## Weekly Lesson Theme: Staying True In A World Far From God

Lesson Scriptures: Daniel 9:3-10,17-19

Key Lesson Theme: "Confess Wholeheartedly"

Today's Lesson: Wednesday, September 27

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## Daniel 9:7-10

<sup>7</sup> Lord, righteousness belongs to you, but this day public shame belongs to us: the men of Judah, the residents of Jerusalem, and all Israel—those who are near and those who are far, in all the countries where you have banished them because of the disloyalty they have shown toward you.

- <sup>8</sup> LORD, public shame belongs to us, our kings, our leaders, and our ancestors, because we have sinned against you.
  - <sup>9</sup> Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him

<sup>10</sup> and have not obeyed the LORD our God by following his instructions that he set before us through his servants the prophets.

## Commentary

Whatever is right is of God, for whatever God does is right; He is the standard.

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God. He is willing to show mercy and forgive, even though we have rebelled against him. The human attitude is to reject those who reject us. The holy attitude is to reach out to reclaim us even as we have sinned against Him. Redemption came at the initiative of the Lord of mercy who desired to forgive. "For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son" (John 3:16).

We have not obeyed the LORD our God. The Lord spoke; the people closed their ears to what He said. He gave them instructions for living in ways pleasing to Him; the people refused to follow his instructions. The Hebrew word *torah* can be rendered as teachings, instructions, or law. His word had been declared clearly by those who served Him as prophets, denoting those who were His spokesmen.

## What are some lasting truths that come from Daniel 9:7-10?

- Our sin becomes magnified in the presence of a righteous, holy God.
- The Lord gave His word to help us know how to live pleasing in His sight.
- Rejecting the way of the Lord brings shame upon us.
- While the word from the Lord points out our sin, it also declares His mercy and His willingness to forgive.

Until tomorrow Saints... Every day is Sunday