

Understanding the Danger of Hard Hearts and the Power of God's Mercy

Daniel 9:1-3

Daniel's discovery:

1. God deals with hard hearts very _____. Why was Israel in captivity or scattered abroad? What did God expect of His people? Was God patient in attempting to bring Israel back or in correcting their ways? How so?

2. God is constantly full of _____. How does God display His mercy before the correction comes? after it comes? Does the reality that God is compassionate and merciful mean that He won't punish, discipline, or correct? Discuss.

3. We ought to give our _____ attention and hearts to God. What was Daniel's response to what he discovered in the writings of the prophet, Jeremiah? How does this Old Testament, Old Covenant example relate to us today?

What has God revealed to me today? What am I going to do about it?