Day 6

Daniel's Prayer of Confession - Daniel 9:1-19

In today's reading I noticed…

Questions for today's reading:

1. What was Daniel's motivation to make his prayer of confession to the Lord? (Reference: **Lev 26:40-42**; **Jer 27:10**; **Dan 9:2**)

2. Daniel uses at least six different phrases to confess his and Israel's sins. What does his use of so many synonyms for sin tell us about what it means to truly confess our sins?

3. Daniel said that God's punishment was right (**9:13-14**) and in Hebrews we learn *"for whom the Lord loves He chastens."* (**Heb 12:5-11**) How do these verses aid us in enduring the earthly punishment for our sins?

1. *What was one lesson from today's reading that I needed to learn?*

2. *Where do I fall short in living out this lesson in my life?*

3. *What change(s) do I need to make in order to make this lesson a part my life?*

4. *What habit(s) do I need to form to keep this lesson a part of who I am?*

Prayer Journal for Day 6

*To confess means to acknowledge and agree fully with one's view of what is being confessed. Daniel's prayer of confession illustrates this principle. This is why Daniel uses so many different phrases to describe sin (**9:5, 7, 9, 11**), that/how they had sinned against God (**9:5, 10-12**), that God's punishment was right and just (**9:11-14**) and Israel could only turn to God for forgiveness (**9:15-19**) . Through Daniel's confession he is agreeing fully with God's view of their sin, how they had sinned, His punishment for their sin, and their need for forgiveness.*

*For today's prayer engage God in a prayer of confession. You may focus on one particular sin or on several, whichever you do be willing to: **1**) Confess your sin and how you sinned in the way God sees it; **2**) Confess the consequences that you suffered and that God was right in allowing you to suffer those consequence; **3**)Confess your need for God's mercy and forgiveness 4) Praise God for His mercy and forgiveness.*