



LENT

THE WAY OF REPENTANCE

WEEK ONE: FOR FEBRUARY 22 SERMON

DANIEL 9

1. What prompted Daniel to pray at this specific time? What does this teach us about the relationship between God's Word and prayer? How does reading Scripture inform your prayer life?

2. Examine Daniel's prayer (verses 4-19). What are the main elements you notice?

3. Daniel repeatedly uses "we" and "us" in his confession. Why is this significant when he personally was known for his righteousness? Why is it so difficult to pray "we have sinned" instead of "they have sinned"? Is there a broken situation in your immediate relationships where you've been acting as a judge rather than a participant? How would your attitude change if you followed Daniel's lead and took some ownership of it in prayer?

4. Daniel says, “We have not listened to your servants the prophets” (v. 6). How might we be guilty of the same thing today? Are there areas where you know God’s truth but struggle to obey? What voices are we listening to instead of God’s?

5. In verses 18-19, Daniel bases his petition not on Israel’s righteousness but on God’s character. Why is this important? How does this change the way we approach God in prayer? What does it mean that we are “treasured by God” (v. 23)?

6. Gabriel appears with an answer while Daniel is still praying (v. 20-23). What does this reveal about: God’s attentiveness to prayer? The timing of God’s responses? The value God places on persistent, heartfelt prayer?

7. The prophecy in verses 24-27 points to God’s ultimate plan of redemption. What does this passage teach us about: God’s sovereignty over history? His commitment to keeping His promises? The cost of dealing with sin?