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**RIGHTEOUSNESS**

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DANIEL 9: 1-19

**A RIGHTEOUS LIFE**

KNOWING (1) \_\_\_\_\_ BY KNOWING HIS (2) \_\_\_\_\_

LIVING OUT THE (3) \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD

DOING "RIGHT BY (4) \_\_\_\_\_"

**SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT**

1. HOW DO YOU THINK "RIGHTEOUSNESS" IS TYPICALLY DEFINED? RESPOND TO THE STATEMENT "RIGHTEOUS ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CAN DO ON YOUR OWN—IT IS ALWAYS PRACTICED AND MEASURED BY RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS"
2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "DO RIGHT BY SOMEONE ELSE"? DO YOU THINK WE INTUITIVELY UNDERSTAND THIS OR IS IT SOMETHING THAT IS LEARNED. .?.
3. HOW DOES OUR CULTURE DEFINE/DESCRIBE GOD? WHAT ARE THE EXTREMES OR DISTORTIONS YOU SEE OR HAVE HEARD FROM OTHERS?
4. READ EXODUS 34:6-7. .IS THAT HOW YOU SEE GOD? EXPLAIN.
5. HOW DOES THIS CHAPTER UNDERSCORE THE NECESSITY OF KNOWING AND UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WORD? HOW DO YOU "GET INTO" AND STUDY GOD'S WORD IN YOUR LIFE?
6. READ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21. .WHAT DOES THAT PRACTICALLY MEAN FOR LIVING OUT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND OTHERS?
7. THINK THROUGH THE RELATIONSHIPS IN YOUR LIFE. .WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "DO RIGHT" BY THOSE IN YOUR LIFE? EXPLAIN.
8. IN OUR JUSTICE SERIES WE UNDERScoreD THAT LIVING OUT BIBLICAL RIGHTEOUS CAN BE DEFINED AS "DISADVANTAGING YOURSELF FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORTHLESS PERSON". WHO ARE "THE WORTHLESS PEOPLE" IN OUR CULTURE? WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE YOU CAN OVERLOOK OR RESIST SERVING AND LOVING BECAUSE OF THE PAST, HOW THEY RESPOND TO YOU, ETC.
9. HAVE YOU RESPONDED TO GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE BY RECEIVING JESUS AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR? IF HIS HOLY SPIRIT TRULY LIVES IN YOU (WHICH HE DOES IF YOU'VE MADE THAT CHOICE) THEN WHAT DOES LIVING A RIGHTEOUS LIFE LOOK LIKE? (EX—YOUR RELATIONSHIPS). EXPLAIN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BELIEVING GOD'S WORD AND THEN LIVING OUT HIS WORD THROUGH YOUR EFFORT, CHOICES, ETC.
10. TAKE TIME TO THANK GOD FOR GIVING YOU CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS AND FOR EMPOWERING YOU, THROUGH HIS SPIRIT, TO LIVE A RIGHTEOUS LIFE FOR HIM. HOW WILL YOU "DO RIGHT" BY THOSE AROUND YOU THIS WEEK?

FILL IN THE BLANK KEY

1. GOD 2. WORD 3. RIGHTEOUSNESS 4. OTHERS



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PRESENT FAITHFULNESS | FUTURE PROMISE

In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a **Mede by descent**), who was made **ruler over the Babylonian kingdom**—<sup>2</sup> in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would **last seventy years.**

**DANIEL 9:1-19**

<sup>12</sup>“But when the **seventy years** are fulfilled, I will punish the king of Babylon and his nation, the land of the Babylonians, for their guilt,” declares the Lord, “and will make it desolate forever.

**JEREMIAH 25:12-14**

**<sup>13</sup> I will bring on that land all the things I have spoken against it, all that are written in this book and prophesied by Jeremiah against all the nations. <sup>14</sup> They themselves will be enslaved by many nations and great kings; I will repay them according to their deeds and the work of their hands.”**

**JEREMIAH 25:12-14**

**<sup>3</sup> So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.**

**<sup>4</sup> I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed:**

**DANIEL 9:1-19**

**“Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>5</sup> we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws.**

**DANIEL 9:1-19**

**<sup>6</sup> We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land. <sup>7</sup> “Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame—**

**DANIEL 9:1-19**



the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you. <sup>8</sup> We and our kings, our princes and our ancestors are covered with shame, LORD, because we have sinned against you.

**DANIEL 9:1-19**

**<sup>9</sup> The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him; <sup>10</sup> we have not obeyed the LORD our God or kept the laws he gave us through his servants the prophets. <sup>11</sup> All Israel has transgressed your law and turned away, refusing to obey you.**

**DANIEL 9:1-19**

**“Therefore the curses and sworn judgments written in the Law of Moses, the servant of God, have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against you. <sup>12</sup> You have fulfilled the words spoken against us and against our rulers by bringing on us great disaster.**

**DANIEL 9:1-19**

**Under the whole heaven nothing has ever been done like what has been done to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come on us, yet we have not sought the favor of the LORD our God by turning from our sins and giving attention to your truth.**

**DANIEL 9:1-19**

**<sup>14</sup> The LORD did not hesitate to bring the disaster on us, for the LORD our God is righteous in everything he does; yet we have not obeyed him. <sup>15</sup> “Now, Lord our God, who brought your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand and who made for yourself a name that endures to this day,**

**DANIEL 9:1-19**

**we have sinned, we have done wrong. <sup>16</sup> Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, turn away your anger and your wrath from Jerusalem, your city, your holy hill. Our sins and the iniquities of our ancestors have made Jerusalem and your people an object of scorn to all those around us.**

**DANIEL 9:1-19**

**17 “Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary. 18 Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name.**

**DANIEL 9:1-19**

**We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. <sup>19</sup> Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.”**

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7 “Lord, you are **RIGHTEOUS**, but this day we are covered with shame—”

14 “...for the LORD our God is **RIGHTEOUS** in everything he does...”

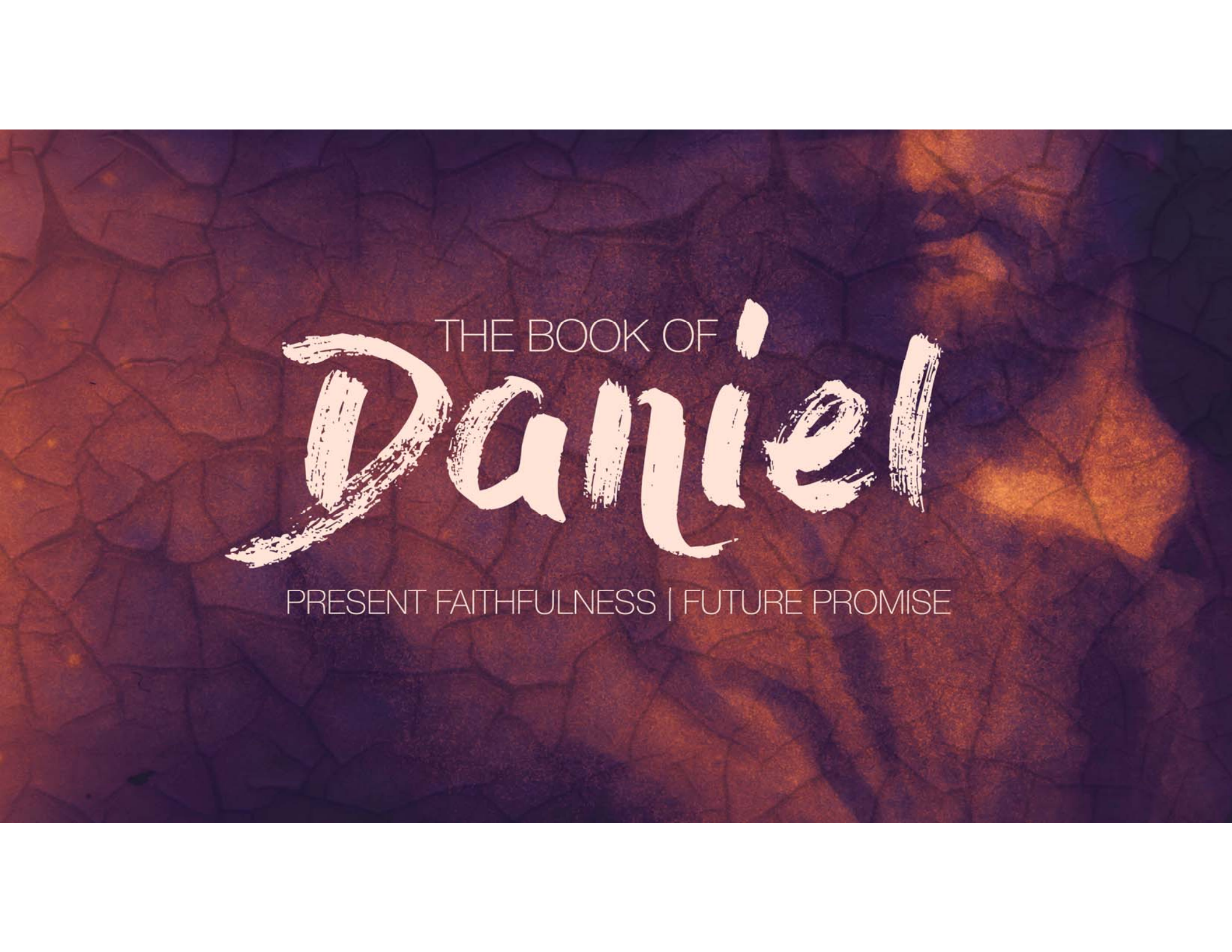
**DANIEL 9:7; 14; 16; 18B**

<sup>16</sup> Lord, in keeping with all your **RIGHTEOUS** acts, turn away your anger and your wrath from Jerusalem, your city, your holy hill.

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<sup>6</sup> And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the **compassionate** and **gracious** God, slow to anger, abounding in **love** and **faithfulness**, <sup>7</sup> maintaining **love** to thousands, and **forgiving** wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet **He does not leave the guilty unpunished; He punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.**”

**EXODUS 34:6-7**



Knowing God by knowing His Word

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Living out the righteousness of God

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**21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:21**

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