Deeper Life Program Glimpse 6: Daniel and Today Oct 18, 2020

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOU HAVE WON ME

Verse 1: Grace, You've shown me grace You've lifted my shame Drawn me with loving kindness Washed whiter than snow You have redeemed and made me whole

Chorus:

Jesus, You have won me You have broken every chain With love and mercy You have triumphed over death And You are worthy Of glory and praise

Verse 2:

Love, You've shown me love By leaving Your throne By bleeding and dying on a cross That wonderful cross That took all my guilt and sin away

Bridge:

Shout it out and lift up one voice in worship Sing it out until all the earth can hear it Jesus is alive and He saves, He rescues and saves

JESUS WE LOVE YOU

Verse 1: Old things have passed away Your love has stayed the same Your constant grace remains the cornerstone Things that we thought were dead Are breathing in life again You cause your Son to shine on darkest nights

Pre-Chorus:

For all that you've done we will pour out our love This will be our anthem song

Chorus:

Jesus we love you Oh how we love you You are the one our hearts adore

Verse 2:

The hopeless have found their hope The orphans now have a home All that was lost has found its place in you You lift our weary head You make us strong instead You took these rags and made us beautiful

Bridge:

Our affection, our devotion poured out on the feet of Jesus Our affection, our devotion poured out on the feet of Jesus Our affection, our devotion poured out on the feet of Jesus Our affection, our devotion poured out on the feet of Jesus

MESSAGE: Glimpse 6 - Daniel and Today

Daniel 9:2—3(NIV) ² in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. ³ So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

A Godly worldview invites us to interpret life's context.

I. A Lesson from Daniel — 3 Weeks of Fasting and Prayer

Daniel 10:12 (NIV) ¹² Then he [an angelic figure] continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them."

- A) The Spiritual initiative began with Daniel's prayer.
- B) Satanic forces opposed the angels of heaven's work.
- C) God's angels fought three weeks to win the battle.
- D) Daniel's participation was critical to God's goal.

Matthew 6:9–10 (NIV) ⁹ "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

🄀 Our prayers are indispensable for God's purposes on earth.

1 Corinthians 4:20 (NIV)²⁰ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.

Cur prayers push through a <u>demonic</u> realm.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV)¹ I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

🄀 Our prayers are emboldened by <u>thanksgiving and praise</u>.

Isaiah 58:6 (NIV)⁶ "Is not this the kind of **fasting I have chosen**: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and **break every yoke**?"

Cur prayers need the supernatural power fasting elicits.

II. A Lesson from Balaam

Numbers 22:7-8 (NIV) ⁷ The elders of Moab and Midian left, taking with them the fee for divination. When they came to Balaam, they told him what Balak had said. ⁸ "Spend the night here," Balaam said to them, "and I will report back to you with the answer the Lord gives me." So the Moabite officials stayed with him.

🚹 Those opposed to God will seek spiritual power.

Numbers 22:32—33 (NIV) ³² The angel of the Lord asked him, "Why have you beaten your donkey these three times? I have come here to oppose you because your path is a reckless one before me. ³³ The donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If it had not turned away, I would certainly have killed you by now, but I would have spared it."

Copposing God's plan and being disobedient are <u>dangerous</u>.

- A) God has an irrevocable <u>commitment</u> to the Jews.
- B) One of Satan's most successful weapons: love of money.
- C) Spiritual gifts and spiritual fruit are different.

III. What is Challenging our Faith?

Matthew 7:15—16 (NIV) ¹⁵ "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

A) Secular Humanism: We can solve this ourselves

Colossians 2:8 (NIV)⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

B) Pluralism: We all believe similarly

1 John 4:10–11 (NIV) ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

OFFERING

CLOSING PRAYER

This Week's Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):

 Sat Catch Up!; Ezek 18-20
 Sun Rest
 Mon Acts 21:37-22; Ezek 21-22
 Tue Acts 22:30-23:22; Ezek 23-24

 Wed Acts 23:23-24:27; Ezek 25-27
 Thur Acts 25:1-27; Ezek 28-30
 Fri Acts 26:1-32; Ezek 31-33
 Sat Rest

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