**Revive us again – Dan. 9: 4 -5**

**Focal Truth: God’s people must pray as intercessors on behalf of others**

Do you pray for yourself first or for others first?

Have you ever felt burdened to pray for those who don’t pray?

Has the Holy Spirit burdened you to pray for the church & the lost of the nations?

**Observations**

1. A praying man in a godless world prayed for others – 9:3

 *So I gave attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes*

1. Daniel was a man of God in a godless world
2. Daniel was a man of prayer in a godless world – 6:10

 He entered his house had windows open toward Jerusalem, and he

 continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving

 thanks before God, as he had been doing before

1. Daniel was great before men because he was great with God in prayer
2. Daniel was persistent in his habit of prayer
3. A praying man intercedes for those who don’t pray for themselves – 9:4

 *And I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed and said, Alas O Lord*

1. He prayed with godly sorrow – Alas O Lord – **Alas = oh now!**
2. Oh now God you are the God of greatness
3. Oh now God you are the God of faithfulness
4. Oh now God you are the God of lovingkindness
5. He prayed alone burdened before God for the sin of his people

 c. Jer. 2:13 – for my people have committed two evils, they have forsaken

 Me, the fountain of living waters, to hew for themselves cisterns, broken

 that can hold no water

1. A praying man confesses his own sin and the sinfulness of others – 9:5 – 11

 *We have sinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly & rebelled, even turning aside from your commandments & ordinances…*

1. We have sinned
2. We have committed iniquity
3. We have acted wickedly
4. We have rebelled
5. We have turned aside from your commandment
6. We have not listened to your prophets who spoke in Your name
7. Open shame belongs to us
8. We have not obeyed His voice
9. God heard the intercessor’s prayer – 9:23

 *At the beginning of your supplications the command was issued…for you are highly esteemed*

a. God is listening for the prayer of the intercessor

 Ps 116:1 – I love the Lord because He hears my voice & my supplications

 2 Chron. 7:14 – I will hear from heaven

**Things to Remember**

1. The righteous in times of ungodliness pray for others first
2. Intercessory prayer asks God to save, forgive & restore those who don’t pray Ps 85:6 - Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?
3. Prayer is asking that God’s will be done on earth – Matt. 6:10 – your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven
4. God hears the prayers of the intercessor – Dan. 9:23 – at the beginning of your supplications the command was issued…
5. God looks for one who will pray for others – Ezek. 22:30 – and I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none.

**Daily Use**

1. Pray for others first – James 5:16
2. Pray for the world to be saved – Rom. 10:1
3. Pray for the governmental leaders of the world – 1 Tim. 2:1 - 2
4. Pray for God’s people to be revived around the world – Eph. 6:18