

LORD, HAVE MERCY

DANIEL 8-9 | WEEK EIGHT

PREPARING FOR THE SESSION

Read Daniel 8-9

MEMORIZE

"O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy."

—Daniel 9:18

CONSIDER

"Without the Bible in our prayers, they will be just as worldly as the church we are trying to free from worldliness... What I have seen is that those whose prayers are most saturated with Scripture are generally most fervent and most effective in prayer. And where the mind isn't brimming with the Bible, the heart is not generally brimming with prayer."

— John Piper

"The world finds Christianity and Christians very weird. But may they always find us weird for what was most weird about Jesus—being radical about the incredible, scandalous gift of the grace of God."

—Jared Wilson,

"Your Jesus Is Too Safe"

DANIEL 8:23

1. God reigns in full awareness of everyone's sins. How do you take sin into consideration in your graduate research?

DANIEL 9:16-19

5. What do you observe from these verses about how Daniel prays that you would add to your earlier observations?

DANIEL 9:1-5

2. What do you observe about how Daniel prays here?

6. What will you consider changing about your prayer habits because of this?

DANIEL 9:6-15

3. From what we've read, Daniel lived an exemplary life. What do you think about this confession, saying he and all Israel have rebelled and deserve open shame?

4. Has the awareness of your sins ever prevented you from doing something good, knowing you may not do it with pure motives or purely for the Lord's glory?