

Title: Sorry - Daniel 9 13-19

Read:

¹³⁻¹⁴ "Just as written in God's revelation to Moses, the catastrophe was total. Nothing was held back. We kept at our sinning, never giving you a second thought, oblivious to your clear warning, and so you had no choice but to let the disaster loose on us in full force. You, our God, had a perfect right to do this since we persistently and defiantly ignored you. ¹⁵⁻¹⁷ "Master, you are our God, for you delivered your people from the land of Egypt in a show of power—people are still talking about it! We confess that we have sinned, that we have lived bad lives. Following the lines of what you have always done in setting things right, setting people right, please stop being so angry with Jerusalem, your very own city, your holy mountain. We know it's our fault that this has happened, all because of our sins and our parents' sins, and now we're an embarrassment to everyone around us. We're a blot on the neighbourhood. So listen, God, to this determined prayer of your servant. Have mercy on your ruined Sanctuary. Act out of who you are, not out of what we are. ¹⁸ "Turn your ears our way, God, and listen. Open your eyes and take a long look at our ruined city, this city named after you. We know that we don't deserve a hearing from you. Our appeal is to your compassion. This prayer is our last and only hope: ¹⁹ "Master, listen to us! Master, forgive us! Master, look at us and do something! Master, don't put us off! Your city and your people are named after you: You have a stake in us!"

Think:

Yep this guy has pretty much got the picture now. When you stuff up and are sorry make sure you take the time to say so. If you have a mate who you upset because you have done something stupid then you hopefully would take the time to say sorry. If you don't say sorry to your mates when you have made a mistake and upset them, then it won't be long before you don't have many mates. Think about it this way. You have a mate who you tell a secret to, and you say, please don't tell anyone my secret. It's not long before you realise that word has got about your secret and you know that you told no one else so it can only be your mate who told everyone. You are fuming and go looking for them to give them what for. When you finally find them they look really sorry and upset. They know they have done wrong. You know they have done wrong. Now you are even aware that they are sorry they did it. Does that make everything OK, or is there one more thing that needs to happen? Absolutely, if that was it you would still not forgive them would you? You now need to hear from them that they are sorry, they need to speak those words for you to fully know they are sorry. Well obviously God is much more graceful than we are but we also need to tell him we are sorry when we muck up. God knows if we muck up, God even knows if we are sorry when muck up. But we still need to take the time to tell him we are sorry.

Pray:

Lord I am sorry for all the stuff I mucked up in the past, thank you for sending Jesus to die for my selfish acts so that I can still party with you forever. Amen.

Action:

Is there anything in particular you know that you need to chat to about? Do it now, after all he knows anyway. Bye.