In His Hands #10 “For Your Own Sake” Daniel 9: 1-19

**Intro**: Daniel was a man of God, A man of faith, A man of courage, a man of ability and resolve, a man of distinction.

* Daniel was a Great Man of Prayer. He went to the Lion’s Den because He would not stop Praying. Three times a day, open his window toward Jerusalem, kneel and pray.

**t/s** – Wouldn’t you like to hear Daniel pray?

 (Exile, refined by fire, highly educated, global & godly)

**Daniel 9: 1-19**

Next week, we discover a prophetic insight, basis of NT end times

***OT Model*** Prayer is given to us by Daniel. We can learn How and Why; **How to pray and Why to pray**… ***Why we Live***.

**ILL** – You will never find happiness by pursuing happiness. You will only find happiness by pursuing Meaning… Purpose.

 *Not What, Not How, Not How Much, Not Where, Not Who*… **WHY**

**Daniel 9: 1-7, 15-19** (Read with Comments… Prayer and Purpose)

**Vs. 1** Point = the year after the Babylonian’s were defeated! (**538**)

**Vs. 2** Daniel was reading Jeremiah’s sermons, his letters, his book.

 “*In the books*” = Scriptures (NIV)… writings…

 **Jeremiah 29:1, 10-14** = written in 605… 67 years earlier.

**Vs. 3** “gave my attention” = set my face… to ***seek*** Him by prayer.

 (language echoes Jeremiah… ***seek Me and find me***)

Part One = **Invocation** (careful and thoughtful approach or address)

**Vs. 4** – Jeremiah took the time to think about Who God Is:

 ***Fearsome*** – ***Adonai =*** Master, Great, Awesome (terrible)…

 ***Faithful*** – keeps covenant (LORD/YHWH); Hesed… loyal love

**ILL** – Call on my office phone… usually my Assistant… in Office

 Did not recognize voice… “Hey buddy, Sooner going to win?”

* Impossible to have meaningful conversation… Who?

**App** – Do you know Who you are talking to?

How did Daniel know? He read the books!

Part Two = **Confession** (Agreeing with God about our sin)

**Vs. 5-7** – Davis - ***Doings, Defiance, Defection and Deafness***

 Continues for seven more verses!

Daniel was a teenager when he was taken from Jerusalem. He was separated, undefiled and faithful… yet not, “They.” ***WE***

***Corporate Confession ---*** Our nation is divided, debased, in darkness. Does the church share any responsibility?

* Broken homes, racial division, despair and drugs
* Rotten = Salt; Darkness = Light

**App** – Restoration will not come from Condemning ***Their*** sins.

 Revival will come from Confessing ***OUR*** sins.

 ***Silence; Selfishness; Hypocrisy***

Part Three = **Petition** (Daniel Asks…)

**Vs. 16-17** *Let Your anger turn away from Jerusalem…*

*… Shine Your face on Your Sanctuary.*

 **Praying the Promises of Jeremiah 29**

 **ASK**

 ***Ask According to His Word.***

 2 John 3; Neh. 8:10; John 17; Is. 61:3

Part Four **= Motivation** (Why? Why should God Hear, See, Act)

Vs. 16 – “***Reproach***” = your city, your people have hurt your **reputation**

**Exp –** Destruction and Exile = YHWH ***not Able*** or ***Not Faithful!***

**Vs. 18-19** ***Your*** City, ***Your*** People, ***Your*** **Name**(2X) = Reputation

 “***Sake***” (17, 19) = preposition of Purpose…

 For the Sake (***Purpose***) of Your Name (***Reputation***)

Daniel Prayed for the LORD’s Sake. His primary motive, His driving Purpose was the Glory of the LORD, For Your Own Sake LORD!

**Our Motivation for Praying is our Motivation for Living!**

**We Live and we Pray for the Sake of His Name.**

Jesus lived and prayed for this Purpose. As He entered Jerusalem to Lay down His Life, “*Save me from this hour? But for this* ***purpose*** *I came. Father,* ***Glorify Your Name***!”

**ILL** – **Richard Wurmbrand** spent 14 years in prison, hard labor and torture in Romania, his wife Sabina also 3 years of hard labor.

When the communists took over Romania bringing it under Stalin’s rule, they convened a congress of Christian leaders --- priests and pastors --- who would declare loyalty to Communist government and to Stalin. They compromised 1 by 1 out of fear and self-interest (4,000).

* Richard had been converted 10 years earlier, Lutheran leader
* Sabina to Richard, knowing the consequences, “***Richard, Stand up and wash this shame from the face of Christ!***”

There is Shame on the Face of Christ Today. ***Let’s wipe it off***!

If you are not praying “For the Sake of Your Name” (missed Point)

If you are not living, “For the Sake of His Name” (Missed Meaning)