

2016-17 BSP#9 Group Time Discussion

Divine accommodation in the Bible is an expression of God's wise and fatherly ways. For a sensitive father can speak with his children either by condescension, as in baby talk, or by elevation, by bringing a child's understanding up to a more mature level – CSB p.8.

(A) 我查考以求明白 I Study In Order to Understand (15 minutes)

1. 11:33 提及「民間賢明之士必要訓誨民眾，但他們有很多日子要受刀劍、烈火、充軍和劫掠的迫害」。這些賢明之士為何被迫害？請列舉實例。（提示：加上 1:63，加下 7:1-42。）

According to 11:33, “The nation’s wise men shall instruct the many; though for a time they will become victims of the sword, of flames, exile, and plunder.” Why were these wise men persecuted? Please provide examples. (Hint: read 1 Mac 1:63, 2 Mac 7:1-42.)

2. 看 12:4. 將書「密封」有何特別意思？為甚麼達尼爾應將有關神視所見的記述密封？

12:4. What function did wax seals serve on rolled-up scrolls? Why is Daniel supposed to seal up the written account of his visions?

(B) 我明白所以活得更好。I understand, and the better I live (15 minutes)

看 11:31-33. 近日有關教堂被褻瀆和基督徒被殺害的新聞時有所聞。（最近例子：在聖枝主日，埃及坦塔和亞歷山大兩個城市裡的兩間埃及科普特東正教會教堂，發生兩次爆炸事件，造成四十四名無辜的人喪生，一百人受傷。）耶穌既允許了那些信靠祂名字的人常會受到迫害（見瑪 24:9-22），你應做什麼去準備好自己呢？

Read 11:31-33. Reports of the desecration of churches and the martyrdom of Christians surface often in the news these days. (A recent example: On this Palm Sunday, two Coptic church bombings took place in Tanta and Alexandria, Egypt, killing 44 innocent people and injuring more than 100.) Since Jesus promised that persecution would never be far from those who profess his name (e.g. Mt 24:9-22), what should you do to prepare yourself for it?