

Lesson 12: Chapter 9b - I will Turn My Face to the LORD

I. Brief Review:

- A. Daniel’s age/situation:
- B. The ‘elephant’ in the room:
- C. Jeremiah 25/29, Leviticus 26, Deut 30:
- D. More than a quiet time:

II. Today’s 3 topics:

- A. Daniel *confesses* to the LORD (vss 4-15)
- B. Daniel *implores* the LORD (vss 16-19)
- C. Gabriel *brings insight* to Daniel (vss 20-23)

III. Daniel *confesses* to the LORD (vss 4-15)

Verses	Great and Awesome God	Wicked Israel
4-6	He keeps:	We have turned:
7-11	To Him belongs:	To us belongs:
12-14	He follows through:	We neglect:
15	What He did:	What we’ve done:

- Observe:
- Ps 32:3 I _____ my sin to you, and I did not _____ my iniquity; I said, “I will _____ my transgressions to the LORD,” and you _____ the iniquity of my sin.
- Representative identification:
- Ps 122:6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem

IV. Daniel *implores* the LORD (vss 16-19)

- A. vs 16: “Let *your* anger and *your* wrath turn away _____ from *your* city Jerusalem.” (use of Heb. particle *na*)
- B. vs 17b: “... make *your* _____ shine upon your sanctuary...”
- C. vs 18b: “...(not) because of our _____, but because of *your* great _____.”
- D. vs 19: “O LORD, hear; O LORD, forgive. O LORD, pay attention and act. Delay not, for *your* own _____, O my God, because *your* city and *your* people are called by *your* _____.” (all *italics* mine)

E. Observe:

V. Gabriel brings insight to Daniel (vss 20-23)

A. What's just occurred (vs 20): Daniel confessing and presenting his plea _____ the LORD his God
(Heb. 'leeph-nay'; literally 'at the face of')

B. Gabriel's revisit (vs 21):

C. Purpose of visit (vs 22): "I have now come out *to give you insight* and understanding."
(Heb. root 'skl' in 'leh-has-kil-eh-kah'; literally 'to cause you to have insight')

D. Several things about verse 23:

- At the beginning of Daniel's pleas for mercy
- The LORD's view of Daniel:
- Consider the word:
- Understand the vision:

VI. Closing Thoughts:

A. Today's lesson is an inside look at one of the LORD's *maskilim*:

- Heb. root 'skl' (letters in bold above)
- 'm' prefix + Heb. root 'skl' yields 'maskil': Something or someone with _____
- 'maskil' + 'm' suffix yields plural 'maskilim': _____ with insight
- In book of Daniel, they are the LORD's _____ who _____ Him and to whom He _____ Himself
- In this chapter:

B. Closing story:

Taking a little break: Next 2 Sundays for Missions Conference plus a fellowship Sunday.

The present plan is to resume our study of 9:24-27 on March 13. Please read this text and ponder its meaning prior to our next class. It's the word of insight from heaven to Daniel via the angel Gabriel. My hunch is that it's providing further enlargement on the previous 2 visions (of chapters 7 and 8). It foresees ongoing ups and downs for Jerusalem. It contains some chronological aspects. It appears to involve Messiah and his ultimate rival. It may be linked to the concept of Sabbath. It's about redemptive goals in the mind of God that far exceed Daniel's more immediate concern of an end to his people's exile.