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BUILDING FAITHFULLY IN BROKEN KINGDOMS



TODAY'S NOTES



*Are we more eager to escape hardship
or to be made like Christ through it?*

If mercy and forgiveness belong to God,

why do we wait to repent?

*How can I know if i've **TRULY** repented?*



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DANIEL 9:1-2



Jeremiah 25:11-12

11 This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. 12 Then after seventy years are completed, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, declares the Lord, making the land an everlasting waste.

Jeremiah 29:10

10 "For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place.



Not only that, but we
rejoice in our sufferings,
knowing that suffering
produces endurance,
and endurance
produces character,
and character
produces hope,



ROMANS 5:3-4



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Have you become so familiar with
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expecting great things from it?



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CONVENANT PROMISE

33 And I will scatter you among the nations, and I will unsheathe the sword after you, and your land shall be a desolation, and your cities shall be a waste.

38 And you shall perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.

39 And those of you who are left shall rot away in your enemies' lands because of their iniquity, and also because of the iniquities of their fathers they shall rot away like them.

40 "But if they...

Leviticus 26



"But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers in their treachery that they committed against me, and also in walking contrary to me,

Leviticus 26:40



*42 then I will remember my covenant with Jacob,
and I will remember my covenant with Isaac and my
covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the
land.*

*44 Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their
enemies, I will not spurn them, neither will I abhor
them so as to destroy them utterly and break my
covenant with them, for I am the Lord their God.*

Leviticus 26



**God's promises are to
encourage our prayers
not to make them needless.**

-Matthew Henry



3 Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.

4 I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments,

5 we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.

6 We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7 To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you.

DANIEL 9:3-7



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Acts 26:20 "...they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance. "



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3. TAKE STEPS

Daniel 8:10 have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws...

Matthew 3:8, Luke 3:8 - Bear fruit(s) in keeping with repentance...



HOW TO REPENT BIBLICALLY:

4. STAND

Romans 8:1 - There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.



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HOW TO REPENT BIBLICALLY:



Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

GALATIANS 6:1



Feeling terrible because people
know is understandable.

BUT IT ISN'T REPENTANCE...



*For godly grief produces a repentance
that leads to salvation without regret,
whereas worldly grief produces death.*

CORINTHIANS 7:10



8 To us, O Lord, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.

9 To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him

DANIEL 8:8-9



*as far as the east is from the west, so far does
he remove our transgressions from us.*

PSALM 103:12



17 Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate.

18 O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy.

DANIEL 9:17-18



CONVENANT PROMISE

O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name."

DANIEL 9:19



*For our sake he made him to be sin who
knew no sin, so that in him we might
become the righteousness of God.*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

