



THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

Daniel 9:1-27

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1. In what ways have you personally seen God answer prayer?
2. Is there anything you are praying about that you are still waiting to see God's answer to?
3. These days what wears you out?

Where Daniel is at (verses 1-3)

1. Why is the timing of Daniel's prayer so significant?
2. Are there similarities in your life with what Daniel was experiencing?

Daniel's Prayer (verses 4-19)

1. How did Daniel prepare himself to pray?
2. What was Daniel's focus in prayer?
3. What was Daniel's attitude in prayer?
4. What was Daniel's purpose in praying?
5. What stands out the most to you in Daniel's prayer? Why?
6. What in Daniel's example of prayer might be helpful to you in your own conversations (prayer) with God?

God's Answer (verses 20-27)

1. How does the first part of God's answer (verses 20 to 23) focus directly on Daniel?
2. How do you think Daniel might have felt when he heard God's response to him personally?
3. How might God's responding directly to Daniel be an encouragement to you?
4. The second part of God's answer (verses 24 to 27) is a prophecy concerning the events of future history. What might have been God's purpose in giving this prophecy to Daniel?
5. What is the best way to interpret Biblical prophecy?
6. What is the purpose of God given prophecy?
7. Is there any part of this prophecy that you would have liked God to have explained better? Put slightly different, what about God's answer might still be a tad confusing?
8. What in this prophecy is personally encouraging to you? Why?

Processing All That...

1. Thinking about God's response to Daniel, how might each of the following truths be personally encouraging to you? Why?
 - a) God deeply cares about you and what you are going through.
 - b) God uses history according to His purposes.
 - c) God has purposefully created and called you according to His use of history.
2. Consider the following statement made in today's message: *"Courage comes, even in times of great weariness, as we learn to see God moving in history and to see ourselves as a part of what He is doing."* What does this mean?
3. What might this truth mean to you personally?
4. What effect might this truth have on the focus of your prayers?
5. What from today's study might you be able to share with others you come into contact with this week?

Generic Catch All Last Question...

1. Anything else not covered above or that particularly impresses you from this study?