Daniel’s Prayer for God’s Great Mercies

NO RIGHTEOUSNESS NO MERCY

Daniel 9:18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.

18 O my God… for thy great mercies.

1. Daniel is praying, knowing that he is losing a whole generation of people to sin and desolation and possibly the next generation if they don’t repent.
2. Daniel is praying in faith knowing that only God can help them through His Great Mercy.
   * 1. The Man of God wants God to hear and see his supplications over there sin.
        1. Incline thine ear, and hear;
        2. Open thine eyes and behold

If it seems like God is not hearing, then ask yourself what are you doing?

* + 1. The Man of God wants God to be merciful to their desolations in the city of God.
       1. Behold our desolations, for thy great mercies.
       2. Behold the city which is called by thy name.

If it seems like God is not showing His Mercy, then ask yourself what mercy are you showing?

1. Daniel is praying in faith knowing that Mercy is only through the Righteousness of God.

1. God is Righteous

2. God is Merciful

1. Daniel is praying knowing that the city of God is desolate and the people deserve it, but there is Great Mercy Promised.
2. Great Mercy Promised
   * 1. The Man of God understands the Promises and his responsibility to stand until God shows His Great Mercy.
     2. The Man of God is not begging for mercy drops but is proclaiming Great Mercy.
3. Great Mercy Needed
   * + 1. The Man of God is not taking this lightly

“Behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name”

* + - 1. The Man of God is declaring if we get what we deserve we are all in trouble.

“We do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses"

We don’t want these desolations in the Holy City.

1. Daniel’s Prayer is teaching us the necessity of the Righteousness of God
   * 1. Grace, Mercy and Truth reign through Righteousness.
     2. Know Righteousness, Know Mercy
     3. Know God in Prayer, Know God in Mercy.

James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Ac 18:25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

Ro 12:11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

2Co 7:7 And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.

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1Pe 4:8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.