

BABYLON: Thriving in Babylon

Text: Daniel 9 (pages 746-747)

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Food for Thought for the week of March 5, 2017

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

Daniel's relationship with God was BUILT TO LAST.

1. He studied and KNEW his God's word. vs. 2
2. He consistently trusted his God in PRAYER. vs. 4-19
3. He remained in constant REMEMBRANCE of his God's COVENANT. vs. 4-5, 11-15
4. He kept in mind THE BIG PICTURE of his GOD'S ultimate victory. vs. 20-27

Ultimately, we are to concern ourselves with being faithful to Jesus in our Babylon!

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1. What has challenged you most in the "Living in Babylon" series?
2. What is challenging you most from this week's message on Daniel 9?
3. Daniel's relationship with God was built on knowing God's word, consistently praying, remembering God's Covenant, and keeping God's big picture in mind. What part of your relationship with God needs the most work? What is your plan to grow in that area?
4. Why is remembering God's Covenant so important to our spiritual, relational, emotional, and intellectual health and development? What is God's commitment to us? What are the consequences if we keep or break that covenant?
5. Daniel didn't preach repentance to the people like every other OT prophet, but instead confessed all of Israel's sin, prayed for their forgiveness and that they'd all turn back to God. Why do you think he did this?
6. Why was it so easy for the people of Israel to forget about God's covenant over and over again? Why do we easily forget God over and over again?
7. What practical difference does it make that our relationship with God is built upon His mercy not His wrath?
8. Look at Daniel 10:12. Why was God so responsive to Daniel's prayer? Why was a "heart set to understand and humbled before God" so significant?

Other passages to note: Daniel 1:8; 4:32, 37; 6:10; James 4:10; Deuteronomy 28:1-14, 36-45; Jeremiah 25:12; 31:31-34; Luke 22:20; 2 Corinthians 3:6

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