In His Hands #8 Still Waters Run Deep Daniel 7:28; 8:27

**Intro**: Remember Hezekiah, a good king who did not finish well.

* After years of faithfulness and godliness, sick to death. Hezekiah prayed for healing; healed … 15 more years!
* Son of Babylonian king came to visit --- enemy of my enemy. Showed all the Treasury!
* Isaiah confronted his prideful self-reliance, foolishness.

**2 Kings 20: 16-19** (died 60 years before Daniel birth)

Shallow, Selfish, Short-Sighted old man.

(Now, not later; me, not others; my ease, not big picture)

t/s – two verses in Daniel that will hedge against Hezekiah.

**READ Daniel 7:28; 8:27**

**Continuation of Daily Service**

Exp – Daniel is living a double life… deep insights/visions; yet real daily responsibilities for Belshazzar the King. (pagan)

* Carried on the king’s business

A glorious ambiguity --- which king?

ILL – Daniel never stopped living his everyday life. (many have)

ILL – Martin Luther, “What if you knew this is the day”

 Plant a Tree --- not alter my way of life!

 *The imminence of the End does not negate the value of faithful labor.*

App – What are you going to do the day?

 Whatever the Boss tells me! Make my Boss happy!

**Confusion** --- honestly, a Little Confusion

**Exp** – Daniel the Seer; full of wisdom and godly insight.

 There was none to explain it --- make me understand.

 **Note**: After Gabriel had tried!

 ***Apocalyptic literature is hard to understand.***

 By design, it is unsettling, even unclear… flashes of revelation in the midst of haziness… challenges the heart and mind.

**App – Two Applications** from Daniels honest Confusion.

1. ***Humility*** – Beware the one who has all the answers and is easy to explain every detail with precision and clarity.
* If you feel overwhelmed, nothing wrong with you!
1. ***Gratitude*** – We have more Insight, more Revelation than Daniel! **1 Peter 1: 10-12**

**Compassion**

**Exp** – Daniel lived with physical, mental, emotional Burden!

 Read Again the Texts… *Terrified, Desolate, Sick*!

Visions of Generations of Bondage and Violence; Unspeakable suffering and Ugly Aggression against God’s people; ***Judgment!***

**Hezekiah**, “*As long as I get to keep my government job*!”

**ILL** – We can become calloused as we study about Judgment.

 **#1 Question** – *Will the church suffer the Tribulation*?

 De-sensitized; calloused… Real People (like TV news)

**Not Daniel; and Not Jesus!** **ILL** – **Luke 19: 40-44**

**App** – Let your Heart engage, along with your Mind.