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12:00 – 1:00pm

Daniel's confession and prayer

Daniel look forward to the day when God would restore and reward Israel. Israel was suffering punishment for its disobedience; but when would the punishment end? Daniel's message was both discouraging, and encouraging. He predicted trouble ahead; Israel would suffer under Gentile powers for many years. But the encouraging news was that the time of trails would also pass away. The time was coming when God would gather His children to Him again. He would establish His messianic kingdom which would last forever. The God who directs the forces of history has not deserted His people

Daniel's prayer part I

Daniel 9: 3 – 6

- I. Daniel began to look to the Lord God for understanding, it had been approximate 67 years since Daniel captivity (Ver.3).
- II. Daniel prayed a prayer of confession, for the nation of Israel, but he also prayed a prayer \_\_\_\_\_ honoring God for His greatness (Ver.4).
- III. Before we began to ask God for things we need to recognize the things that He has already done for us.
- IV. It is getting close to the end of the seventy years of captivity, and God is getting ready to set His people free to return to their home land.
- V. Daniel included himself in the sins that the people of God had committed, even though Daniel had been faithful to God from his youth (Ver.6) also see Dan. 1: 3, 4, 8; 6: 2, 3, 16-23.
- VI. Daniel confess that we haven't listen to God messages. If we want to enjoy God's blessing we must confess our sins (Ver. 6) also see I John 1: 9.

**Conclusion:** We must always remember that God want to bless us, He want to free us up from any bondage that is keeping us from His blessing. God word said that "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" John 10:10. Notice God did not say that we will have an abundantly life. He said that we may have abundantly life, we must take advantage of the opportunity that God give us, our abundantly life come with an act of obedience to God's word.

Next week lesson 4/26: Continue Daniel's prayer, Daniel 9: 7 - 10