**“No Need To Hide II”**

Good evening saints. The Lord wants to continue teaching us. The importance of not hiding from him when we sin. But to bring those sins to him. So that he can dispose of them properly. Let’s Get Into The Word!

**Daniel 9:1-19 (NKJV) says this,** “9 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans— 2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the Lord through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

Daniel refers to the book of Jeremiah that gave him understanding. Concerning why & how long he and his people Israel would be punished by God for their sins. Daniel understood that God will always give a warning of his just punishments to come. If we decide to continue to sin and not repent. This was the case of Israel and may be the case of some of you this evening. Amen!

3 Then I set my face toward the Lord God **to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.** 4 And I prayed to the Lord my God, **and made confession**, and said, “O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, 5 **we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments.** 6 Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land. 7 O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, **but to us shame of face**, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of **the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You.** 8 “O Lord, to us **belongs shame of face**, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because **we have sinned against You.**

Daniel determines within himself. To repair his and the nations broken relationship with God because of sins committed. By prayer, supplication, which is, (the action of asking or begging for something earnestly or humbly). With fasting, sackcloth, and ashes, which expressed or show of sorrow and regret for having done something wrong. In other words, Daniel took the sins he and the people Israel committed before God seriously. Daniel knew that coming with anything else before God. Would demonstrate and show an insincere heart before God, which would have been unacceptable by God. Amen!

**9 To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness,** **though we have rebelled against Him.** 10 We have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets. 11 Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him. 12 And He has confirmed His words, which He spoke against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great disaster; for under the whole heaven such has never been done as what has been done to Jerusalem.

13 “As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet **we have not made our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth.** 14 Therefore the Lord has kept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for the Lord our God is righteous in all the works which He does, though we have not obeyed His voice.

Daniel admits that the disaster that he and Israel are experiencing is not necessarily because of God. But because they would not come to God about their sins. To repent, and get back to living the truth according to the word of God and not the world around them. Instead, they continued to hide themselves from God through constant rebellion. However, the disaster could have been avoided before and even in the disaster. By coming to God with a repentant heart and forgiveness and mercy would have been delivered to them. Amen!

15 And now, O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and made Yourself a name, as it is this day—**we have sinned, we have done wickedly!** 16 “O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, **I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us.**

Daniel didn’t blame God for his and the peoples disaster that was upon them because of their choices to sin against God. But admitted again, that we have sinned, and we have done wickedly. Now only now can God receive the prayer of Daniel for himself and the people And turn from anger to compassion, from fury to mercy, which, cannot happen until confession of sin is made and accountability is taken. Amen!

17 Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord’s sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate. 18 O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name**; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies.** **19 O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name.”**

Daniel relied on the mercies, compassions, and the faithfulness of God. That when a sincere, humble prayer without excuses is made to him. The result of such prayers is found in Lamentations 3:22-24 (NKJV).

**Lamentations 3:22-24 (NKJV), which says this,** “22 Through **the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed,** Because **His compassions fail not**. 23 They are **new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.** 24 “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, **“Therefore I hope in Him!”**

Therefore, don’t run from God but run to God when you sin. Satan wants us to not know the mercies, compassions, joys and forgiveness God. That he has for us when we repent but the Lord does according Luke 15:1-10.

**Luke 15:1-10 (NKJV) says this,** “15 Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. 2 And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, “This Man receives sinners and eats with them.” 3 So He spoke this parable to them, saying: 4 “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ **7 I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.** 8 “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!’ 10 Likewise, **I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”**

Again, don’t run from God with a rebellious heart but to God with a repentant heart. You have everything to gain and nothing to lose when you repent. No need to hide. Amen!

I Love You, Be Blessed!

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