

EXILED FROM GOD. NOW WHAT?

DANIEL 9:1-24

God's Word accurately illuminates God's PLAN for REDEMPTION.

God's Word accurately illuminates our SIN causing our CONFESSION and REPENTANCE.

God's Word accurately illuminates God's LOVE, MERCY, and FORGIVENESS.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read Daniel 9:1 – 19. When you look back on the book of Daniel, what has Daniel done that requires this kind of confession, repentance, and plea for mercy and forgiveness? If you lived like Daniel, or even more righteousness than he, would you need to confess and repent? Why? What Scripture can you offer to describe your need for repentance?
2. What does redemption mean? Why did God have to have a plan of redemption for His people?
3. How does believing in the accuracy of small details like “70 years” help our view of God’s overall plan for redemption? And how does knowing God has a specific plan and timetable encourage you in the age we live in?
4. Why did God wait 70 years before He restored Israel to their land? (Jer. 25:11 – 12, 29:10, 2 Chronicles 36:17 – 23). Why was the command of letting the land rest so important, that God would exile all of Israel because they disobeyed it?
5. Read Jeremiah 17:9. Do you believe this accurately describes your heart? Why or why not? Discuss the impact this verse has on your need to confess and repent.
6. What is confession, and why is it important? (9:8, 1 John 1:8) What is repentance, and why is it important? (9:13, 2 Chronicles 7:14)
7. Daniel, throughout his prayer, prays for the nation of Israel. He uses “we” and “us” in his confession of sin. What can we learn from this as we consider being a citizen of the United States?
8. How does God’s mercy, forgiveness and love play into His plan of redemption? (Jeremiah 2:12 – 14, 3:19) What other scripture can you come up with that describes God’s intimate involvement, with love and mercy, to save mankind?



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