty of, and what was the nation of Israel guilty of?

How do Daniel’s passion and pleas intensify at the end of the prayer? What does he pray for specifically? As far as you can tell from history, did God answer his prayer (see Ezra 1:1–4)?

GET PERSONAL

What’s significant about Daniel’s statement in 9:18: “For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy”? Is this statement true for us as NT Christians (see Heb 4:16; 10:19–22; Eph 3:12; Rom 5:1–2; Rom 8:15–16; 1 John 5:14–15)?

Consider the ways you spend time with the Lord. How do you allow Scripture to influence your prayers? How do you incorporate adoration, confession, and petition into your times of prayer? What about thanksgiving?

Daniel uses imperatives (i.e., commands) at the end of his prayer. He says to the Lord, “hear,” “forgive,” “see,” and “act.” Is it okay for Christians to use this kind of language when we pray? Are guardrails necessary for this kind of praying?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Read through Daniel 9:4–19 again. After you read Daniel’s statement of adoration, add your own statements of adoration to the Lord. Do the same for confession and petition. What are some personal and corporate sins in your family, church, or country that you can confess to the Lord? How might you petition the Lord for specific things in your life based on the truth of Scripture (e.g., your sanctification, boldness in sharing the gospel, faithfulness to your commitments)?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Daniel 9 is the only place in the book of Daniel where the name Yahweh (rendered “LORD” in English) is used for God. What is significant about its use here?