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Ezra 7:11-28 – God Keeps His Promises!

DANIEL 9:1-3 “...IN THE FIRST YEAR OF... DARIUS’ REIGN, I, DANIEL, OBSERVED IN THE BOOKS THE NUMBER OF THE YEARS WHICH WAS REVEALED AS THE WORD OF THE LORD TO JEREMIAH THE PROPHET...

...FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE DESOLATIONS OF JERUSALEM, NAMELY, SEVENTY YEARS... I PRAYED TO THE LORD MY GOD...”

HOW ONE THINKS ABOUT GOD WILL IMPACT WHAT ONE BRINGS TO GOD IN PRAYER!

GOD ALWAYS LISTENS FROM THE INSIDE OUT. HE HEARS YOUR HEART EVEN BEFORE YOUR MIND RECOGNIZES WHERE IT MUST GO.

THE POWER OF GOD FOLLOWS THOSE WHOSE HEARTS ARE SET UPON GOD’S WORD.

WHEN PUZZLED BY WHAT WE SEE, BIG OR SMALL, ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO LIVES WITHIN US.

“WHAT IS GOD DOING?”

THEN WATCH AND WAIT FOR GOD’S ANSWER.

THE KING’S DECREE:

First, GOD is supplying all their needs. (14-16)

Second, GOD is ensuring worship continues. (17-18)

Third, GOD is finishing up HIS house project. (19-22)

Fourth, GOD is removing all the political hurdles. (23-24)

Fifth, GOD is revealing the King's real motives. (23)

Sixth, GOD reveals the hardness of mankind in contrast to HIS OWN grace toward us. (25-26)

OBSERVATIONS:

1. PRAYING FOR GOD TO FULFILL HIS PROMISES IS A PART OF GOD'S PLAN TO COMPLETE THOSE PROMISES.
2. GETTING TO KNOW GOD BETTER FROM HIS WORD WILL IMPACT WHAT YOU BRING TO GOD IN PRAYER.
3. WHEN PUZZLED BY WHAT WE SEE, ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT, "WHAT IS GOD DOING?" THEN WATCH AND WAIT FOR HIS ANSWER.
4. FIND A WAY TO SAY "YES" TO GOD!
5. REMEMBER THIS: GOD IS ALWAYS AT WORK AND HE IS ALWAYS DOING MORE THAN WE COULD ASK OR THINK TO ASK.

GOD'S ANSWER TO DANIEL'S PRAYER FOR ISRAEL...

"Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people & your holy city, to finish the wrongdoing, to make an end of sin...

to make atonement for guilt, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision & prophecy, & to anoint the Most Holy Place..."

"... So you are to know and understand that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem, until Messiah the Prince, there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks;

...it will be built again, with streets and moat, even in times of distress. 26 Then after the sixty-two weeks, the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, ...

...and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary...."

JESUS THE MESSIAH CAME WITHIN THIS TIME FRAME GIVEN
BY DANIEL!

JESUS WILL COME AGAIN IN GOD'S TIME!

WILL YOU BE READY?