

“In His Time”

Daniel 9:17-27

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God is on time. But He's seldom on 'our time'. In Daniel's prayer and the answer delivered by Gabriel, we learn that God has a time for everything and as we follow Him we can trust His timing.

1. Think of a time when it turned out that God was "right on time" after all. You kinda worried, but when God answered, it made better sense. Or He simply answered your request immediately. Share your insights with each other.

READ: Daniel 9:17-19

2. Why was Daniel praying? What was the occasion from what we saw earlier in the chapter and from Jeremiah?
3. What was the great theological truth from vs 18?

READ: Daniel 9:20-23

4. What time of day did Gabriel come to answer Daniel? Why is this time significant? Remember, Daniel had not been in Jerusalem since he was a young man.
 - How do you do with your daily time with the Lord? We're not mandated in the same way as the OT system.
 - Talk about the benefits of spending time with God on a regular (may not be daily, yet!) basis.
5. What do we learn of Daniel's standing with God from verse 23?

6. Have you struggled with wondering if God loves you, especially in the midst of something, like doubts, or feeling unworthy? How can we be assured of God's love for us?

READ: Daniel 9:24-27

7. What do the 70 weeks of Daniel represent? Why is this passage so important to Biblical prophecy? Who is primarily in view on the discussion from Daniel 9?

The key take-away from this passage for the church is:

When I submit myself to following after God I can trust His timing.

As you pray for one another, ask God to continue to grow your confidence in His activity in your life as well as trusting His timing. The events ahead of us matter, but we also know the importance of living in the here and now as we share the Gospel with those around us.

As a reminder, the discussion from the Monday night Bible studies on the same passages from Sunday are online at our Grace website.

Go to allaboutgrace.com, then Groups, then Classes. You'll see the Deeper with Daniel and the previous discussions. <http://allaboutgrace.com/groups/classes>