

Group

Discussion Guide



Title: Trusting the Superior Law of God

Text: Daniel 9

CONTEXT I

In the ninth chapter of Daniel, Daniel concludes that the 70-year period of Israel's captivity is virtually over, and that return of Jews to their own land is imminent. With this hope, Daniel begins to pray for himself and his people. His prayer of confession and petition is answered, but certainly not in a way Daniel would have expected. God sent Gabriel, His angel, to give Daniel understanding and insight into the vision he had received, enabling him to see the near future in perspective. God wanted Daniel to understand the relationship between Israel's soon return to the land and the rebuilding of the temple—in the light of God's promise to restore His people and establish His kingdom on the earth. God wanted Daniel to know that Israel's imminent return to the land was not the coming of the kingdom of God.

MAIN IDEA I

God, in his sovereignty, accomplishes his plan through the prayer of his people.

MEMORY VERSE I

“Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, **to bring in everlasting righteousness**, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place.

Daniel 9:24

EXPLANATION I

- I. Perfect Prayer Is Inspired by The Scripture (v.1-2)
- II. Perfect Prayer Ushers Us into the Presence of God (v.3-4)
- III. Perfect Prayer Must be Honest and Full of Confession (v.5-14)
- IV. Perfect Prayer Moves Us to Request Rooted in God's Will (v.15-19)
- V. The Answer (v.20-23)
- VI. The Coming King (v.24-27)

DISCUSSION QUESTION IDEAS I

- Its good to read the Scriptures but its also good to pray them too. What does that look like?
- Prayer reveals much about who we truly are. What does your prayer life reveal about you?
- How do our prayers and the sovereign will of God work in perfect harmony?
- What does it mean for the Messiah to be “cut off” (9:26), and why is this detail important for understanding the New Testament?